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“....enhancing partnerships to develop and sustain agriculture and fisheries”

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Agriculture & Fisheries collaboration with National Environment Steering Committee

SITE VISIT:- 4 Locations

- **Vaitele Primary School vegetable garden & Vaoala EFKS vegetable home gardens**

The government of Samoa places great importance to durable, 15 genuine partnerships the UNDP Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Program (SGP) to support national capacities and efforts to address climate change and other environmental and agricultural areas. The UNDP GEF-Small Grants Program scheme, financial and technical supports are provided to accompany the efforts of those individuals and organizations/small groups contributing to the betterment and improvement of our agricultural and related needs. As a contributive aspect to the Environment Sector the two sites that were funded and supported under this SGP were visited by the NESSC.

The Vaitele Primary School principal appreciated the assistance and funding by the GEF SGP project. “This vegetable garden has contributed into our school money savings and is also a way of improving nutrition in our school and community”, she said. When visiting the Vaoala EFKS vegetable garden project the youth expressed their appreciation of the idea as well as the church members and families. Through the project, families are able to plant and grow their own nutritious vegetable gardens in their own backyards. The youth members are heavily involved in the project and have already planned and are planning a road side market to sell their produce when harvested.

- **China Samoa Agricultural Technical Aid Project**

The group visited the demonstration farm of the CSATAP at Nu’u. A short presentation was facilitated by Team Leader Dr. Liu, on the services offered by the project for the further development of the farms and farmers in Samoa. The visiting group was tour guided around the farm by Dr Liu, experiencing the improved technologies for planting and growing vegetables improved varieties.

- **Mulifanua Biomass Plant at STEC Plantation**

The Biomass Gasification Plant at Mulifanua STEC Plantation development is a good example of the signs of our country’s advancement to renewable energy technology. This will be a power generation and supporting stability of electricity grids, and its commercial operation demonstrated for Samoa and any other Pacific Island countries.

This project is funded through the Global Environment Facility (GEF) with USD 6,075,828 and USD 46million co-financing by the Government of Samoa, the implementation of the project '*Improving the Performance and Reliability of RE Power Systems in Samoa (IMPRESS)*', will be led over the next five years by the Renewable Energy Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE-RED). Key stakeholders include the Samoa Trust Estate Corporation and the Electric Power Corporation, which will be responsible for one of the biggest components of the project.

CLIMATE FINANCING AND CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE **STRATEGIES NATIONAL WORKSHOP.**

14th August 2019

Tanoa Hotel Conference Room

The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation CTA together with the MAF Samoa with support from the Women in Business Development Inc WIBDI, were responsible for coordinating and organizing the national workshop to identify Climate Finance Mechanisms and Climate Smart Agriculture in Samoa.

The Workshop was established to discuss debate and identify two priorities contained presenting and discussing with key national stakeholders the preliminary findings of the draft report of the country case study and to identify collectively, recommendations that could ensure better integration of the agriculture sector in the second Samoa NDCs and access to strategic funding mechanisms for climate smart agriculture.

In his opening address, the Chief Executive Officer for Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Tilafono David Hunter touched on the vulnerability of the climate change and the change imposed on the sustainable development of small island countries.

“Climate change has become a defining and most challenging sustainable development issue of the 21st century, especially for small island developing states like Samoa – one of the least GHG emitters and polluters but one of the most affected, physically, economically and socially,” stressed MAF CEO.

“Climate vulnerability underpins Samoa’s development of the agriculture sector and jeopardizes the food security of our people. More than 40 percent of Samoa’s population have direct livelihood from Agriculture related activities. Hence the urgent need to identify climate smart agriculture strategies and funding mechanisms that can contribute to the resilience of Samoa against climate change. “

He expressed gratitude to the CTA for organizing such a timely national workshop on best mechanisms to support a resilient Samoa agriculture.

“This two-day national workshop has been organized in such a manner to stimulate knowledge, information and experience sharing exchanges among the participants through panels of discussion and small groups’ exercises. Very rarely we organize workshops where one can learn from other institutions and be able to collectively design robust strategies from agricultural practices to investments.

“I look forward to hear the summary outcomes from our workshop tomorrow afternoon to determine how we can collaborate via public private partnership arrangements, to access climate funding in order to realize our aspirations and prayers for a resilient Samoa agriculture.”



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