SMALL SCALE CDM PROJECTS IN THE PACIFIC

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WHO IS SPREP?

- Intergovernmental organisation;
- Mandate to address environmental issuers in the Pacific region;
- → Members are the Governments and Administration of 21 Pacific Island countries and territories and four developed countries with direct interests in the Pacific Islands region.





Small Scale CDM Projects in the Pacific

- The issue of CDM is a new and emerging one for the Pacific;
- Limited perspective of what CDM is:
 - often associated with Carbon Sinks reforestation and afforestation;
 - COP 6 preparatory meeting for the Pacific CDM was explained to participants as largely dealing with forestry; and
 - PICs who had no forest resources felt marginalised even before the word go.



SMALL SCALE CDM PROJECTS – What is on?

- In Vanuatu, a small private motor-company is developing – cars to run on Bio/50 Coco-diesel mix;
- 100% coconut oil run vehicles;
- Advantage:
 - It burns slower, cheaper;
 - Does not produce black smoke and emits less carbondioxide; and
 - Assist the coconut industry, the main source of income in rural settings



Small Scale CDM – What is on?

- SPREP assisted Pacific Consultants who have been contracted by the MOE Japan to carry out a feasibility study on CDM potentials in the Pacific (2001);
- Early 2003, SPREP assisted Pacific Consultants in a detail assessment of CDM projects in Samoa with the intention to develop project proposals.



SMALL SCALE CDM PROJECTS – What is on?

Assessment results indicated that potential projects are on-line that can:

Contribute to the sustainable development of the tourism and manufacturing industries and to achieve GHG emissions reductions through introducing photovoltaic power generation facilities,



Small Scale CDM Projects Identified

Example: Hotel Kitano Tusitala;

- -Photovoltaic module 300 kW
- -Inverter 300 kW
- -Lead battery 600 kWh



SMALL SCALE CDM PROJECTS

- National University of Samoa
- National Hospital
- Parliament;
 - Government Building; and
- SPREP Training Center



SMALL SCALE CDM PROJECTS – Benefit

Reduction of GHG emissions from the power sector due to power substitution from newly installed photovoltaic power generation units;

- Reduction of diesel imports;
- Reduction in pollution emission;
- Stability of the power supply system;
- Promotion of technology transfer and capacity building



Other Programmes

Currently SPREP is executing a UNDP/GEF funded Pacific Renewable Energy Project to remove barriers on the use of renewable energy in the Pacific.



Potential Small Scale CDM Projects

Other areas that can be explored:

- Biomass projects;
- Eco-tourism;
- Solid Waste Management; and
- Renewable Energy



Issues on CDM for the Pacific

- Awareness and capacity to take on CDM for all PICs will need to be raised:
 - Understand the issue and make informed decisions (Identification of pontentials);
 - Understanding the process (e.g., Accounting methodologies etc.);
 - What options do they have (Choices)?



Issues on CDM for the Pacific

- PICs will need to work together to encourage investments in CDM and remove barriers (policy/legislations);
- More can be done to strengthen national expertise (training); and
- Regional organisations will need to take on the issue of CDM as part of their mandate (SPREP and Forum Secretariat are currently doing some work on CDM.



Where to from here?

- The CC Section at SPREP has included CDM as part of their work programme for 2004;
- Planning to hold a symposium on technology transfer and CDM in early 2004; and
- Explore partnerships that will benefit PICs in relation to CDM.

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