

Eleventh Meeting of FAO Southwest Pacific Ministers for Agriculture

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

11–14 May 2015

Theme: Climate Smart Agriculture

Provisional Agenda



Food and Agriculture Organization
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Sub-Regional Office for the Pacific Islands
Food and Agriculture Organization of the
United Nations (FAO)
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Background:

The Ministers of the Southwest Pacific Group (SWP) of FAO have a longstanding practice of meeting once every two years to discuss matters of relevance to their membership of FAO. This is not an official FAO meeting; however, the Sub-regional Office for the Pacific Islands (SAP) has the practice of providing secretarial support to the meeting and supporting the development of substantial items for the agenda.

Meeting Objectives:

1. To report to Southwest Pacific Group members on the implementation of the Pacific Multi-County Programming Framework.
2. To obtain guidance from Southwest Pacific Group members on priorities for the future work of FAO in the Pacific.

Conceptual Layout:

Day 1: Technical Meeting (all invitees, optional for Ministers).

Day 2: Official Ministers Meeting- Official opening of the meeting, DG address, and substantive items.

Day 3: Official Ministers Meeting- Substantive items continue up to lunch break; after lunch closed Ministerial meeting, following by adoption of communiqué and closing of the meeting.

Day 4: Field trip (for all participants)

SESSION/TIME	TOPICS	SPEAKERS
DAY 1 (Monday 11 May 2015) Technical Meeting for all participants apart from Ministers (<i>Optional for Ministers</i>)		
08:00am-08:30am	Arrival at venue*	
08:30am-09:00am	1. Opening 1.1 Welcome Remarks 1.2 Adoption of the agenda 1.3 Appointment of rapporteurs	Dr Vele Pat Ila'ava, Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Livestock
09:00am-10:30am	2. Priorities Areas for FAO action in the Pacific in 2016-2017 2.1 Discussion of the paper and consolidation of views to be reported to Ministers	Gavin Wall, Sub-Regional Coordinator for the Pacific Islands, FAO <i>ref:SWPM-PNG-002</i>
10:30am-11:00am	Morning Tea	
11:00am-12:00pm	3. Norms and Standards relating to food and agriculture in the Pacific 3.1 Discussion of the paper and consolidation of views to be reported to Ministers	Dirk Schulz, Food Safety and Nutrition Officer, FAO <i>ref:SWPM-PNG-003</i>
12:00pm-01:30pm	Lunch	
01:30pm-02:30pm	4. South-South Cooperation: Partnerships to bridge the knowledge gap 4.1 Discussion of the paper and consolidation of views to be reported to Ministers	Fiasili Lam, Assistant FAO Representative (Programme) for Samoa <i>ref:SWPM-PNG-004</i>
02:30pm-03:30pm	5. Improving Domestic Market Linkages: Policies to Improve Agriculture Sector Competitiveness in the Pacific 5.1 Discussion of the paper and consolidation of views	Tim Martyn, Policy Officer, FAO <i>ref:SWPM-PNG-005</i>
03:30pm-04:00pm	Afternoon Tea/Coffee	
04:00pm-05:30pm	6. Information Papers (Consolidation of views) 6.1 Review of Development Partner Support to Agriculture in the Pacific Islands 6.2 Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction in the Pacific 6.3 Value chains for food security and nutrition in the Pacific Islands-FAO Regional Initiative in the Pacific 6.4 Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics: Activities in the Pacific 6.5 Reports from FAO regional meetings May 2013-April 2015	<i>ref:INF-PNG-001</i> <i>ref:INF-PNG-002</i> <i>ref:INF-PNG-003</i> <i>ref:INF-PNG-004</i> <i>ref:INF-PNG-005</i>

***Meeting Registration: Sunday 10 May 2015, 1:00pm to 6:00pm at Jacksons Room 5 & 6, Gateway Hotel**

SESSION/TIME	TOPICS	SPEAKERS
DAY 2 (Tuesday 12 May 2015) Ministerial Meeting		
08:00am-08:30am	Arrival at venue*	
08.30am-09:00am	1. Meeting Formalities 1.1 Handover of Chair 1.2 Adoption of the Agenda 1.3 Appointment of rapporteurs	
09:00am-10:00am	2. Official opening 2.1 Opening Prayer 2.2 Address by the Honourable Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea 2.3 Address by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization for the United Nations 2.4 Official photo	
10.00am-10.30am	Morning Tea/Coffee	
10:30am-12:00pm	3. FAO Pacific Country Programming Framework 2013-2017 Mid-term Review 3.1 Discussion of the report and decision on recommendations	Kolone Vaai, Principal of KVA Consult <i>ref:SWPM-PNG-006</i>
12:00pm- 01:30pm	Lunch	
01:30pm- 02:30pm	4. Priorities for FAO in the Pacific in 2016-17 4.1 Discussion of the report and agreement on guidance to FAO	Gavin Wall, Sub-Regional Coordinator for the Pacific Islands, FAO <i>ref:SWPM-PNG-002</i>
02:30pm-03:30pm	5. Presentation: Climate Smart Agriculture	Andrew McGregor, Managing Director, Koko Siga Pacific (Fiji) Ltd
03:30pm-04:00pm	Afternoon Tea/Coffee	
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DAY 3 (Wednesday 13 May 2015) Ministerial Meeting continues		
08:30am-09:00am	7. Summary of key discussion points from the information papers and the technical paper 'Improving Domestic Market Linkages: Policies to Improve Agriculture Sector Competitiveness in the Pacific'. 7.1 Consider and endorse, where appropriate, the key issues arising from the Technical meeting on the six Information Papers	
09:00am-10:00am	8. South-South Cooperation amongst Pacific island countries 8.1 Determine what actions to be taken, if any, and advise FAO	Fiasili Lam, Assistant FAO Representative (Programme) for Samoa <i>ref:SWPM-PNG-004</i>
10:00am-10:30am	Morning Tea/Coffee	
10:30am-11:00am	9. Concept Note for a Pacific Agriculture Week 9.1 Consider a proposal to combine the SWPMA meeting with the Heads of Agriculture meeting in the context of a Pacific Agriculture week	Michael Hailu, Director, Technical Centre for Agricultural & Rural Cooperation (CTA) <i>ref:SWPM-PNG-007</i>
11:00am-11:30am	10. Other business	
11:45am-12:00pm	11. Venue for the next meeting	
12:00pm- 01:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm-3:30pm	12. Closed session (Member countries only)	
3:30pm-4:00pm	Afternoon Tea/Coffee	
4:00pm-4:30pm	13. Adoption of the Communiqué 13.1 Adoption of the Communiqué 13.2 Signing of the Communiqué	
4:30pm-5:00pm	14. Closing of the meeting	

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DAY 4 (Thursday 14 May 2015) Field Trip		
08:30am-12:00pm	Field Trip (For all participants) - Visit to large-scale fruit and vegetable farm at Nine Mile near Port Moresby	