

Climate Change Adaptation Project Preparation Facility for Asia and the Pacific (ADAPT Asia-Pacific)



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Ms. Monifa Fiu Coordinator/Environment Consultant Laje Rotuma Initiative Suva, Fiji

Invitation to the ADAPT Asia-Pacific Second Annual Meeting Sheraton Hotel, Nadi, Fiji

3-4 June 2013

Dear Ms. Fiu,

You are cordially invited to participate in the ADAPT Asia-Pacific Second Annual Meeting from 3-4 June in Nadi, Fiji. We welcome your contributions as a speaker featured in the 'On-Ground Experience from the Asia-Pacific Region' parallel session covering issues of direct budget, sector and project-level support for adaptation:

• Day-2 (June 4), 9:05-9:45 parallel session: 10-minute, joint presentation with Ms. Katarina Atalifo-Malo, summarizing the GEF Small Grants Programme adaptation finance activities in partnership with the Laje Rotuma Initiative. This session will also feature summary presentations from invited Pacific, Asia and Donor speakers.

The Second Annual Meeting will provide a high-level opportunity for Pacific Island Countries (PICs), together with several countries from Asia, to share their experience on accessing climate change finance. The key objectives of the Second Annual Meeting are to:

- Share PICs experience on accessing climate change finance;
- Dialogue with bilateral and multilateral donors and other key stakeholders able to provide tangible support;
- Increase understanding of available climate change adaptation resources and the requirements for accessing funding; and
- Address priority capacity gaps and country needs in preparing climate change adaptation project proposals.

The ADAPT Asia-Pacific Second Annual Meeting is organized by the Climate Change Adaptation Project Preparation Facility for Asia and the Pacific (ADAPT Asia-Pacific), a program of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA). For more information about the USAID/ADAPT Asia-Pacific project and the ADAPT Asia-Pacific First Annual Forum, please visit the project website at <u>www.adaptasiapacific.org</u>.

The Meeting will begin with a welcome reception in the evening of Sunday, June 2, followed by two full days of plenary and parallel sessions ending on Tuesday, June 4. A draft Meeting concept paper and agenda are included in this invitation package.

The ADAPT Asia-Pacific Second Annual Meeting will bring together government officials and potential project proponents from 14 Pacific and 5-6 Asian countries, managers of multilateral and bilateral climate funds, and representatives of regional organizations and multilateral

development institutions (MDIs) involved in implementing and financing climate change adaptation initiatives.

The ADAPT Asia-Pacific Second Annual Meeting will be integrated with and follow on the Pacific Climate Change Financing Workshop (30 May-1 June), co-hosted by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), and supported by ADAPT Asia-Pacific and other partners. The joint effort is a direct response to calls for increased focus to support access to climate finance in the Pacific region. These two separate but interrelated events combine to form the Pacific Climate Change Resourcing Event Week from 30 May-4 June, 2013, Nadi, Fiji.

We believe that your participation will provide valuable contribution to achieving key objectives of the ADAPT Asia-Pacific Second Annual Meeting. Please kindly confirm your participation in the ADAPT Asia-Pacific Second Annual Meeting via email to Ms. Jillian Dyszynski (jdyszynski@adapt-asia.org) and copy (cc:) Ms. Jihyun Kim (j-kim@iges.or.jp) and Ms. Unchulee 'O' Lualon (lualon@iges.or.jp). We would appreciate receiving your confirmation by **May 13, 2013**. The ADAPT Asia-Pacific team is available for any questions you might have about the Second Annual Meeting.

We look forward to welcoming you at the ADAPT Asia-Pacific Second Annual Meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred Nakatsuma Director Regional Environmental Office U.S. Agency for International Development Regional Development Mission Asia (USAID/RDMA)