

Report on the 2nd National Workshop to Designate Climate Change Sectoral Focal Points to improve the mainstreaming of the Palau Climate Change Policy

The Office of Climate Change under the Bureau of Budget & Planning, Ministry of Finance in collaboration with the Office of the President conducted the Second National Workshop to Designate Climate Change Sectoral Focal Points on April 16, 2019 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Ming's Hall, Palasia Hotel, Koror, Palau with stakeholders identified in Palau's Climate Change Policy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Low Emissions Development.

It is the President's great intent to start addressing the gaps between the sectors through the National Workshop to Designate Climate Change Sectoral Focal Points with the aim of identifying sectoral focal points and elucidate each sector's role in moving Palau closer to our national goals.

Background

Palau's national climate change policy identifies 12 sectors as key players responsible in leading the endeavor to becoming a happy, healthy, sustainable, and resilient island community. The President is eager to better streamline national efforts in order to achieve the optimum level of accomplishment envisioned by the national climate change policy.

Within each sector, there are lead agencies with designated people whose responsibilities are somewhat linked with the climate change policy. However, a clear understanding of each sectors' specific role in the national effort to tackle climate change needs to be strengthened.

Takeaway from 1st Workshop July 27, 2018

Communication & Involve Stakeholders

Improve communications on climate change and enhance stakeholders' involvement on the implementation of Palau's climate change policy.

Update:

1. Development of the Palau Climate Change Portal
2. Designate roles and responsibilities of NCCCC & NCCWG to enhance the implementation of Palau's climate change policy

Workshop Objectives

- A Designate National Climate Change Coordination Committee (NCCCC) & National Climate Change Working Group (NCCWG)
- B Define the roles and responsibilities of the NCCCC & NCCWG
- C Develop a list of working groups with designated tasks aimed at specific interventions (see Annex 1)
- D Soft launch of the Palau Climate Change Portal
- E Next Steps

A: Sector	National Climate Change Coordination Committee (NCCCC)	National Climate Change Working Group (NCCWG)
Agriculture & Fisheries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dir. Fred Sengebau (BOA) • Dir. Leon Remengesau (BMR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VP Thomas Taro (PCC-CRE) • Dr. Miquel Delos Santos (PCC-CRE) • Keith Mesebeluu(BOA) • Percy Rechelluul(BMR) • Kathy Sisior (BMR) • Vanessa Jaitech (BMR) • Dr. Yimnang Golbuu(PICRC) • Leonard Basilius(PCAA) • Felix Sengebau(PCC-CRE) • Terebkul Tellei (BOA) • Kashgar Rengulbai (BOA)
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dir. Sherilynn Maderaisau (BoPH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dir. Sherilynn Maderaisau (BoPH) • Kiblas Soaladaob(SGP) • Waymine Towai (Chair, Health Care Coalition Committee) • Dir. Klouldil Singeo(BoAY) • Kimie (EQPB Lab) • Chief Eden Uchel (DEH)
Biodiversity Conservation &	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lukes Isechal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Yimnang Golbuu(PICRC) • Dr. Patrick Colin(CRRF) • Chief Forester Pua Michels (BOA) • Joyce B (PANO)

<p>Natural Conservation</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Mesebeluu (BOA) • Omar Faustino (Chair, ASPC) • VP Thomas Taro (PCC-CRE) • Chief Divon Andreas (BOA) • Dr. James Standford (RISC) • Heather Ketebengang(PCS) • Invasive-CLE-KSG (need to identify)
<p>Society & Culture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dir. Sunny Ngirmang 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dir. Melson Miko (MCCA) • Dir. Klouldil Singeo(MCCA) • Minister Temengil (MCCA) • Maireng Sengebau(Red Cross) • Waymine Towai (NEMO) • Ritter Udui (MOH-Emergency Health) • Chief Ray Mechol(MOE) • IOM(?) • State Governments-Governors Association(?) • Chief Flavin Misich (Immigration) • Dir. Silverius Ouch Tellei (Labor
<p>Tourism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dir. Kevin Mesebeluu or Fabian Iyar(?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabian Iyar (BOT) • Gerald Tulop (PEA) • Waymine Towai (NEMO) • Ken Uehara (COC) • Ayumu Takada(PVA) • Lei Reklai(BTA) • Fabian Iyar (BOT) • Ayumu Takada (PVA) • Lei Reklai(BTA) • Ken Uehara(COC) • BANGO

<p>Critical Infrastructure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acting Dir. Tutii Chilton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolmii Remeliik (MNRET, GEF 6) • State Governments(?) • Umai Basilius(PCS) • Lynna Thomas(BBP) • Dir. Hayes Moses(MPIIC) • Tutii Chilton(PEA) • Dir. Sunny (MCCA) • Dir. Sherilynn Madaraisau(MOH) • Charlene Mersai(NEPC) • Carla West (NDBP) • Waymine Towai (NEMO) • Maria Ngemais(NWS) • Lany Remengesau(BANGO) • Maireng Sengebau (Palau Red Cross)
<p>Utilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Anthony Rudimch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony Rudimch?(PPUC) • Chief Maked Besebes (MCCA) • Anthony Rudimch?(PPUC) • Tutii Chilton?(PEA) • Chief Calvin Ikesiil(SWM) • Mr. Fuji(KSG) • Kasgar Rengulbai(BOA) • PPUC-Anthony Rudimch(?) • Leena Muller (R2R) • Belau Watershed Alliance(?) • State Government(?)
<p>Finance, Commerce, & Economic Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dir. Casmir Remengesau • Head of NWS Ms. Maria Ngemais 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dir. Casmir Remengesau(BBP) • National Emergency Committee • Erbai X. Matsutaro(OCC)
<p>Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Magaria Tellei • Chief Ray Mechol • VP Nelson Sisior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Ray Mechol(MOE) • Waymine Towal (Chair, Health Care Coalition) • Chief Debbie Nagata(MOE) • VP Henry Yuri(BMS) • Gerald Tulop(Maristella PTA) • Aileen Mikel(?) • Sarah Sugiyama(MOE)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chur Oiph(PNSB) Chief Debbie Nagata(MOE) • VP Thomas Taro(PCC) • Maria Ngemais(NOW) • Marcia Inacio(MOE) • Erbai X. Matsutaro(OCC) • Lany Remengesau(BANGO)
Disaster Risk Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Coordinator, Mr. Waymin Towai 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waymin Towai (NEMO/Health Care Coalition) • Maria Ngemais(NWS) • Maireng(Red cross) • MOE • IOM • NEC • Erbai X. Matsutaro (OCC) • Umai Basilius (PCS) • Dir. Sherilynn Maderaisau(MOH) • NEC • Dir. Fred Sengebau (BOA-food security policy?) • Chief Calvin Ikesiil(SWM) • Dir. Klouldil Singeo(MCCA) • Dir. Brian Melairei(CIP/Public Works) • DEC(?) • Dir. Casmir Remengesau(BBP) • Sial Blessam(EQPB)
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gerald Tulop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutii Chilton(PEA) • Chief Calvin Ikesiil(SWM) • Anthony Rudmich (PPUC) • Karal West (NDBP) • Erbai X. Matsutaro (OCC)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karla West (NDBP) • Lisa Van Tassell (Grants Office) • Judy Otto (Complete Streets Working Group) • Dir. Hayes Moses (MPIIC) • Nick Ngwal • Koror State Government(?) • Kashgar Rengulbai(BOA-APP Project), • JICA- report on Energy Efficiency and production - check with Anthony or representative from JICA Office)
Good Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erbai X. Matsutaro 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dir. Eunice Akiwo • Erbai X. matsutaro(OCC) • Lynna Thomas(OPM) • Charlene Mersai(NEPC)

B: Roles and Responsibilities	
National Climate Change Coordination Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads the NCCWG in coordinating the implementation of interventions and actions in the Action Plan of the Palau Climate Change Policy. • Compiles status reports from NCCWG on measures/efforts undertaken and submits them to the Office of Climate Change Office.
National Climate Change Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works with sector leads (NCCCC) and collaborates with partners within the NCCWG in implementing the interventions and actions in the Action Plan of the Palau Climate Change Policy. • Develop reports on the status of measures/efforts undertaken and submits them to the NCCCC.
<p><i>*Note: Compiled reports submitted to the Office of Climate Change will be consolidated into a single report for the purpose of national reporting on the current state of climate change in Palau.</i></p>	

C: List of working groups with designated tasks aimed at specific interventions

(see matrix on Annex 1)

D. Soft launch of the Palau Climate Change Portal:

One-stop-shop for information about climate change in Palau is now available through the following website: climatechange.palau.gov.pw.

- All sectors that would like to publish their documents on climate change are welcome to use the Portal as a repository.
- Any office/agency that would like direct access to your web portal can share their web link and we'll add it to the climate change portal.
- **Note: The Palau Climate Change Portal was made possible through support from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP).*

E. Next steps

1. Verify working group members assigned to each intervention;
2. Office of Climate Change to reach out to additional groups (e.g. state reps) to be part of this group;
3. NCCCC & NCCWG to prioritize which interventions to target; and
4. Joe Aitaro to meet with NCCCC to commence coordination of work with NCCWG.