

**Meeting of PPCR Pilot Countries and Regions  
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**Progress Updates from PPCR Pilots**

**Country/regional pilot: Kingdom of Tonga**

*Briefly outline three major advances, challenges and lessons learned arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.*

**Advances:**

1. PPTA mobilised in early February 2013. Their Inception Report was produced in March 2013.
2. A workshop attended by both government and civil society was held to discuss the potential activities under each SPCR Component was held in February 2013.
3. Results of the initial investigations by the PPTA are being included in the Interim Report is currently due for completion in early May.

**Challenges:**

1. Finalising agreement on the operational arrangements for a Climate Change Trust Fund.
2. Considering and evaluating priorities for a wide range of sectoral and geographical proposals which merit funding under the SPCR.
3. Producing a draft design for SPCR in a limited time, i.e. by end May 2013.

**Lessons learned:**

1. Need for close cooperation between government agencies (and donors) as most have some elements of CCA and/or DRM in their remit or activities.
2. There is a mass of data available on many of the potential activities being studied.
3. The relative small size of the country means that the overall situation can be relatively quickly grasped and potential solutions rapidly targeted.

*What is the most striking value added or benefit from the PPCR process in your country?*

- The continued participation of a wide range of agencies, donors, civil society groups and communities in the planning process.

*Briefly outline the institutional arrangements for the coordination and oversight of the implementation of the SPCR as a program. What works and what needs improvement?*

The Ministry of Finance and National Planning (MoFNP) is the Executing Agency. The Ministry for Lands, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources (MLECCNR) and the Ministry of Infrastructure (MoI) are currently the Implementing Agencies.

It is expected that there will be a Program Management Unit (PMU) (based in MLECCNR) to assist in coordinating and monitoring the SPCR component activities. Each Ministry with agreed SPCR project activities would become an Implementing Agency.

It is planned to set up a Climate Change Trust Fund to provide finance for criteria approved small community and medium scale projects. Current proposals are for an endowment fund which would last beyond the life of the SPCR (5 years) and be available as an investment vehicle for other donors and other sources of climate change related income.

The MLECCNR will regularly report to the Cabinet Committee on Climate Change to provide updates on project implementation and administration. The JNAP Technical Working Group (TWG) for Climate Change, comprising experts from government, NGOs, and statutory boards, and the PPCR focal points at MoFNP and MLECCNR, will provide technical inputs during Project implementation.

Once the PMU is in place, there will be a need for more frequent and coordinated meetings to involve implementing agencies, the PMU and the JNAP-TWG to support and guide implementation.

*If you have an endorsed SPCR, which of your projects have progressed the most in terms of preparation/implementation and what are the 3 main factors that have contributed to this progress?*

1. The SPCR was endorsed in April 2012 and the Government and ADB have been working to produce the draft design which is scheduled for June 2013.
2. This short time scale can be achieved through strong commitment by Government and the willingness of agencies to cooperate and provide positive feedback to PPTA consultants.
3. The small size of the consultative environment and the thorough knowledge of those involved has also allowed for rapid discussion and consideration of issues and potential projects.

*What are the 3 major tasks ahead for your SPCR during the next 6-12 months?*

1. Preparation of draft design in June 2013.
2. Consideration of draft proposals by the Government and the ADB.
3. Finalising of proposal by 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2013.