

**Annex B: Minutes of the Local Project Appraisal Committee Meeting
UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji**

Date: 01 March 2021

Project(s) Appraised: Nauru Accountable and Inclusive Governance (NAIG) Project

1. Attendance

LPAC Members:

Name	Title	Organization
Andrew Hodges	Deputy High Commissioner and First Secretary	Australian High Commission in Nauru
Leonard Chan	Senior Adviser Governance Development Economy and Prosperity Division Pacific and Development Group	New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Wellington, New Zealand.
Claire Shirley	Nauru and North Pacific Pacific and Development Group	New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Wellington, New Zealand.
Ann Marie Cain	Clerk of the Parliament of Nauru	Parliament of Nauru, Republic of Nauru
Sylvanna Deireragea	Electoral Commissioner	Office of the Electoral Commission, Republic of Nauru
Kevin Petrini	Deputy Resident Representative a.i.	UNDP
Daniel Hinchcliff	Electoral Advisor – Nauru Electoral Support Project	UNDP
Jean-Raphael Giuliani	Parliamentary Development Specialist	UNDP
Revai Makanje Aalbaek	Team Leader, Effective Governance	UNDP
Mahezabeen Khan	Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	UNDP
Nanise Saune-Qaloewai	Deputy Team Leader & Programme Manager (Parliamentary Development & Women in Politics), Effective Governance	UNDP

2. Background information on the project presented by....:

Nanise Saune-Qaloewai and Daniel Hinchcliff.

Due to the restrictions on gatherings in place to address the current COVID-19 context, individual meetings were held with the LPAC members to discuss the project document.

Meeting with New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade

- Leonard Chan and Claire Shirley on 26 February 2021

Meeting with Australian High Commission in Nauru

- Andrew Hodges on 2 March 2021

Meeting with Parliament of Nauru

- Marcus Stephen, Speaker of the Parliament of Nauru on 23 February 2021
- Ann Marie Cain, 20 February 2021
- Livingstone Hiram, Deputy Clerk of Parliament, 20 February 2021
- Marolyn Harris, Manager Human Resource & Assistant Clerk, Parliament, 20 February 2021

Meeting with the Office of the Electoral Commission

- Sylvanna Deireragea, 20 February 2021
- Christine Reiyetsi, NEC Executive Associate, 20 February 2021
- Jennifer Harris, NESP Program Assistant), 20 February 2021

Project document shared for formal virtual LPAC consultation on 01 March 2021.

3. Quality Assurance Assessment Report by the Project's QA Assessor (areas of strengths and weaknesses)

See attached.

4. Summary of LPAC member comments

Ann Marie Cain, the Clerk of the Nauru Parliament indicated that she was pleased with the proposed project and proposed interventions of the project. She had a comment relating to names of the current parliamentary committee established under the Standing Orders (SO). She indicated that the Printing Committee was no longer in existence. This comment has been noted and however this comment was not updated in the Project Document as the Printing Committee, while it may have not been active, it remains established and it is existing according to the current SO. Upon review of the Project Document and its annexes, she recommended that the project is of sufficient quality to be approved in its current form.

Sylvanna Deireragea, the Commissioner of the Nauru Electoral Commission, indicated that she was pleased with the proposed project and proposed interventions of the project. Upon review of the Project Document and its annexes, she recommended that the Project is project is of sufficient quality to be approved in its current form.

Leonard Chan and Claire Shirley from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, had the following comments (i) required clarification on the nature of the partnership and also the updating of the text to reflect the proposed partnership of the Project with the New Zealand Parliament and the Tai a Kiwa Programme and the ongoing regional parliament Project (PPEI) funded by Government of New Zealand, (ii) the long term goal outlined in the Theory of Change, Figure 1, does not match with the wordings in Paragraph 22 (iii) the footnote for Figure 2, needs to mention that Parliamentary system of Nauru is a hybrid parliamentary system, a mixture of the Westminster and Presidential system, (iv) the Outcome 1 language needed to be revised to reflect a change of state, (v) that the text in paragraph 41 needed to be updated to reflect that the Parliamentary Service Act was passed in January 2021 (vi) under paragraph 48, how well is the current parliament website being used by Nauru citizen, (vii) in terms of visibility, MFAT indicated in paragraph 71, that they are not keen to be visible beyond Nauru Government and donors, (viii) under the Results Framework, they felt the date of the 2022 under the UN Pacific Strategy Outcome 5, was too short a timeframe for a project to make any meaningful contribution since the project is just starting in 2021, (ix) under the Results Framework, they requested clarification whether UNDP already has a baseline for the project specific indicators

for Output 1 (x) under the Results Framework, they suggested the inclusion of a qualitative indicator to measure Output 2 (xi)) under the Results Framework, they requested clarification on how the Project intends to measure “Degree of effectiveness”. The comments were addressed by the Project Team and a revised Project Document was shared on the 25th of March 2021. Upon review of the Project Document and its annexes, MFAT recommended that the Project is project is of sufficient quality to be approved in its current form.

Andrew Hodges, the Deputy High Commissioner and First Secretary of the Australian High Commission in Nauru indicated that he was pleased with the proposed project and proposed interventions of the project. Upon review of the Project Document and its annexes, he recommended that the Project is project is of sufficient quality to be approved in its current form.

5. Final LPAC recommendation:

Approved to proceed with project as planned in the project document shared on 01 March 2021.

LPAC minutes prepared by:



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LPAC minutes are approved by:
(Chairperson of the meeting)



Chairperson

Revai Mankanje Aalbaek
Team Leader, Effective Governance