



## **Concept note & agenda for National Forest Inventory Capacity Building Workshop for Vanuatu**

**Date: 8-10 March 2016**

**Venue: Melanesian Hotel, Port Vila Vanuatu**

(Provisional Draft as at 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016)

### **BACKGROUND**

Since May 2014, the project “Strengthening Regional Support to National Forest Monitoring Systems for REDD+ in the Pacific” under the leadership of the Secretariat for the Pacific Community’s (SPC) located in Fiji, and with funding through UN-REDD, has been addressing the technical and capacity-related barriers faced by Pacific Island Countries (PICs) for the development and implementation of National Forest Monitoring Systems (NFMS) for REDD+. As an outcome from this training, Vanuatu has identified that a National Forest Inventory is a priority activity.

**The main objective of this National Forest Inventory Capacity Building Workshop is to continue capacity development toward the implementation of a full NFI in 2017.**

Specifically the workshop will review past NFI experiences in Vanuatu and build capacity on NFI concepts and get increased clarity on the main purpose for an NFI.

**The main output / product from the workshop will be a “road map” outline in the form of a table of contents for an NFI proposal document that will be will collaboratively drafted on the final day.** This will include names of people responsible for various sections or tasks and a draft timetable that can guide future follow up work. Additional activities are expected to be identified that can continue capacity development in collaboration with other technical projects including GIZ toward the full NFI if and when it is funded, hopefully in 2017.

### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

- 1) Develop capacity on NFI in Vanuatu;
- 2) Review previous NFI experiences in Vanuatu;
- 3) Clarify the main purpose of an NFI for Vanuatu to help with later design building on the pilot testing done with GIZ support in 2014/15;
- 4) Develop an outline for a “road map” toward a full NFI proposal;
- 5) Identify the next steps toward NFI implementation.

Resource persons: Adam Gerrand FAO/UN-REDD and Jalesi Mateboto SPC NFI expert

**Programme for Vanuatu NFI workshop (tentative)**

<b>Day One: 8<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) March 2016</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>8:00-8:15</b>	<b>Arrival and registration</b>		
8:15-8:45	Opening remarks Self-introduction of participants – including their current position / work role.	Vanuatu FD	Tate Hannington, Director and Vanuatu FD staff
8:45-9:30	Welcoming remarks and objectives of the workshop by SPC, and Introduction to FAO and SPC's role in assisting Pacific countries with NFI	UN-REDD / SPC	Adam Gerrand UN-REDD and Jalesi Mateboto SPC
9:30-10:00	Participants to explain their interest in an NFI and expectations for the workshop	All	All
10:00-11:00	Presentation of previous NFI experiences in Vanuatu, current status and future needs	Vanuatu FD	Ioan Viji, Dick Tomker
11:00-12:00	1. National forest assessment and policy linkages (exercise on Why do an NFI?)	UN-REDD / FAO	Adam Gerrand
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
14:00-16:00	2. How to do an NFI in 20 steps. Small group exercise and report back on the steps in planning an NFI	UN-REDD/FAO/ SPC	Adam Gerrand / SPC
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>General discussion and review of day 1</b>		

<b>Day Two: 8<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) March 2016</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>8:00</b>	<b>Arrival and registration</b>		
8:00-8:15	Recap of discussions from first day and introduction to second day	VFD, UN-REDD, SPC	TBC, Adam Gerrand, Jalesi SPC
8:15-9:15	NFI Field Measurement and Observations	UN-REDD	Adam Gerrand / SPC
9:15-10:00	Pilot study on NFI plot design and field testing in Santo (GIZ supported work)	SPC and Vanuatu DoF	Jalesi Mataboto DoF ??
10:00-10:30	Tea and coffee break		
10:30 – 11:30	Data collection through interviews	Vanuatu DoF	Rexon Vira
11:30 – 12:00	Group discussion on what to measure in NFI	All	All
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		

<b>13:00-16:00</b>	Forest inventory practical group exercise using beer bottle tops sampling to simulate inventory and harvesting ( <i>to be discussed and confirmed with VDoF – open to changes</i> )	All to participate	Adam Gerrand (facilitator) See paper by Vanclay et al
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	Debrief and discussion after the group exercise – was it a useful learning exercise and what key messages we picked up?		

### Day Three: 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) March 2016

Time	Event	Organization	Speaker
<b>8:30-8:00</b>	<b>Arrival and registration</b>		
8:00-8:30	Forest mapping information systems – status and future developments	Vanuatu DoF	Phyllis Kamestia (tbc)
8:30-10:00	REDD+ in Vanuatu	Vanuatu DoF	Ioan Viji (tbc)
10:00-10:30	UN-REDD “Academy” and online learning platform to show how an NFI fits in REDD+ FAO OpenFORIS tools including CollectEarth using Google Earth and examples from PNG if time permits	FAO / UN-REDD Vanuatu DoF	Adam Gerrand Phyllis Kamestia or James Samuel (tbc)
10:30-11:30	Group discussion on forest mapping tools and use for REDD+ in Vanuatu and how to improve capacity	All	All
<b>11:30-14:00</b>	<b>Drive to Summit sandalwood plantation and have lunch there or along the way? (tbc)</b>		
14:00-17:00	Field trip to sandalwood plantation or Efate forest to practice plot, layout, tree measurement and tools	All	All

### Day Four: 10<sup>th</sup> (Friday) March 2016

Time	Event	Organization	Speaker
<b>8:30-8:00</b>	<b>Arrival and registration</b>		
8:00-12:00	Begin drafting “road map” as an outline or table of contents for an NFI proposal document will be collaboratively drafted as a proposal to seek funding	All	All
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
13:00-14:00	Groups or individuals report back to the main group on the “road map” sections	All	All
14:00-15:00	Review of progress made during the week and identification of next steps building toward NFI implementation in 2017	Vanuatu DoF UN-REDD/ SPC	Tate Hannington, Adam Gerrand, Jalesi Mateboto
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b>Closing remarks (Tate Hannington)</b>		<b>Vanuatu FD</b>