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1A. 14th MCES Joint Communiqué

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Territory of Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia and its States, Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau

Introduction

The Chief Executives of the Governments of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Territory of Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia and its states, Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau held their Fourteenth Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit (MCES) in Koror, Republic of Palau, on December 15-17, 2010. This Summit resulted in the adoption of regional programs of action in the focal areas of solid waste management, conservation through the Micronesia Challenge and related environmental programs, renewable energy, invasive species, health, transportation, workforce investment, communications and tourism. The Summit also moved forward on efforts to develop the Micronesia Center for a Sustainable Future (MCSF), making use of an inception grant from the Department of Interior. The Summit also resulted in actions in miscellaneous areas of concern to the sub-region.

The Summit reaffirmed the commitment of each of the participants, on behalf of their people and their governments, to continue to establish closer ties, expand future discussions and agree on beneficial initiatives for the benefit of the entire Micronesia Region.

His Excellency, the Honorable Johnson Toribiong of Palau, as Chairman, expressed his appreciation to the Chief Executives and their jurisdictional representatives for their attendance and active participation in the Fourteenth Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit. He also recognized the attendance of many of the region's international diplomats and U.S. representatives, including the Assistant Secretary for the Department of the Interior, Anthony Babauta. Special thanks were given to Ambassador Maggie Taiching Tien, Republic of China (Taiwan), for her country's financial assistance in hosting the 14th MCES.

His Excellency, the Honorable Emanuel Mori, as the Secretary General of the MCSF, also expressed his appreciation to each Chief Executive, as well as the Designated Representatives and delegations of each Jurisdiction.

Following the opening ceremonies of the Summit, which included statements by each of the Chief Executives, reports and recommendations from regional committees were given, along with presentations on a number of issues of interest in the region, as reflected in this 14th Communiqué.

Micronesia Regional Invasive Species Council (RISC)

The RISC Committee reported that cooperation through RISC has yielded significant progress in the advancement of invasive species awareness, prevention, and control in Micronesia, cooperation which is essential for both regional and local success.

Regarding recent activities, the Committee reported that the RISC calendar for 2011, an important awareness-raising tool, will be completed in December and distributed in early 2011. The calendar was funded by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), and coordinated by the RISC Secretary. In addition, RISC members have supported the development of the Micronesia Biosecurity Plan (MBP) by providing local expertise to federal scientists who are completing risk and pathway analysis reports that form the basis for the MBP. The scientific reports are due on March 2011 and RISC will coordinate an informal review of these reports by local experts in each jurisdiction. RISC participation in the development process will help ensure that the final MBP will accurately portray priorities and needs within Micronesia for restricting the introduction and spread of invasive species throughout Micronesia.

To plan for the eventual implementation of the MBP, a proposal to develop a Strategic Implementation Plan was submitted to the Department of Defense (DOD) for funding.

The Chief Executives recognized the accomplishments of the Committee and reaffirmed their commitment to:

- Provide a permanent and full-time Invasive Species Coordinator for each jurisdiction;
- Identify, in writing to the Chair of RISC, two representatives to RISC from each state and national jurisdiction;
- Send RISC representatives to two workshop-style meetings per year, in addition to the Summits, to collaborate on invasive species issues and priority actions;
- Provide a minimum of \$2,500 from each jurisdiction to fund RISC's priority projects, as soon as the RISC bank account has been opened;
- Continue to instruct invasive species coordinators and other appropriate staff to participate actively in the development of the Micronesia Biosecurity Plan (MBP); and
- Support MCSF assistance in funding the strategic action plan and emergency response training for RISC members in April 2011.

In addition, in support of the efforts of the Committee, the Chief Executives signed a letter requesting the SPC to fill the position of Plant Protection Specialist for Micronesia in 2011.

Regional Workforce Development Council (RWDC)

The RWDC and Pacific Workforce Investment Workgroup (PWIW) reported on their efforts to continue to nurture and support the regional economic strategies guided by the Workforce Innovation Regional Economic Development (WIRED) principles and Strategic Doing! (Micronesia Works...Shaping Regional Talent Development Systems). This approach continues to deliver and update the provisions of the

RWDC 5-year strategic plan. The RWDC and PWIW held a technical meeting in Koror, Republic of Palau on December 13-14, 2010 with participating delegates and observers, including the Center for Micronesia Empowerment (CME). Area reports highlighted program updates and workforce investment/development strategic opportunities and discussions included council updates and specific RWDC recommendations presented for endorsement.

The Chief Executives took the following actions in support of the RWDC recommendations:

- Endorsed a follow-up letter to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor regarding the status of the MCES Regional Job Corps Initiative;
- Endorsed the importance of extending training opportunities through the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) to expand into the region -- This includes leveraging the existing PTAC structures that exist in Guam, and including related programming support strategies such as the Small Business Development Center through the Small Business Administration (SBA);
- Supported the STEAM initiative that provides for the positioning of the K-12 and post-secondary educational delivery systems to support Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture/Aquaculture and Math talent development skill sets;
- Endorsed the extension of invitations by the RWDC to all regional Chambers of Commerce to support the E-commerce regional initiative and to include active partnering of the Small Business Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture programs and access to program resources;
- As it relates to the Guam Military Buildup, endorsed the expansion of the National Defense Authorization Act's area of solicitation to include specific recruitment strategies that allow priority to U.S. and Micronesia workers in support of the MCES Micronesia Works interests; and
- Recognized the positive contributions to the MCES RWDC Strategic plan made by certain collaborative entities (Center for Micronesia Empowerment and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community) and endorsed their resolutions specific to the provisions defined in the 5-year strategic plan goal areas and objectives.

Micronesia Challenge

The Micronesia Challenge (MC) Steering Committee reported to the Chief Executives that since the 13th Micronesia Chief Executive Summit, progress has been made on implementation of the Micronesia Challenge. The Steering Committee provided an update on the election of new officers: CNMI Focal Point Fran Castro as Chair, RMI Focal Point Yumi Crisostomo as Vice-chair, and Guam Focal Point Vangie Lujan as Secretary. The Committee thanked outgoing Chair Marion Henry, Focal Point from the FSM, for his leadership over the past 3 years. Palau will host the MC Regional Office and is currently identifying an appropriate space.

The MC Committee reported that they have drafted a Five-Year Strategic Action Plan for the Steering Committee and Regional Office, articulating their vision, mission, goals and objectives, and clarifying roles and responsibilities, which is to be finalized by the end of January 2011. The Committee has agreed to reduce annual dues to \$10,000 per jurisdiction to be contributed at the beginning of each fiscal year. Charlene Mersai resigned as Regional Coordinator in October to pursue other interests and the Committee thanked her for hard work for the past two years. The Regional Coordinator position terms of reference will be advertised once finalized. The MC Committee also reported on conservation measures, fundraising and sustainable finance, and communications. For conservation measures, the MC regional database, coordinated by the Office of the Palau Automated Land and Resource Information System (PALARIS), is currently being piloted. A workshop on standardizing marine data collection and analysis with participants throughout Micronesia was held in Saipan, CNMI in November 2010, with support from NOAA.

Regarding fundraising, Governor Fitial presented an “ask” for support for all jurisdictions in the Challenge at the last U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting in Guam, Saipan, and Pohnpei in September 2010. NOAA is currently working to secure approximately \$1.5-2M annually in their budgets as a result of his request. Palau’s Green Fee has raised a total of nearly \$1.3 million since the inception of the program in November 2009 and the Protected Areas Network Board is being chartered.

In addition, the MC Regional Business Plan draft is under review by the MC Focal Points and appropriate agencies in each jurisdiction and will be finalized by the end of December. The plan will then be presented to the Chief Executives for review and endorsement.

As to Communications, the Committee reported that Guam and CNMI have initiated the MC Marketing, Outreach & Sustainable Support Plan, including the redesign of the website (www.micronesiachallenge.org), featuring interactive newsletters to be updated quarterly, and a series with episodes focusing on different aspects of the MC. A Sponsorship Drive will be launched in January 2011.

The Committee also provided an update on the MC Young Champions program which includes new interns for the CNMI (2), Guam (1), the RMI (1), the FSM (1), and Palau (2).

The MC Committee then briefed leaders on the next steps that need to be taken to move the MC forward, including:

- Implementation of recommendations for sustainable financing at the jurisdictional level identified in the MC Regional Business Plan;
- Securing additional funding for a regional terrestrial measures workshop (currently \$16,000 has been secured from The Nature Conservancy); and
- Collaboration with other environmental initiatives (e.g., invasive species, solid waste, energy, MCSF, etc.)
- Based on the recommendations of the MC Steering Committee, the Chief Executives supported the following activities:

- Engagement in bi-lateral and multi-lateral high level discussions to leverage support for the MC;
- Continued support for policies for on-the-ground conservation and mainstreaming of environmental efforts in development plans; and
- Continued promotion of the MC at the regional and international levels to sustain interest in the initiative and help fundraising efforts for both the endowment and ongoing regional work, especially at the following meetings:
 - The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting in Washington, DC in February 2011;
 - The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in Hawaii in November 2011;
 - The 17th Conference of the Parties to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP16) in South Africa in November –December 2011.

Regional Energy Committee

The Energy Committee reported that the Green Energy Micronesia initiative continues to serve as the platform for regional response to the issue of climate change mitigation, and in that context, jurisdictions continue active on-the-ground Energy Efficiency (EE) and Renewable Energy RE projects and research to meet the 20-30-20 Target.

The Committee also reported on a number of regional information sharing activities, including:

- The First Polynesia/Micronesia Regional Symposium on Energy Security - held in Saipan (Oct.19-21, 2010) and hosted by the Energy Development in Island Nations (EDIN) partnership, where Palau reviewed its Energy Efficiency Subsidy Program and the Renewable Energy Financing Program;
- The Center for Island Sustainability Conference – to be held in 2011 to launch the Guam MCSF Energy Policy Network; and
- National initiatives to develop country specific energy sector websites for regional and international sharing and accessibility energy data, statistics and projects.

In addition, the Committee noted current and potential funding sources critical to moving forward with national and regional energy planning and implementation, including:

- The European Union – EDF10 North REP funds and installation of country based energy specialists for each of the FAS countries; and
- U.S Government ARRA funds for RE and EE to each of the U.S. Territories.

The goal of the Committee is to assess how each of these funds can be accessed to support or co-fund regional energy initiatives such as the Micronesia Energy Association (MEA).

The Committee also reported on the Framework for Action on Energy Security in the Pacific, which was finalized and adopted by Energy Representatives of each jurisdiction. The Committee acknowledged the primacy of National Energy Policies and Plans as the principal mechanism for achieving energy security in the Pacific.

Finally, the Committee reported that the success of the Micronesia Energy Association requires:

- Continued engagement with the SPC, the Pacific Regional leader on energy issues;
- Formulation of a regional energy 'Road Map';
- Assessment of the capacities needed in various jurisdictions, including the MEA;
- Assessment of available and potential financing options and the development of a sustainable financing plan; and
- A clearly defined partnership-framework with all relevant development partners and stakeholders of the energy sector in a coordinated whole-of-sector approach to energy issues at the regional level.

The Chief Executives noted the recommendations of the Committee and directed the Committee to continue the tasks necessary to implement their recommendations.

Solid Waste Management - Pacific Islands Regional Recycling Initiative Council (PIRRIC)

After being provided an update regarding the various projects and conference participations of PIRRIC members, the Chief Executives supported the following recommended PIRRIC Committee project opportunities and activities in the region:

- The updating and funding of an internet portal that will allow the uploading of and access to waste management related documents for the region;
- The participation by PIRRIC in a proposed Pacific Islands Regional Recycling workshop hosted by the U.S. EPA;
- The participation by PIRRIC at Guam's Center for Island Sustainability Conference in partnership with the University of Guam;
- Palau's hosting of the Pacific Islands Environment Conference in September 2011 in partnership with US EPA, Region IX; and
- The proposed participation by PIRRIC in preparatory meetings for "Rio + 20" to demonstrate regional cooperation in addressing common issues regarding solid waste management and other related issues.

Regional Tourism Committee Report

The Regional Tourism Committee reported that the PATA Micronesia Chapter recently held its 3rd Tri-Annual Meeting in Guam, December 1-3, with its next Tri-Annual Meeting scheduled for Kosrae in April 2011. It is at these meetings that PATA Micronesia Chapter continues to pursue its efforts in regard to regional marketing and promotional efforts, providing the following updates.

- Update #1 – Regional Branding Initiative: The following have been completed:
- Development of a Request for Proposal (RFP);

- An RFP has been announced globally;
- A selection committee has been established with members from each jurisdiction; and
- RFP proposals have been received and reviewed by the selection committee for their recommendation to the PATA Micronesia Chapter Chairman.

The following action steps are pending:

- Identify funding sources (i.e. U.S. Federal Grants, PATA Micronesia Chapter, Airlines, NTOs/STOs, or other private funding sources); and
- Award of contract to the selected bidder.
- Update #2 – Marketing Outreach to the Military Market: With the support of the Micronesia Chief Executives, the PATA Micronesia Chapter has been successful with the following marketing and promotional initiatives for the 3rd Quarter of 2010:
 - The PATA Micronesia Chapter booth at the GMIF in Guam;
 - On-going creation of package deals for each island destination;
 - The “Wahoo Night” Exhibition by Micronesia Divers Association in October 2010 in Guam attended by CNMI, Guam, Palau, Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap;
 - The Navy MWR Travel Fair in October 2011 in Guam with exhibitions by CNMI, Palau, Kosrae, Chuuk, Yap and the Marshall Islands;
 - The Andersen Air Force Base Travel Fair in October 2011 in Guam, with exhibitions by the CNMI, Palau, Kosrae, Chuuk, Yap and the Marshall Islands; and
 - On-going Print Advertisements in R&R Pacific Magazine by CNMI and Palau.
- Update #3 – Luxury Cruise Market: Recognizing the Luxury Cruise business as a highly potential niche market for the region, PATA Micronesia Chapter has initiated marketing strategies, to include:
 - A Micronesia presentation at the Miami Cruise Conference in March 2011 in Miami, Florida;
 - Micronesia Cruise Association (MCA) definition and membership;
 - Cruise Ship Industry Goals and Strategies, and MCA Five-Year Objectives;
 - Cruise Ship Activity;
 - Developing A Port Profile by each jurisdiction; and
 - Creation of a Cruise Ship Task Force.

The Chief Executives supported the recommendations of the Tourism Committee and directed the Committee as follows:

- Encourage government partnership in identifying sites for nomination as World Heritage sites in recognition of the importance of preservation and sustainable development;
- Solicit proposals from qualified companies to do a study of the economic impact of the tourism industry in the Micronesia region;

- Provide support to Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo's Bill (HR 6015) to require the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce to publish certain economic data regarding territories, including the Freely Associated States, and
- Seek the support of their jurisdictions to collectively and respectively finance the active participation in Trade/Travel Shows/Exhibitions/Seminars, etc. in key markets.

Regional Health Committee (HC)

The Regional Health Committee gave a status report on the crisis of non-communicable diseases in the region and on recent outcomes resulting from PIHOA Resolution 48-01, "Declaring a Regional State of Health Emergency due to the Epidemic of Non-Communicable Diseases in USAPI". This Resolution was passed by the Pacific Island Health Officers Association in May of 2010 and endorsed by the 13th MCES in Saipan, CNMI, in June 2010. Since that time, other key organizations have endorsed the resolution, including:

- The 10th Micronesia President's Summit;
- The 5th Micronesia Traditional Leaders Conference; and
- The 51st meeting of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, which identified the NCD crisis as the theme for its next meeting.

The Regional Health Committee emphasized the importance of continuing to align international, regional and sub-regional bodies behind comparable resolutions, declarations and commitments that address the NCD crisis. Such harmonization will help leverage and coordinate resources and significantly strengthen mandates locally for more effective community-based efforts related to NCD prevention and control.

The Regional Health Committee reminded MCES participants that the world's fattest countries and territories are in the Pacific. Among Pacific entities, the USAPI rank the highest in obesity and some indicators for NCDs. For all MCES countries, NCDs are the leading causes of death, hospital admissions, off-island medical referrals, hemodialysis, disability, and loss of productivity. Rates of childhood obesity are rising in the USAPI, and if left unchecked, NCDs will significantly impede the economic and social development of MCES countries. Non-communicable diseases—including diabetes, hypertension, stroke, heart disease, and gout—are lifestyle-related diseases caused significantly by obesity, poor nutrition, tobacco use, alcohol abuse and lack of physical activity—all avoidable conditions with a coordinated, cross-sectoral approach to prevention.

The Health Committee emphasized the importance of executive leadership in:

- Mobilizing resources through policy prioritization;
- Changing the model of health care from the bio-medical disease model to a more integrated environmental approach (the wellness model);
- Creating a better balance between the care and treatment of disease and the prevention of disease and promotion of health, including the balance of resources devoted to each;

- Involving the “whole of society” by empowering people, communities and the workforce to pursue, possess and apply the knowledge of NCD prevention in all sectors; and
- Using NCDs to re-frame health systems priorities, e.g. strategic planning, health human resources, laboratory strengthening, health data systems, quality assurance, and connectivity, thereby providing greater focus and urgency to the development of sustainable and responsive health systems in the USAPI.

The Chief Executives supported the reported efforts of Committee and recommended the following:

- Continue strengthening the MCES agenda for non-communicable disease: explore strategies for encouraging NCD-related priorities among all sectors, including health, trade, education, and finance and for integrating NCDs into the overall strategic priorities of the MCES Secretariat, the Micronesian Center for a Sustainable Future;
- Continue to increase knowledge and awareness of the NCD crisis in the USAPI among international, regional and sub-regional bodies;
- Support a cross-sectoral economic analysis of the current and projected impact of NCDs in the USAPI and request technical assistance from agencies for this; and
- Strengthen MCES advocacy for U.S. Medicaid eligibility for citizens of the Freely-Associated States residing in U.S. States and Territories, as an important step in NCD prevention and control for these individuals -- To this end, invite the newly-elected Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Honorable Neil Abercrombie, to the 15th MCES to discuss and coordinate strategies for achieving Medicaid eligibility for Compact Migrants.

Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee continues to consider security issues at the airports and seaports of member states to meet the minimum International Maritime Organization and International Civil Aviation Organization requirements, as well as those requirements of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard. These are on-going responsibilities taking into account modern sea and air transportation security issues. The Committee also reported on the need to expand air and shipping services to all Micronesia islands. The Committee is currently reviewing the outstanding proposal to extend the eligibility of Micronesia airports' for AIP grants.

The Committee also reported on work opportunities for its citizens as Deck Officers on ships that serve the MCES states under Micronesian Shipping Commission licenses to provide Micronesian citizens the necessary qualifications for higher levels of licenses leading to marine pilot qualifications.

Further, the committee noted that new changes to the STCW Convention (International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) were approved in Manila in June of this year and will become effective in 2012. The changes will allow licenses issued by approved “white list” countries to be accepted internationally. The Committee also reported that the Defense Mapping Agency for U.S. Department of the Navy may no longer print nautical charts for the small islands.

The Chief Executives supported the work of the Committee and directed the Committee to:

- Move forward with the extension of Micronesia airport grant eligibility in 2012 and beyond;
- Continue to work to gain service of Micronesia citizens on ships under Micronesia Shipping Commission Licenses; and
- Further investigate the issue of nautical chart printing and, if appropriate, to request the U.S. Department of the Navy to continue this service, as it is critical to the maritime safety of the FAS.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee reported that, after significant discussion, it has become apparent that the telecommunications issues faced by the Freely Associated States vary significantly from those faced by Guam and the CNMI due to the very different levels of technology currently in place and also due to the levels of privatization that have been achieved in the latter two jurisdictions.

The Committee therefore recommended that discussions regarding communications issues between the Freely Associated States be transferred to the forum of the Micronesia Presidents' Summit, that the Communications Committee at the MCES be disbanded, and that communications officials support other committees where needed in the future.

The Chief Executives recognized the great significance of telecommunications to development in the region, but also took the Committee's concerns into account and directed that Communications Committee be eliminated and that communications issues be dealt with on an ad hoc basis in the future.

Micronesia Center for a Sustainable Future

The Secretary General (SG) reported that the MCSF inception award was formally presented by Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior for Insular Affairs, the Honorable Anthony M. Babauta. The award amount of \$494,000 exceeded the requested amount that was submitted by the SG on behalf of his MCSF colleagues following the 12th MCES Summit. The effective period of the contract, which is being implemented by the Graduate School, is through June 13, 2011.

In direct response to the decision adopted in the Joint Communiqué of the 13th Micronesia Chief Executives Summit (MCES) in which, "the Chief Executives agreed to send (Designated) Representatives to an inception meeting to develop organizational structures, initial program delivery and (further) development of a regional strategic framework," a meeting was hosted by Palau on October 5-6, 2010. The "Proceedings of the First Planning Meeting of Designated Representatives" were delivered to the Chief Executives and shared with interested parties. This document provides a thorough summary of the outcomes of the meeting and the recommendations made to the Chief Executives, to establish workable procedures and protocols for the operations of the MCSF during the period of the DOI/OIA-funded inception award and thereafter. The document is also available on the website for the 14th MCES at www.mcespalau.info.

To address concerns raised by the Chief Executives at the 13th MCES, the Designated Representatives proposed a series of procedures and protocols designed to ensure jurisdiction-wide oversight of the MCSF inception award implementation and clear decision-making authority of the Chief Executives both directly and indirectly through their duly Designated Representatives. The Designated Representatives also utilized a scoring methodology to consider budget authorization recommendations to their Chief Executives. The criteria considered included:

- Importance (to the MCSF mission);
- Jurisdictional coverage;
- Likelihood of successful completion;
- Funding leverage (likelihood that success will lead to new funding sources);
- Urgency; and
- Linkage to MCES Communiqués and Committees.

Following the review, the Designated Representatives recommended to the Chief Executives a funding authorization level of \$357,000 for a range of activities in the categories of (1) Organizational Development, (2) Program Delivery, and (3) Regional Strategic Framework and Support to MCES meetings. To date, through the first six months of the MCSF inception award period, approximately 14 percent of the available funds have been expended or committed for immediate use.

There remain funds for authorization of additional activities by the Chief Executives for new or revised proposals that may be submitted to the MCSF Planning Committee of Designated Representatives. At the close of the 14th MCES, the Designated Representatives anticipate submissions of revised proposals for the Regional Invasive Species Council (RISC) training activity and support to traditional and non-traditional Women's organizations, conforming to the template format included as Attachment M to the Proceedings of the First Planning Committee Meeting of Designated Representatives (which can be downloaded from www.mcespalau.info).

The SG also reports that funding support was provided to the Center for Micronesia Empowerment from the MCSF inception award for partial support to their Conference, "The Untapped Potential of the Marianas and Micronesia Workforce" held on October 20, 2010. A summary of the impressive work of CME in coordination with the Regional Workforce Development Council was also presented to the Chief Executives.

The MCSF inception award has also funded expanded assistance by the Graduate School acting on an interim basis to provide MCSF Secretariat support to Palau as the host jurisdiction for the 14th MCES and the associated committee work. The direct support provided included logo design, website development, and ongoing coordination with Palau's Summit Secretariat. During the MCES, assistance was provided in facilitation of the Second Planning Committee meeting of the Designated Representatives, Communiqué drafting, and initiating structured interviews with Committee chairs and selected members. As follow-up to the 14th MCES, the Graduate School will complete a Procedural Manual for MCSF support for MCES meetings to document the process and, presumably, to ease the

burden on future host jurisdictions. A report of the findings and recommendations from the structured interview process with the MCES Committees will also be produced and disseminated within six weeks after the 14th MCES. In anticipation of development of a multi-functional website for the MCES, committee documents and historical (archive) materials will be gathered in electronic form.

Looking forward, and with MCSF decision-making procedures and protocols now fully authorized, the Chief Executives have expressed their clear support to accelerate implementation of the inception award. The recommendation by the MCSF Designated Representatives to place a strong focus on fundraising to identify sustained sources of support for the Center, establish a physical location, and, identify an Executive Director for the Center was endorsed by the Chief Executives. The timeline of these activities should reflect the desire to allow the Graduate School to hand over the functional (Secretariat) support role it has been asked to provide on an interim basis.

The Chief Executives have also encouraged their Designated Representatives to consider further suggested reforms and enhancements of the MCES meeting format, committee structure, meeting timing and, perhaps a thematic focus, and other matters for consideration by the Chief Executives. Such recommendations shall be informed by the outcomes of the revised approach applied for the 14th MCES at the initiative of the host jurisdiction as well as by the report of recommendations coming out of the structured interviews undertaken with each of the MCES committees. The Designated Representatives are charged with making these recommendations in time to allow approval by the Chief Executives in advance of the 15th MCES.

Miscellaneous Issues

Water and Sanitation

The Chief Executives received a presentation on water and sanitation focused on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) within the context of water security and sanitation. The Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) is currently executing the European Union (EU) funded Pacific IWRM National Planning Programme, which is designed to strengthen the governance structures and frameworks to mainstream Water Resource Management and Water Use Efficiency (WUE) into national planning processes of Pacific Island Countries. This project is complemented by the SOPAC executed, Global Environmental Facility (GEF) funded, project entitled "Implementing Sustainable Water Resources and Wastewater Management in Pacific Island Countries" (GEF Pacific IWRM Project).

Through the operation and planning of the GEF funded IWRM demonstration activities, national representatives from Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands identified and proposed a common process to facilitate the development of amendments or changes to existing water policies and coordination mechanisms in their respective countries. This process was considered in detail during the Micronesian Sub-Regional Water and Sanitation Policy Planning Workshop convened in Pohnpei, FSM, from November 8-11, 2010. A primary outcome of this workshop was the request to present the issues of water and sanitation at the 14th MCES.

The Chief Executives acknowledged the role of the Pacific IWRM Programme as a technical and advisory partner in the development of national water and sanitation policies and the revision of the Pacific Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Water Management, and supported the following recommendations:

- To establish a “Micronesia Water Committee” as a permanent working group of the MCES;
- In this effort, to form a start-up group to be chaired by the RMI comprised of the current IWRM Focal points and other cooperating partners as needed to draft the Terms of Reference and to report back to the next MCES;
- That each jurisdiction form National Water Task Forces for the development of national water policies and a regional water strategy, including national water outlooks and national investment plans for the water and sanitation sector by the 2012 MCES;
- That each jurisdiction conduct National Water Summits in 2011 in order to launch National water policies;
- That each jurisdiction participate in the review of the Pacific Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Water Management;
- That the Start-up Group/Micronesia Water Committee request SOPAC, SPC and other partners to provide technical and financial assistance for improved water and sanitation in Micronesia Island Countries; and
- In support of the UN resolution that Water and Sanitation is a human right, the establishment of a “Blue Ribbon Day” in support of a “Water for Life” awareness campaign and that this take place annually on World Water Day.

Communication from SOPAC

The Chief Executives received the statement provided by the Director of SOPAC which noted that as of January 1, 2011 SOPAC will become SOPAC, the Applied Geoscience and Technology Division of the SPC. The Chief Executives expressed their appreciation for the SOPAC Council's support for the recent Forum Leaders decision regarding the urgent need to:

- Sustainably increase the coverage of safe drinking water and basic sanitation services;
- Finalize the delineation of permanent maritime boundaries; and
- Expand the definition of disaster risk management beyond that posed by climate change to be people-focused, covering responses to health disasters as well as factoring in population growth and movement.

The Chief Executives agreed that the integration and mainstreaming of disaster risk management and climate change considerations (especially adaptation) into the national planning and budgetary processes was needed.

Region IX Federal Regional Council

Governor Benigno Fitial reported on the meeting recently held in San Francisco by the Region IX Federal Regional Council (FRC) and attended by two of the MCES Chief Executives and other representatives of the region. The FRC is a consortium of 19 U.S. Federal departments and agencies with offices based in Region IX. Governor Fitial indicated that the joint meeting of the FRC and the MCES served to strengthen relationships and identify cross-agency issues and initiatives to be addressed in partnership by these entities. Governor Fitial also indicated that the meeting resulted in a Joint Statement of the Region IX Federal Regional Council and the Micronesian Chief Executives. In this Statement, the FRC and the MCES committed to working in partnership on technical assistance and other mechanisms, as appropriate, consistent with available resources and existing authorities, on a range of issues and initiatives.

The Chief Executives recognized and supported the Joint Statement and the potential partnerships, including:

- Grants Management and Transparency of Information;
- Climate Change and Renewable Energy
- Sustainable Communities Future;
- Workforce Development and Training;
- Improved Health and Education; and
- Improved Communication and Infrastructure.

The Chief Executives further agreed to support the Statement's commitment to coordinate, collaborate and work in partnership with the FRC, to achieve progress on these issues and initiatives.

Region IX Federal Regional Council

The Chief Executives adopted a resolution expressing the heartfelt appreciation of the Chief Executives, on behalf of the people of the Micronesian region, for the contributions of Governor Felix P. Camacho in establishing and expanding the Micronesia Chief Executive Summit.

Conclusion

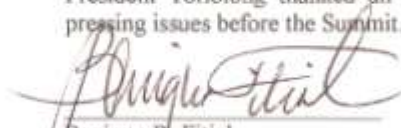
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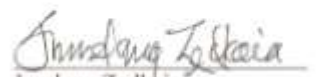
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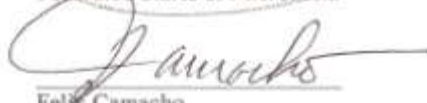
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1B. MCES Resolution 01

A RESOLUTION OF THE 14th MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT

Directing the RWDC and PWIW 1) to work towards the localized solicitation of Workers during the Marianas Military Buildup, 2) align, where appropriate, the STEAM pipeline recruitment initiative with the region's K-12 education partners 3) support the expansion of membership of relevant economic development organizations that exists within the Micronesian region, and 4) expand the PTAC strategy as part of the RWDC and PWIW Micronesia Works strategic plan.

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WHEREAS, the *Micronesia Works!* represents the unified efforts of the region's workforce investment system to support and identify developing strategies that strengthen the region's talent development agenda; and

WHEREAS, as it relates to the Marianas Military buildup, the Chief Executives endorse a Micronesian strategy specific to the manpower needs for the Marianas military buildup; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives strongly believe that National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) guidelines for recruiting workers for all military defense contracts should require that U.S. citizens and Micronesian workers be considered as the first order of solicitation before temporary foreign workers (H2B); and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives, in the 13th MCES, approved the inclusion of Agriculture and Aquaculture as viable economic components of the STEAM initiative; and

WHEREAS, the RWDC and PWIW recognize the need to align the "STEAM" initiative with K-12 education collaborators, as a pre-requisite to developing the region's unique pre-recruitment pipeline into STEAM career pathways; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives support the Made-in-Micronesia initiative as an anchor entrepreneurial strategy that reinforces the Power of e3+1 specific to economic development;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives acknowledge the need to include active membership of industry and government programs that promote economic development interests, and to include specific representation of organizations like the region's Chambers of Commerce, Non-government organizations and appropriate partners that support economic development;

WHEREAS, positioning Made-in-Micronesia initiative has been identified by the RWDC and PWIW as an anchor entrepreneurial strategy that reinforces the Power of e3+1 specific to economic development;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives recognize the importance of technical training related to federal contract procurement for interested contractors; and

WHEREAS, technical contracting assistance to business interests seeking military contracts is provided by the University of Guam's Procurement and Technical Assistance Center, which service needs to expand throughout the region; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Executives direct the RWDC and the PWIW to work towards the localizing of the NDAA's area of solicitation for Micronesian Workers in support of the region's MCES Micronesia Works!; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Executives direct the RWDC and PWIW to align, where appropriate, the STEAM pipeline recruitment initiative with the regions K-12 education partners and collaborators, and further assigns the RWDC and PWIW to continue to promote, enhance and leverage all resources related to this initiative; and

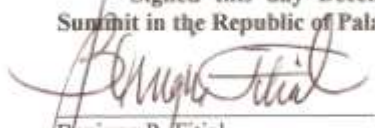
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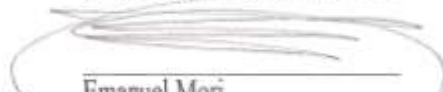
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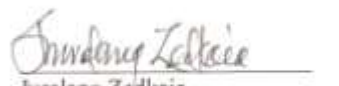
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that RWDC and PWIW should work to expand throughout the region technical contracting assistance to business interests seeking military contracts currently provided in Guam by the University of Guam's Procurement and Technical Assistance Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Richard Trigg, Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Labor/ETA; Alfred B. Valles, State Director, Hawaii-Pacific Office of Apprenticeship, U.S. Department of Labor; Anthony M. Babauta, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs; Kimberly Hussey, Command Labor Advisor, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Joe Ludovici, Executive Director, Joint Guam Program Office; Dr. Jimmie Rodgers, Director-General, Secretariat of the Pacific Community; Arne Duncan, Secretary, U.S. Department of Education; and Maria S. Connelley, Director, Guam Department of Labor.

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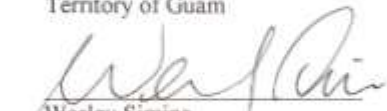

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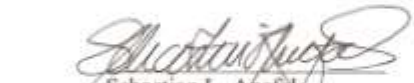
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1C. MCES Resolution 02:

A RESOLUTION OF THE 14th MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT

Requesting that the 30th Guam Legislature table proposed Bill No. 429-30, which would eliminate the current exemption from the liquid fuel tax for fuel transferred to a point outside of Guam

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Requesting that the 30th Guam Legislature table proposed Bill No. 429-30, which would
eliminate the current exemption from the liquid fuel tax for fuel transferred to a point
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WHEREAS, a proposed bill before the 30th Guam Legislature (Proposed Bill No. 429-30) would eliminate the current exemption from the liquid fuel tax for fuel transferred to a point outside of Guam, in order to provide increased funding for potential environmental disasters related to fuel transfers; and

WHEREAS, the passage of Bill No. 429-30 would result in a significant increase in fuel prices to Guam's neighboring island communities; and

WHEREAS, Guam's status as a regional transshipment center for the region would be endangered through the imposition of a liquid fuel tax on fuel transactions outside of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Oil Pollution Act of 1990 mandates that the owner and operator of a facility is the responsible party charged with the obligation to prevent, mitigate, or remediate the impacts of any fuel spill; and

WHEREAS, the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund provides up to one billion dollars per incident to mitigate harm to the environment and such resources far outweigh any revenue that could be gained by the elimination of the liquid fuel tax exemption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Executives of the Micronesian Chief Executives Summit request that the 30th Guam Legislature table proposed Bill No. 429-30 which would eliminate the current exemption from the liquid fuel tax for fuel transferred to a point outside of Guam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the 30th Guam Legislature.

Signed this day December 16, 2010 at the 14th Micronesian Chief Executive Summit in the Republic of Palau.


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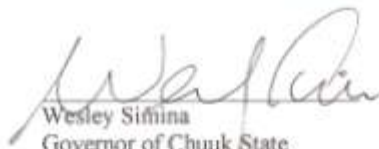


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1D. MCES Resolution 03

A RESOLUTION OF THE 14th MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT

Recognizing the many contributions made by Governor Felix Perez Camacho for the people of Guam, the people of Micronesia, and the Micronesian Chief Executives

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WHEREAS, The United States Affiliated Islands of Micronesia are experiencing a period of rapid growth, urbanization, westernization and increasing significance to United States national security in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Executives of Micronesia, in response to many extraordinary challenges presented by the strategic realignment of United States Military Forces in the Pacific, and given the emerging and emergent opportunities within the region to preserve, leverage and integrate indigenous, natural, and human resource systems, have established the Micronesian Chief Executive Summit with membership from all nine jurisdictions, which Summit is entering into its seventh year, and

WHEREAS, Governor Felix P. Camacho has attended all 14 Micronesian Chief Executive Summits (MCES) held to date and has been a guiding steward in its evolution and development; and

WHEREAS, Governor Felix P. Camacho, as the Governor of Guahan, has hosted and been Chairman of three Micronesian Chief Executive Summits; and

WHEREAS, Governor Felix P. Camacho introduced organizational innovations and improvements to the MCES process like for example the creation of the standing committee structure of the MCES at the Third and Fourth Summits held in Guahan; and

WHEREAS, Governor Felix P. Camacho entered the public service in 1988, when he was appointed as the Deputy Director of the Public Utility Agency on Guahan and later chosen as the Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Felix P. Camacho served as a member of the Guahan Legislature for 4 terms (a total of 8 years) consecutively

WHEREAS, since this early commitment to public service, Governor Camacho has consistently based his treatment of issues on behalf of the people of Guahan and the people of Micronesia upon Family, Service and Personal Relationships; and

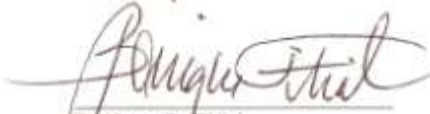
WHEREAS, Governor Felix P. Camacho, in his time as Governor of Guahan, and as a senior member of the Micronesian Chief Executive Summit has consistently articulated a vision of the Summit process rooted in the solidarity and sovereignty of the Chief Executives and of the people and island states and territories that they represent and in so doing has pursued with tenacity and vision goals and ideals rooted in his love of and search for economic, environmental and social justice for all; and

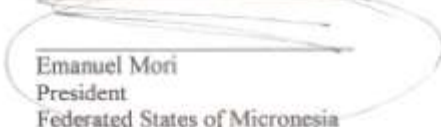
WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Chief Executives' Summit is the last Summit in which Governor Camacho will represent the people of Guahan and the people of the Micronesian region on the regional issues discussed at the Summit; and

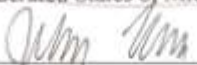
WHEREAS, that the Chief Executives recognize Governor Camacho as the founding member of the Micronesian Chief Executive summit and a driving force for the emergence of cooperative multilateral governance in Micronesia, and has been a champion of using this vision to expand the Micronesian voice in local, regional and international fora in order to ensure a better life and sustainable future for all of the people of Micronesia; and

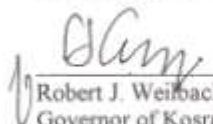
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Executives, on behalf of the people of Guahan and the people of Micronesia, express their deep and abiding gratitude, loyalty and thanks to Governor Felix Perez Camacho for his service to the Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit, to the people of Guahan, to the citizens of the region and to the people of goodwill every where; and

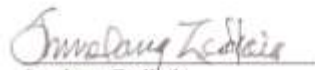
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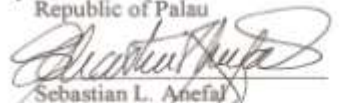

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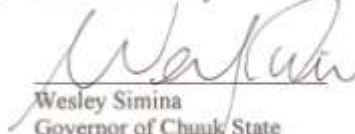

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1E. MCES Letter 01

A LETTER FROM THE 14th MICRONESIAN CHIEF EXECUTIVES' SUMMIT

Addressed to the Honorable Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of Labor, United States Department of Labor, regarding a Guam-based Job Corps satellite office.

Note: Scanned images of letter included below.



December 16, 2010

The Honorable Hilda L. Solis, Secretary of Labor
U.S. Department of Labor
Frances Perkins Building
200 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 2010

RE: Guam Based Job Corps Satellite Office

Dear Secretary Solis:

As you may be aware, the Micronesia Chief Executives' of the Pacific Islands recently requested your agency's expedited assistance to review our regional request to establish a Job Corps presence in Micronesia. In an earlier letter to Assistant Secretary Jane Oates, we explained the interest and developments of this request and the many collaborators supporting this workforce strategy.

The 14th Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit (MCES), guided by our many mutual networks, especially the expanding Pacific Workforce Investment Workgroup (PWIW) and the MCES Regional Workforce Development Council, support the need for a Job Corps training satellite center. This approach includes the Hawaii Job Corps Industry Council supporting the "Micronesia Works!" workforce system.

On behalf of the people of Micronesia, we continue to seek your review and approval of the establishment of a Guam Job Corps Satellite Center and invite your agency to continue to support the many related regional economies programs applicable to Micronesia.

Sincerely,


Johnson Toribiong
President
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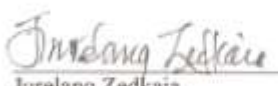
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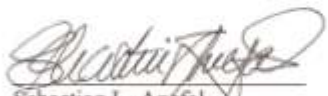
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2. MCES Meeting Agenda

Republic of Palau Ngarachamayong Cultural Center December 15-17, 2010

Monday, December 13, 2010

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Pre-Summit Committee Meetings – Palau counterparts will provide venue for their respective committees.

Tuesday December 14, 2010

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Committee/Designated Representatives Meetings on Potential MCES Reforms

9:00 AM Palau Technical Working Committee requests briefing to H.E. President Toribiong

NOTE: It is anticipated that designated representatives will provide briefing to their respective Executive on the progress and details of the MCSF.

DAY 1: Wednesday December 15, 2010

8:00 - 9:00 AM Registration

9:30 AM Posting of Colors
by Ministry of Justice

Palau National Anthem
by Malo & Friends

Opening Prayer
by Father Rusk Saburo

Introduction of Distinguished Guests and Chief Executives
by Master of Ceremony

Remarks by current Chair and turnover of Chairmanship to
H.E. President Toribiong

Acceptance by Palau of Chairmanship

Welcoming Remarks

by His Excellency Johnson Toribiong President of the Republic of Palau

10:00 AM

Tea Break/Official Photo

10:30 AM

Review and Adoption of Agenda

Remarks by Chief Executives

- Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor, CNMI
- His Excellency, Emmanuel Mori, President, Federated State of Micronesia
- Honorable Felix P. Camacho, Governor, Territory of Guam
- His Excellency, Anote Tong, President, Republic of Kiribati
- His Excellency, Jurelang Zedkaia, President, Republic of the Marshall Islands
- His Excellency, Marcus Stephen, M.P., President, Republic of Nauru
- Honorable Wesley Simina, Governor, Chuuk State
- Honorable Robert J. Weilbacher, Governor, Kosrae State
- Honorable John Ehsa, Governor, Pohnpei State
- Honorable Sebastian L. Anefal, Governor, Yap State
- His Excellency, Johnson Toribiong, President, Republic of Palau

PRESENTATIONS

11:00 – 11:30 AM

Region IX Federal Regional Council Governor Fitial

- Review of Events in San Francisco

11:30 – 12:00 PM

Micronesia Center for a Sustainable Future

- Review of Palau Planning Meeting
- Reform of MCES Meeting Structure
 - Presentation by Designated Representatives
 - Discussion

12:00 – 2:00 PM

Lunch hosted by Palau

1. Chief Executives' Lunch w/Spouse and one technical staff at Palasia Hotel
2. Working Lunch for Technical Working Committee at Ngarachamayong Cultural Center

2:30 – 2:40 PM

UN Framework Convention on Climate Change COP16

Delivered by Sebastian Marino, National Environment Planner

2:40 – 2:50 PM

Pacific Workforce Investment Workgroup (PWIW)

2:50 – 3:00 PM

Micronesian Challenge

3:00 – 3:10 PM	<u>Regional Invasive Species Council (RISC)</u>
3:10 – 3:20 PM	<u>Q & A and Tea Break</u>
3:20 – 3:30 PM	<u>Regional Energy Committee (REC)</u>
3:30 – 3:40 PM	<u>Health Committee (RHC)</u>
3:40 – 3:50 PM	<u>Transportation Committee (TC)</u>
3:50 – 4:00 PM	<u>Tea Break</u>
4:00 – 4:10 PM	<u>Regional Tourism Committee (RTC)</u>
4:10 – 4:20 PM	<u>Pacific Islands Regional Recycling Initiative Committee (PIRRIC)</u>
4:30 PM	<u>Meeting Adjourns</u>
7:00 PM	<u>Welcoming Dinner Reception – Palau Royal Resort</u> <i>Hosted by H.E. President Johnson Toribiong</i> Master of Ceremony: Mr. Jeffrey Antol <i>Director, Bureau of Foreign Affairs</i>

DAY 2: Thursday, December 16, 2010

PRESENTATIONS (continue)

9:00 - 9:10 AM	<u>Communications Committee</u>
9:10 - 9:20 AM	<u>Micronesia Regional Ocean Council</u>
9:20 - 9:30 AM	<u>Miscellaneous Presentations</u>
9:30 – 9:40 AM	<u>Tea Break</u>
9:40 – 11:50 AM	<u>Continue Miscellaneous Presentations</u>
12:00 – 2:00 PM	<u>Lunch Hosted by Palau at Palau Pacific Resort</u> <i>Chief Executives, Spouses and one technical staff</i>
2:30 – 3:30 PM	<u>PLENARY</u> • Remaining Business • Approving the next site for the 15th MCES • Review and adoption of Communiqué
3:30 – 4:30 PM	<u>Closing Remarks by Chief Executives</u> • Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor, CNMI • His Excellency, Emmanuel Mori, President, Federated State of Micronesia • Honorable Felix P. Camacho, Governor, Territory of Guam • His Excellency, Aote Tong, President, Republic of Kiribati

- His Excellency, Jurelang Zedkaia, President, Republic of the Marshall Islands
- His Excellency, Marcus Stephen, M.P., President, Republic of Nauru
- Honorable Wesley Simina, Governor, Chuuk State
- Honorable Robert J. Weilbacher, Governor, Kosrae State
- Honorable John Ehsa, Governor, Pohnpei State
- Honorable Sebastian L. Anefal, Governor, Yap State
- His Excellency, Johnson Toribiong, President, Republic of Palau

7:00 – 9:30 PM

Closing Ceremony/Dinner Reception at Sea Passion

- Signing of the 14th Joint Communiqué
- Presentation of Gifts to Chief Executives
- Retiring of Colors
- Debusch signifying formal conclusion of the 14th MCES
- Entertainment

DAY 3: Friday, December 17, 2010

- **Rock Island Picnic – Optional**
- **Babeldaob Tour – Optional**



3A. Opening Remarks by Hon. Wesley Simina, Governor, Chuuk State

[Greetings]

On behalf of the People of Chuuk, and the government of Chuuk, and most especially the First Lady and I, I bring warm greetings from the people of Chuuk, and greetings for this holiday seasons. Merry Xmas and Happy New Year! I also take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to President Toribiong and his able staff, and the people of Palau, for such a wonderful welcoming and for such a wonderful hosting of the 14th MCES--today, and, I'm sure, in the next few days. Thank you very much for everything that you have prepared for us. I also would like to take this opportunity to express, on behalf of the people of Chuuk and the government of Chuuk, our sincere condolences and sympathies to the families and friends of the Senator who just passed away, as we just learned this morning.

I'm not going to talk a great deal about important things. I just want you to know that my presence here, by myself, without any staff, is truly an indication of how much I have valued the works of the MCES.

You know, when the end of 1999 approached, there were all kinds of apocalyptic predictions, feelings, thoughts, as to what would happen when we ushered in the new millennium. These things did not happen on January 1st, or at midnight on December 31, 1999. And the world, all over, has realized that a lot of things--bad things, good things--happened during the first decade of this millennium.

And we in the Micronesia region were not spared the consequences, or the effects, of those things that have happened. Now the question for us as leaders of this region is this: What do we expect to achieve in the second decade of this millennium? I feel strongly that with this kind of unity, with this kind of common purpose, we really can accomplish all the things, in spite of all the events that will happen or transpire throughout of this world. So I feel that the closeness, the unity of our efforts, of our purposes, will certainly guide us in the next decade. So for that I would take this moment to at least address some of the focus of our MCES.

I have seen from the past few Summits that I have participated in, that just as we've seen the agenda of this 14th MCES, most of the things on this agenda are the same things that were on the agenda three or four years ago. So I feel that the issue now is not how much we value these issues, but how much we want to progress, to move forward, on these issues. And for that I would like to ask this conference, this Summit, to really take seriously the focus of our bi-annual meetings. I would like to ask that those experts, those of you who are very well-versed and wise in these kinds of matters, to lead us, to direct

us, guide us, on how we should make really good use of these two meetings—how we can advance and show progress on the issues that we are having.

I feel that two meetings a year for Chuuk, which is a poor state, we really struggle to come and join you in these meetings. So we would like to return as always from these meetings with a lot of concrete things that we can take back to our government, to our people, and show them that this region is truly moving forward with these regional and subregional issues that we are dealing with. So for that I just want to ask that we look at making our two meetings very focused on things that we should be doing.

Other than that, I have only two years left but I know Governor Camacho has less than a month. And I feel that some of us will miss this kind of conference and the good things that could happen as result of this kind of cooperation and unity that we've shown and demonstrated throughout our previous meetings, until today.

And I would like also to take this opportunity to say farewell to our colleague from Kosrae, Governor Weilbacher. I know you will no longer return to office and I wish both Governor Camacho and Governor Weilbacher all the best on your future plans and endeavors. And for the unopposed governor of Yap, I'm beginning to be very envious of your traditions and your way of doing things, because being unopposed in Chuuk is simply unthinkable. So for that I truly congratulate you, I laud you for your keen political maneuverings that made you become unopposed. And for some of us who are facing election in March, I need not speak, otherwise I will conflict myself. Sorry President Mori.

But indeed this kind of meeting we should always be guided by the very principles that these forerunners of our conference, especially Governor Camacho and your colleagues who started this conference, put in place. We truly thank you for all the foresight that you have put into this conference. It wouldn't be like this, if weren't those of you who started this, and had the foresight and commitment to move forward and expand to include some of us who have just joined. So thank you very much.

With that I would like to close. As we know this is a season of joy, because of only one thing, and that one thing is that we feel He has risen, that it's Christmas, the birth of our Lord. But if we look in the bible, I think it's 2nd Corinthians chapter 9 verse 15, it says; "Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift" and that what really gets me, because we think we know what it is--it's the birth of our Lord. But the bible describes it as that *indescribable gift*. We simply cannot fathom the love of Christ, and for that I hope we can share—share in thanking, share in giving, and share in joy. But at the same time we must always be mindful that all of these things are by that *indescribable gift*. So for that I wish us good luck, I wish us a very productive conference. It is the holiday season and I hope that we can leave here with all the good tidings that this holiday season is supposed to bring us.

For that thank you very much.



3B. Opening Remarks by Mr. Steven George, Acting Governor, Kosrae State

[Greetings]

Thank you Mr Chairman. I share the same recognitions, sympathies and sentiments led earlier by the previous speaker, Governor Simina.

I am not the governor so I have a prepared statement so that I'm not saying anything in contrary to what you wanted me to share to this very important meeting. Let me begin by also recognizing our distinguish chief executives of our region, leaders and people of our host, the Republic of Palau, members and participants of the MCES working committees, meeting facilitators and planning team, friends and development partners of Micronesia, special guests, ladies and gentlemen...

I bring both greetings and apologies from my Governor, the Honorable Robert Weilbacher. While Governor Weilbacher was unable to attend this 14th Micronesia Chief Executives Conference he has encouraged me and counseled me to provide Kosrae State's perspective and support for the ongoing evolution of the Summit process itself and for the numerous important initiatives that he has observed and supported over the past four years of his involvement.

In particular, Mr. Chairman, I would like to express the appreciation of my entire delegation for the hospitality afforded us since our arrival in Palau.

Governor Weilbacher noted that the topic of the Micronesia Center for a Sustainable Future and reform of the MCES meeting structure appear prominently in our host's proposed agenda. My Governor has also encouraged me to bring up the topic of Committee structure as an item for open discussion. Kosrae State's delegation looks forward to contributing to the dialogue with a commitment to consolidate the aspects of the MCES that have proven fruitful over the years while being eager to consider improvements to enhance the likelihood of even greater region-wide successes.

Mr. Chairman, in my role as Governor Weilbacher's Designated Representative on the MCSF Planning Committee, I wish to also thank Palau for hosting our 1st Planning Committee meeting and commend your Minister of State for the outstanding leadership he has shown. Kosrae also greatly appreciates the productive ongoing organizational development that is being supported through the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs-sponsored MCSF inception award. Many individuals deserve our thanks for supporting the development of the MCSF from concept to reality. More recently we have begun to benefit greatly from the capable and collaborative support of the Graduate School as we

create the institutional mechanisms that will, surely, enhance the mission of the MCEs and add value to the work of our Committees.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I wish to express, on behalf of Kosrae State's delegation, our appreciation for the outstanding preparations that have been undertaken by Palau's Summit Secretariat. With the impressive work of Palau's team so evident, we are virtually assured of a successful 14th Summit.

Thank you very much.



3C. Opening Remarks by Hon. John Ehsa, Governor, Pohnpei State

[Greetings]

It is always great to be back in Palau since I first set foot here about twenty-eight years ago. I feel very fortunate to be part of the development of the Republic in bringing the first computer in all of Micronesia, which was first developed here in Palau. That I must cherish. I am always thankful to the people of Palau because of things that have happened between our two places, the Republic of Palau and Pohnpei. First of all, I was here when you hosted the Micronesian Games, at which time, you also received one of our men who wanted to see the games but didn't ask to come on the plane. So three months before, he set out on his boat. I want to thank you for your hospitality in taking care of him. He's now back home very healthy and he extends his greetings to everybody here in Palau.

Also I want to thank the traditional leadership for their recently completed Micronesian Traditional Chiefs. I apologize for not being able to staff my Chiefs, Traditional Chiefs here, but I understand that they went away with much joy and fulfillment from all of what transpired here in Palau.

Coming back to the agenda, Mr. President or Mr. Chairman, I want to join the sentiments expressed by the Governor of Chuuk that we need to set some timelines. And I know it's going to be very difficult but at least it's something to look forward to. In light of the recently completed conference on Climate Change in Cancun, I wonder if some of us could brief us if there's any outcomes that would be applicable, which I expect that we may be appraised of in this conference because we don't meet that often.

At the same time thank you President Mori for deferring the Center for Sustainable Future to tomorrow, because I think there are issues we need to talk about, because I believe that this body, MCES, should have a secretariat. Because we need to keep the momentum moving and building, rather than taking a break after we meet and then we regroup when we meet again six months or one year down the road.

So with that, I just wanted to say a short comment and then again thank you Mr. President for the warm welcome I and my delegation received from the airport. I didn't have to worry about the stop signs, I was being driven. And I had a really nice liaison who is a graduate of COM Pohnpei, so I thought that was a strategy to keep me safe in Palau or keep me straight.

Anyway, thank you very much to everybody.



3D. Opening Remarks by Hon. Sebastian Anefal, Governor, Yap State

[Greetings]

I think I brought to Palau the smallest delegation, with whom we bring greetings from Yap. We certainly would like to take this opportunity, Mr. President, to express our sincere appreciation to you being the host of the 14th Chief Executive Summit in Palau. Having been here for the last couple days, given the flight schedule between Yap and Palau, I certainly would like to share with you that we could not really tell the difference any longer between Yap and Palau, and the more we come to Palau the more we think we should spend more time in Palau.

The next couple days I'm sure we are going to tackle a somewhat extensive but very interesting agenda, and I see that there are a good many challenges laying before this group, many of which we have tackled before. But there remains a good deal of them that perhaps needs more focusing, as has been alluded to earlier--and I join the others in sharing the same sentiments. I think there is a greater need for this body to unite and to focus especially on the regional challenges impacting and affecting the lives of the people we represent.

Mr. President, having said a little bit about the agenda, I certainly would like to give time to all others to express their input towards the Summit. Nevertheless, I would be remiss if I did not extend our sincere sympathy and condolence to the late Senator that we gave a silent moment to this morning. He was just in Yap only a week ago taking part in the APIL. Having gone to the Philippines for treatment a number of times, and coming to Palau, then finding it very necessary, given his health condition, to travel to Yap and to return to Palau.

Mr. President, we look forward to the rest of today and tomorrow for collaborative efforts on the agenda, but at this point in time I surely would like to, once again, thank all the organizers, all the sponsors, all the donors, and especially the young ladies and gentlemen who have performed the traditional dances for all of us this morning. If I may, let's give them a good round of applause.

Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Now you have the floor.



3E. Opening Remarks by Hon. Benigno Fitiial, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands

[Greetings]

I'm just going to touch very briefly on the Federal Regional Council special meeting with the Micronesian Chief Executives that took place last month in San Francisco. But before I say that I would like to express again that it's always a pleasant visit each time I come to the beautiful Republic of Palau. And I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to His Excellency Toribiong, for his superb undertaking to host this 14th Micronesian Chief Executive Summit especially on such short notice and on behalf of people of the commonwealth, my wife Josie, and my key staff behind me, I wish to convey our warmest greetings and best wishes to all our regional partners as well as this year's organizers, participants and guests.

Just last month, Governor Camacho and I along with representatives from each of Micronesia's island governments participated in unprecedented meeting with Region Nine, Federal Regional Council in San Francisco. For the very first time our Island Nations were afforded an opportunity to put a face to the many names we have only heard of or seen on communications related to funding, policy and technical assistance. For the members of the FRC, the feeling was very much the same. Not only did we become acquainted, but moreover, our government engaged in a meaningful dialogue that involved the ever-pressing challenges we continue to face this side of the Pacific. I will be discussing this historic meeting further as we move around in the agenda.

As we all know, our region continues to combat our fair share of challenges in today's competitive global economy. Our remoteness continues to raise barriers in the very areas that we seek growth and progress, economic development, climate change, renewable energy and adequate health care. As a region, we have all grown familiar with each other's efforts to seek higher standards for our communities. This is the embodiment of the Micronesian Chief Executives' Summit. It is our regional alliance to grow together as one Micronesia. As we begin this summit, we once again breathe new life into our commitment to collectively address our pressing issues that continue to inundate our respective communities. Together we stand vigilant and ever-ready to achieve our objectives. While it has been nearly six months since we convened in Saipan, I am excited to hear of the progress that has been achieved thus far by the committees that will be delivering presentations today, tomorrow, and the day after tomorrow. Although we have accomplished certain feats together, our region continues to face considerable challenges.

In the CNMI, we continue to move forward on our efforts to address the issue of energy. This still remains a major challenge for us. Just this past weekend, consumers saw an increase of 10 to 12 cents

per gallon of fuel. This is a significant increase and a tremendous impact given the dismal state of our struggling economy. Nonetheless, we continue to explore our options in the areas of alternative and renewable energy. Last week, the Commonwealth was visited by Assistant Secretary of Interior, Insular Affairs, Mr. Tony Babauta, and a team of experts from National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL). During their site visits, these experts conducted an assessment on the viability of different types of alternative energy solutions. Moreover, Assistant Secretary Babauta and I also announced the formation of the CNMI's Energy Steering Committee. This committee will take the lead in planning out the CNMI's efforts to transition our long-standing dependency on conventional energy to the more efficient options of alternative and renewable energy. While the process may seem tedious, we remain optimistic that there's a bright future ahead of us to secure reliable and innovative solutions to our energy challenges. It will take time, but I am confident that we will get there. We have already made a consider progress together and I look forward to continuing this partnership as we move ahead in our efforts to realize the growth and development of our region.

I am also looking forward to hearing from the Micronesia Center for Sustainable Future, and I would like to hear more about the Center's progress and plans from the planning meeting that was held a couple of months ago here in Palau. The Center will soon evolve into a key movement that will mold the strategic and developmental plans of our region. Through the support of the Center we have an opportunity to achieve greater efficiency in our approach to tackle the needs of our region.

We share only two common goals: recovery and prosperity. Our recovery is a process that will be heavily dependent on our cohesive ability to improve our infrastructure. Our prosperity will be an end result to our successes in reinvigorating our economic viability and becoming dynamic contenders in the world's ever-changing market trends. Through the partnerships we already have in place, we all can recover and we all can prosper.

Thank you.



3F. Opening Remarks by Hon. Felix Camacho, Governor, Guam

Hafa Adai, and Good Morning to all! It is always a pleasure to be here in paradise. And, Mr. President, thank you for sharing your culture and the beauty of it with all the participants this morning is much appreciated.

This is my last gathering with the Micronesian Chiefs, and as I look back over the last seven years, we began in Palau and we end, at least for me, in this great and beautiful Republic. So Mr. President, Excellencies, fellow Governors, government leaders of The Republic of Palau, traditional leaders, Ibedul, members of the Ambassador Corps, Assistant Secretary Babauta, also our special guest from Hawaii, welcome, and to all participants.

It is truly remarkable that we are all here and as I reflect again over the last several years is remarkable as to how the different committees has evolved over time to address issues of great concern to the regions. We talked about the how it all began seven years ago, and the idea and the principles were founded on relationships and service, and how we as family in the Pacific Way can find ways to work together for the benefit of our people and our governments. And it all began initially as the Western Micronesian Chief Executives Summit which was only inclusive of the territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Republic of Palau and the State of Yap which is part of FSM. But over time, and I also want to thank Governor Benigno Fitiale and others who led to the inclusion of all of Micronesia. I believe even the American territory of Western Samoa Governor Tolafono is now interested on joining our group...so the Pacific family can be inclusive of not just what is considered the North Pacific but now also the South Pacific and perhaps all of Oceania. What started out as a concept based on family, based on tradition, based on services, is now evolving into truly a regional approach. I wish you all the best in the future as you continue your endeavors to find ways to help each other and succeed.

This being my last opening remark I beg of you your indulgence to allow me to extend a bit longer, as I want to share with you what I considered to be two paradigms of public servants in individuals. A person can wake up in the morning and take the attitude of "it's me against the world." And if you begin your day like that, and you live your life as such, it is already adversarial and most confrontational. If you begin your day by saying that "you know, I'm a person that is born with certain gifts and talents, and I'm actually a gift to any organization and people that I'm involved with," you now begin your life and your day with the attitude of service. And I think that's what all the leaders are here for. We are public servants, elected at the highest of levels to help our people the best we can with the resources and abilities that we have.

There is saying that it's not the load that breaks you down, but rather the way you carry it. And I think the weight of leadership for all, of us considering the challenges of being remote islands with limited resources, is a heavy burden. But how we carry it makes the difference.

Earlier today a reference was made to the bible, in a Psalms and I just want point to one portion of Psalms 15 and it says "One must walk straight, act right and tell the truth. Don't hurt your friends, don't blame your neighbor and despise the despicable. Keep your word even when it cost you. Make an honest living, never take a bribe. You'll never be blacklisted if you live like this." And I think these are some of the principles we must live by.

So as I said that it's not the load that breaks you down but rather the way that you carry it. I wanted to share a short story with you that kind of embodies this, if you allow me. It's called "Finding Your Strength," and it relates to many of us leaders. And every single person that influences another is a leader, so all of you are leaders in your own right. And it begins like this,

There was a monarch, a king of long ago who had twin sons, and there was some confusion about which one was born first. Well as they grew to young manhood, the King sought a fair way to designate one of them as Crown Prince. All who knew the young men thought them equal in intelligence, in wit, personal charm, health and physical strength. Being a keenly observant King, he thought he detected a trait in one which was not shared by the other. Calling them to his Council Chamber one day he said, "My sons, the day will come when one of you must succeed me as King. The burdens of sovereignty and leadership are a very heavy burden. To find which one of you is better able to bear them cheerfully, I'm sending you together to a far corner of the Kingdom. One of my advisors there will place equal burdens on your shoulders. My crown will one day go to the one who first returns bearing his burdens as a King should. So, in a spirit of friendly competition, the brothers setup together. And soon they came upon and aged woman struggling under a burden that seem far too heavy from her fair body. So one of the boys suggested that they stop to help her; the other brother protested and said, 'We have a burden of our own to worry about. Let us be on our way.' The objector brother hurried on while the other stayed behind to give aid to the aged and old woman. Along the road, from day to day, he found others who also needed help. A blind man took him miles out of his way and a layman slowed him to his cripples walk. Eventually, he did reach his father's advisor, where he secured his own burden and started home with his safely on his shoulders. When he arrived at the palace, his brother, the objector, met him at the gate greeting his with dismay, then he said, 'I don't understand! I told our father the burden was too heavy to carry. How did you do it?' The future King replied thoughtfully, 'I supposed when I helped others carry their burden, I found this strength to carry my own.'

And so, all of us have had many burdens to carry, but it is in the service of others that we will find the strength to carry our own in our leadership.

I used that as a segue into what I had presented in San Francisco. I recognized the individual from the Office of Economic Adjustment, Department of Defense, that had been very instrumental in providing the Territory of Guam the funding and resources to understand the burden of this eventual military

build-up. As an island without the experience or capacity having dealt with such an endeavor, I realized that I could not navigate my way without proper advice and help. And my prayers were answered in the form of a man named Gary Kouravara. I properly honored him with an award called the "Ancient Order of the Chamorro". And that award is significant of others from offshore who have come to our island to help our people in a ways that we could not imagine. It's an honor bestowed by me, as governor, on others and signed by legislative speakers to designate and honor such an individual.

But today, I would like to also recognize two others that had come to my aid in my time as governor as consultants to try and navigate our way and understand the intricacies and complexities of a military build-up. And today, I'm honored to present the Ancient Order of the Chamorro to two individuals from Matrix Design Group, Celeste Werner and Mike Hrapla. Can you please come forward and receive the award.

And with that, I thank you very much.



3G. Opening Remarks by His Excellency Emanuel Mori, President, Federated States of Micronesia

[Greetings]

I want to join the previous speakers in expressing our deep gratitude to President Toribiong and the people of Palau for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to us since our arrival at the airport last night. Like so many of our previous speakers, I always feel like I am home being in Palau. I have so many friends here with whom we share hardships at Xavier High School. So I have this ability with the young boys and now their distinguished officials of Palau. We went through hardships at Xavier High School but I'm very grateful that the rewards are very big. One of them is Dr Yano who is now a high official in the administration.

Governor Camacho, I want to thank you very much. You have contributed so much to the Summit and to the entire region. Being a gracious host to our FSM citizens in Guam, I want to thank you very much, not only for the FSM citizens but the Micronesian citizens as well. That goes to Governor Fitial as well, who is also hosting a lot of Micronesian brothers and sisters. And to President Toribiong who is also hosting a good number of FSM citizens, especially students. It just shows the sharing and love toward our Micronesian region for those of us who are in need of being helped by those who have means. So I want to continue to thank you for your contributions.

Truly, we're going to miss your friendship, your contributions, active participation in the discussions that taken us to where we are right now. But we still have so many challenges ahead of us. And only through collective cooperation can we resolve some of these very big and important challenges. One of them is the Center. And I thank all those who are working behind the scenes, to make progress that we don't even know. I want to thank you very much for helping the Center. And because I am the current Secretary General, I want to focus on that. We have so many challenges and we need to talk about some kind of reforms on the way we conduct business during the Summit. For the Federated State of Micronesia we really cannot afford to meet four times a year. We bring a lot of people who participate in the various committees. So I would like to see some kind of change to the way we conduct business. Perhaps if I could suggest maybe twice a year, and also cutting down the number of committees that will be making presentations, until we can see some tangible progress. Those are just suggestions because we really need to make progress, tangible progress.

I, of course, thank Governor Fitial for hosting us last time and now President Toribiong. I thank you very much, but I think we need to see results of these meetings. So I hope during this meeting we will be able to discuss these difficult and challenging issues. That is the reason why I have requested that we defer

the agenda for today until tomorrow on the Micronesia Center for a Sustainable Future, and I thank you very much for agreeing that we defer it until tomorrow.

I don't want to talk too much because most of the important things have been said and I want to close by again thanking Governor Camacho for his contributions, active participation and hosting our many citizens in Guam. Governor Weilbacher is not here, but I also, on our behalf thank him because he's going out also as governor of Kosrae.

I need your prayers because I have an election in March. This could be my last meeting also, so I want to thank you very much for this opportunity.



3H. Opening Remarks by His Excellency Jurelang Zedkaia, President, Republic of the Marshall Islands

[Greetings]

Two weeks ago my mother passed away. And at that time I was thinking of spending some time with my family and my brothers and sisters since I am the oldest. But I thanked him for encouraging me to come to this very important Summit, and also to join my fellow leaders from all over Micronesia, all the regions. So I bring you one greetings and yokwe from the people and the Government of the Republic of Marshall Islands.

At the outset, I want to thank His Excellency, President Johnson Toribiong and the people of Palau for their generosity in hosting this 14th Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit. I am also honored and privileged to join you here today as we continue to discuss areas of mutual interest to us, as individual countries and as a region in the Pacific.

My fellow executives, this forum has resulted in productive dialogue among our countries. We have discussed many administrative, social, economic and other major issues confronting our people. We have achieved much in the MCES and I appreciate the cooperation and collaboration we have collectively demonstrated to address the aforesaid issues so as to improve our way of life. The RMI has committed to progress on issues of regional imprudence. As you may be aware, the RMI is currently implementing various programs and projects relating to improve water and sanitation given that this constitutes one of the final issues facing the region of the world today. We appreciate FSM and Palau support on this endeavor as well as MCES consideration of including the issue and the establishment of an Environment, Water and Sanitation working group in the MCES. I am hopeful that the final discussion of this agenda will make this proposal a reality.

Fellow executives, in closing, I again offer my appreciation to his Excellency President Toribiong and the people of Palau for hosting this 14th MCES. I'm looking forward to a productive and successful meeting. Finally, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Thank you.



3I. Opening Remarks by His Excellency Johnson Toribiong, President, Republic of Palau

[Greetings]

Today, Palau is honored and blessed to have so many leaders from across the Pacific to converge on our island to address issues of great concern to us as a region, from climate change, to transportation, to health, to the preservation of our environment, and others. Coming together sends a message to the world that we occupy a great and strategic region of the world, ranging from the Marshall Islands to the East, to the Western-most island Nation of Palau. In our personal life, in our political life, we have to make decisions at every step of the way. So as we gather here today, it's our responsibility to make the right decisions concerning the challenges ahead. Our obligation is to improve the living standard, indeed the quality of life, of our people. So in this context, I would like to convey my special recognition of those who have been so generous and supportive of our island nations and states. And this comes from our friends and allies around the world.

We in Micronesia, share a common history, a history which brought us into a special relationship with the United States. And for that we are most thankful. So let me begin by expressing the gratitude of the people of Palau to the United States, to her Excellency Helen Patricia Reed-Rowe, to Assistant Secretary of Interior Tony Babauta, to the Governor of Guam--first, for being such gracious host to our people who live in the territory of Guam and in the United States. Many reside in the beautiful State of Hawaii. At this time we have amongst us, a State Senator who is here from the State of Hawaii. I'd like to thank you for being such a gracious host to many of our people who live in Hawaii.

In this context, I'd like to thank the honorable delegate from Guam, Madeline Bordallo, for being so supportive of the cause of our people, especially during the Compact review period. She has sent letters of support to key leaders in the United States and US Congress. In the state of Hawaii, we have Senator Inouye and Akaka who have been most supportive of the cause and the best interest of the Palauan people. So I want to thank the United States. Guam and CNMI are members of the American political family. To her Excellency, Patricia Helen Reed-Rowe, the Micronesian States, the Freely Associated States of the FSM, the Marshall Islands and Palau, in my opinion are members of the American extended political family. And I thank Ben Fitia and Governor Camacho for attending the council in Region 9 in San Francisco and thank Secretary Babauta for his support. Secretary, I thank you for travelling thousands of miles, across many time zones, to come to Palau to show your support. We consider your presence as an indication of the United States' commitment to help our countries. Thank you very much.

I'd also like to express our profound gratitude to his Excellency Yoshiyuki Sadaoka, an ambassador from Japan to Republic of Palau, the very first full Ambassador to be appointed to reside in Palau. Japan has been such a gracious and generous friend of Palau. They have done so much for us, and for that, I thank Japan. Let's give them a round of applause.

Today we are also fortunate to have amongst us her Excellency, Susan Cox, the Ambassador from Australia to the Republic of Palau, to the Republic of Marshall Island and Federated States of Micronesia. She's stationed there and she is making her last trip to Palau to say farewell to us. They have done so much for us, and they have established close and friendly ties between your country and the Islands in the Pacific. Madam Ambassador we thank you very much for your country's support and for your warm friendship with our people. Let's give her a round of applause.

I'd also like to recognize honorable Romulo Velasco representing the Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines, our closest Metropolitan neighbor. We share so much with Republic of the Philippines from labor force to education, to medical care. We thank the Philippines for being a close neighbor and a friend. Let's give the Philippines a round of applause.

We are so fortunate to have so many friends around the world to be friend our small nations. Our culture was shaped in fashioned, by our Island environment, by our interactions. Today we are blessed that we have so many generous friends from all over the world. I would like to give special recognition to the Ambassador to the Republic of Palau from the Republic of China. Please stand up and be recognized. Before I was elected President I was appointed the first Ambassador to the Republic of China, Taiwan. I learned so much from them and I would like to say that without their support, along with others, Palau, and most of us, would not be where we are today. And today I'd like to give special thanks to her Excellency, because when you choose Palau to be the venue for this conference instead of the State of Kosrae, we had to find funding for this conference. It would be remiss for me not to publicly acknowledge the special support from the Republic of China, in the form of \$50,000 grant to underwrite the cost of this conference. And for that we are most grateful, your Excellency.

I have heard wonderful words from all of you and to his Excellency President Zedkaia, I want to convey our condolences to you and to your family from the passing of your mother. And to the Governor of Guam, I wish you all the best as you exit from the heat of public life. And to his Excellency President Mori, I wish you all the best, and may the best man win, and you're the best.

Thank you and may God bless this conference. Thank you very much for being such wonderful guests.



4A. UN Framework Convention on Climate Change COP16



Presentation Outline



- Number of Country participated
- Number of Head of States and Governments
- Number of Pacific Island Countries participated
- Palau's Participation
- Cancun Outcome

Countries Participated



- COP16/COM6 (Cancun Mexico)
 - Parties and Observer to the UNFCCC
 - 194 Party and Observer Countries
 - Most, if not all, Countries Participated

Leaders Participated **(High Level Segment Dec. 7-9, 2010)**



- **Heads of State**
 - Presidents
 - Prime Ministers
 - Vice Presidents
- **Heads of Government**
 - Ministers

Pacific Island Countries



- **Pacific Region**
 - **South Pacific Countries**
 - Nauru
 - Kiribati
 - Samoa
 - And many others
 - **North Pacific Countries**
 - Republic of the Marshall Islands (Minister Ruben Zackhras, became bureau member representing PIC)
 - Federated States of Micronesia
 - Republic of Palau



Contribution



- Opening of High Level Plenary
 - Onstage with H. E. President Calderon- Mexico
 - Ban Ki-Moon – UN Secretary General
 - Christina Figueres – UNFCCC Secretary General
 - H. E. President Marcus Stephen- Nauru
 - H. E. President Alvaro Caballeros- Guatemala
 - H. E. President Toribiong - Palau

"The oceans, which once sustained us, are now threatening to swallow us whole," By President Toribiong



Cancun Outcome



- COP16 exceeded expectation by reaching a consensus agreement on:
 - **Finance**
 - **Green Climate Fund** - mechanism to transfer funds from developed countries to developing countries to adapt cleaner energy
 - Confirms the intention to raise and disburse \$100bn a year by 2020. Detail will be developed at COP17.
 - **Fast Start Financing** - confirms a total of \$30bn to support developing countries up to 2012

"Cancun Can" by President Calderon, Mexico





4B1. Pacific Workforce Investment Workgroup (PWIW) Committee



Report

Summaries:

The RWDC and PWIW delegates continue to nurture and support the regional economies strategies guided by the established Workforce Innovation Regional Economic Development (WIRED) principles and Strategic Doing!. ***Micronesia Works...Shaping Regional Talent Development Systems*** localizes good jobs for everyone as the signature framework for defining and guiding the RWDC workforce demand, supply, and training priority strategic areas. This approach continues to deliver and update the provisions of the RWDC 5-year strategic plan. The RWDC and the Pacific Workforce Investment Workgroup (PWIW) delegates held its technical meetings in Koror, Republic of Palau on December 13-14, 2010.

Presiding RWDC Chair, Josephine Ulengchong, convened the RWDC/PWIW meeting sessions with participating delegates (Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and Republic of the Marshall Islands, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, and Guahan, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, and observers: Center for Micronesia Empowerment (CME). Area reports highlighted program updates and workforce investment/development strategic opportunities.

Detail discussions are provided in the RWDC/PWIIW meeting sessions. In these discussions, promoting the RWDC regional workforce right jobs signature embraces the desired Pacific regionalism charter and periodic alignment and updates to the plan. The recommended provisions represent the council updates that may be of interest to the Chief Executives and specific RWDC recommendations presented for endorsement.

The following recommendations include:

1. As it relates to the 13th MCES recommendations, the RWDC recommends that the MCES prepares a follow-up letter to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor regarding the status of the MCES Regional Job Corps Initiative.
2. The RWDC/PWIIW continues to endorse the importance of extending the training opportunities for Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) to expand into the region. This includes leveraging the existing PTAC structures that exist in Guam, as well as including related programming support strategies i.e. Small Business Development Center through the Small Business Administration (SBA).
3. The RWDC's "STEAM" initiative provides for the positioning of the K-12 and post-secondary educational delivery systems to support Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture/Aquaculture and Math in response to the 21st Century talent development skill sets. The RWDC recommends MCES to continue reinforcing the STEAM initiative across all levels of the learning continuum.
4. The RWDC/PWIIW recognizes self-employment as a workforce outcome, therefore promotes and endorses the ideals of entrepreneurship as defined in the 5-year strategic plan. The RWDC/PWIIW continues to promote the regional branding of the Made-in-Micronesia strategy. The RWDC/PWIIW recommends extending invitations to all regional Chamber of Commerce organizations to support the E-commerce regional initiative and to include active partnering of the Small Business Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture programs and access to program resources.
5. As it relates to the Guam Military Buildup, the RWDC/PWIIW recommends expanding the NDAA's area of solicitation to include specific recruitment strategies that allow U.S. citizens and Micronesia workers to be the order of priority in support of the MCES Micronesia Works interests.
6. The RWDC/PWIIW recommends endorsing the resolutions provided by the collaborative entities (Center for Micronesia Empowerment and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community) specific to the provisions defined in the 5-year strategic plan goal areas and objectives. The RWDC/PWIIW recognizes the positive contributions to the MCES RWDC Strategic plan and respects the sensitivities and collaborative interests of each area, while promoting the Micronesia Works! in the right way.

Republic of Palau:

Josephine Ulungchong, Palau WIA Office

Elmera Syozitaro, Palau Department of Labor

Vincent Ito, Palau Community College

Kenny Reklai, Koror State Youth Council

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Edith DeLeon Guerrero, CNMI Workforce Investment Agency

Federated States of Micronesia:

Grilly Jack, College of Micronesia FSM

Iromy Bruton, Department of Education, Chuuk

Bersita Elimo, Department of Education, Chuuk

Gerson Jackson, FSM Consul General

Guam:

Peter Barcinas, Guam Workforce Investment Board

Maria Connelley, Guam Department of Labor

Martha Rubic, Guam Department of Labor

Joleen Santos, Guam Department of Labor

Republic of the Marshall Islands:

Marie Maddison, National Training Council

Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC):

Amena Youvali, SPC Regional Office-FSM Pohnpei

Center for Micronesian Empowerment:

Jay Merrill, Board Member

Mike Ghiglione, CME Executive Director





4B2. Pacific Workforce Investment Workgroup (PWIW) Presentation





**Approach to Workforce and
Economic Development
Sensitive to regional
circumstances and uniqueness**

RWDC MEMBERSHIP

- Republic of Palau
- Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Guåhan
- Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community

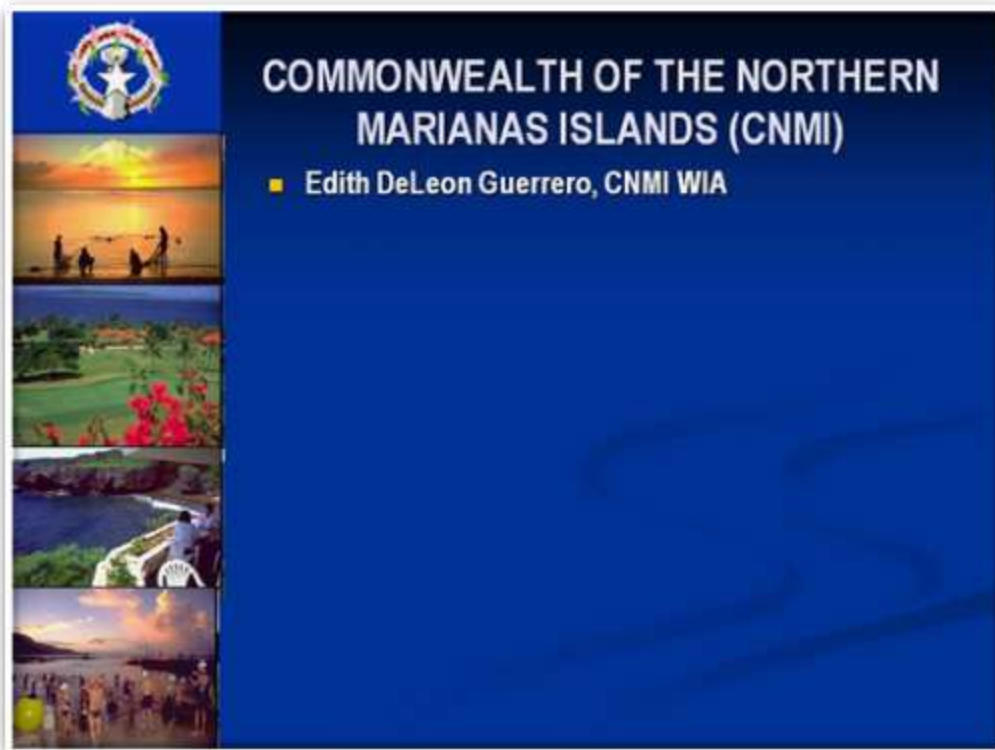




The slide for the Republic of Palau features a vertical strip of four images on the left: the Palau flag (a yellow sun on a blue field), a coastal landscape with a bay and green hills, a blue shark swimming in clear water, and a lush green waterfall. The main content area has a dark blue background with the title 'REPUBLIC OF PALAU' in white. Below the title is a list of four names and their affiliations, each preceded by a small yellow square bullet point.

REPUBLIC OF PALAU

- Josephine Ulengchong, Palau WIA Office
- Elmera Syozitaro, Department of Labor
- Vincent Ito, Palau Community College
- Kenny Reklai, Koror State Youth Council



The slide for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) features a vertical strip of five images on the left: the CNMI seal (a star surrounded by a wreath), a sunset over the ocean with silhouettes of people, a green golf course with a red flower in the foreground, a white bridge over a river, and a group of people standing on a beach. The main content area has a dark blue background with the title 'COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS (CNMI)' in white. Below the title is a list of one name and their affiliation, preceded by a small yellow square bullet point.

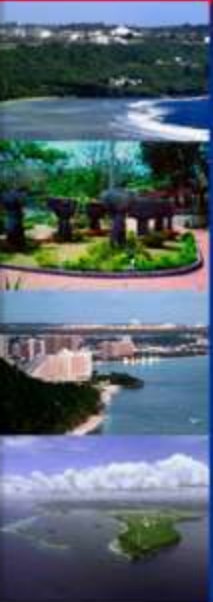
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS (CNMI)

- Edith DeLeon Guerrero, CNMI WIA




FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (FSM)

- Gerson Jackson, FSM Consul General
- Grilly Jack, College of Micronesia-FSM
- Iromy Bruton, Department of Education – Chuuk
- Bersita Elimo, Department of Education – Chuuk
- Bernard Gorong, Workforce Enrichment Division, Department of Resources and Development – Yap State
- Tony Torwan, Workforce Enrichment Division, Department of Resources and Development – Yap State

GUÅHAN

- Peter Barcinas, Guåhan Workforce Investment Board
- Maria Connelley, Guåhan Department of Labor
- Joleen Santos, Guåhan Department of Labor
- Martha Rubic, Guåhan Department of Labor



**DID YOU
KNOW**



MILITARY BUILDUP PROFILES

**DOD Planning Efforts for
Guam - Construction**

**12,000 and 25,000
laborers**

**would be required to execute
\$2.5 billion effort of construction
WIP annually**

Source: CMTF Labor Subcommittee

MILITARY BUILDUP PROFILES

DOD Planning Efforts for Guam - Construction

- Port Infrastructure & Labor Considerations
- Workforce & Housing
- Health & Utilities Capacity
- Roads and Bridges



**So, why are
we doing
this?**

**Transformation of our
regional economies**





RWDC

5 yr. Strategic Plan

PROGRESS REPORT



- Regional Job Corps Letter of Support
- Assistance from the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs (OCIA)

**Job Corps Participants
CNMI (Rota)**

PROGRESS REPORT



Guam Power Authority
Apprentices

- **Procurement and Contracts Acquisitions Training Initiative**

- Department of Interior/Office of Insular Affairs continues to provide Grants and Financial Management Training

- Procurement and Technical Assistance Center Training

PROGRESS REPORT



Noel Lazaga at Guahan Department of Labor Special Challenges Job Fair, April 2010

•Self-employed (4N Yard and Maintenance)

- **E-Commerce Micronesia, Made-in-Micronesia, and Micronesia Saves**

- Self-employment (Small Business Development Center & Small Business Administration)

- Working with education and economic development partners

PROGRESS REPORT



Electronic Technology Advance
Certification Program Participants
College of Micronesia-FSM

- Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture/Aquaculture, Math (STEAM) Initiative
 - Learning Continuum – Life long learning

PROGRESS REPORT



- Expand NDAA recruitment requirements for contractors to include PWIW/RWDC talent recruitment priority
 - Areas of solicitation (Guam, Micronesia, U.S. & Territories)
 - Center for Micronesian Empowerment

**DID YOU
KNOW**



MARIANAS MILITARY BUILDUP:

**MILITARY FORCE &
DEPENDENTS**

32,910

Source: U.S. Secretary of Navy Planning Report to U.S. Congress (September 2008)



**MARIANAS MILITARY
BUILDUP:**

MANPOWER NEEDS
Work in Place (WIP)

For every \$1billion WIP
5,000 to 10,000 workers

\$2 billion WIP
12,000 to 25,000 workers

WHY MICRONESIA WORKS?



WE ARE FAMILY!!!



Deatra Iehsi, Participant; Electronics Program
College of Micronesia-FSM

SHAPING A REGIONAL TALENT DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

**DID YOU
KNOW**



**MICRONESIA'S
WORKFORCE**

**150,000
(Private and
Government
employees)**









FUTURE REGIONAL WORKFORCE



Telecommunications Program Participants
College of Micronesia-FSM



Guam Passport-to-Careers Youth Program
Allied Health Participant

SOURCING HIGH GROWTH JOB TRAINING INITIATIVES



Guam Shipyard Apprentice

Boosting apprenticeship training opportunities



Trainees in Automotive, Electrical
& Plumbing Trades
RMI Trades Training Center



Participant in ROC-RMI Vocational
Jitok Kapeel Training Project



MICRONESIA'S ALLIED HEALTH CAREERS



**Nursing Assistant Program Participants
CNMI**



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Follow-up letter to
USDOL Secretary of Labor
on Regional Job Corps
Center**
- 2) Leveraging existing
PTAC structures**



RECOMMENDATIONS

3) Continue reinforcing STEAM Initiative



4) Invite regional Chamber of Commerce Organizations



RECOMMENDATIONS

5) Expand NDAA area of solicitation of workers



6) Endorse resolutions (CME & SPC)

THANK YOU!
Mesulang





4C1. Micronesia Challenge Committee Report

Since the 13th Micronesia Chief Executive Summit, solid progress has been made on implementation of the Micronesia Challenge. The MC Steering Committee provided an update on the election of new officers with CNMI Focal Point Fran Castro as the new Chair, RMI Focal Point Yumi Crisostomo as the new Vice-chair, and Guam Focal Point Vangie Lujan as the new Secretary. Palau has confirmed that they will host the MC Regional Office and is currently identifying an appropriate space. The MC Committee also developed a draft 5-year Strategic Action Plan for the Steering Committee and Regional Office, articulating their vision, mission, and goals and objectives, and clarifying roles and responsibilities, to be finalized by the end of January 2011. The MC Committee has agreed on reducing the annual dues to \$10,000 per jurisdiction to be contributed at the beginning of each fiscal year. In addition, Charlene Mersai resigned as Regional Coordinator in October to pursue other interests and the Committee thanked her for hard work on the position for the past two years. The Regional Coordinator position terms of reference (TOR) are currently being refined and once finalized the position will be advertised.

The MC Committee also reported on conservation measures, fundraising and sustainable finance and communications. For conservation measures, the MC regional database coordinated by the Office of the Palau Automated Land and Resource Information System (PALARIS) is currently being piloted and a workshop on standardizing marine data collection and analysis with participants throughout Micronesia was held in Saipan, CNMI in November 2010, with support from NOAA. In terms of fundraising, Governor Fitial presented an “ask” for support for all jurisdictions in the Challenge at the last U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting held in Gum, Saipan, and Pohnpei in September 2010 and NOAA is currently working to secure approximately \$1.5-2M annually in their budgets as a result of his request. Palau’s Green Fee has brought in a total of nearly \$1.3 million since inception of the program in November 2009 and the Protected Areas Network Board is in the process of being chartered. In addition, the MC Regional Business Plan draft is currently under review by the MC Focal Points and appropriate agencies in each jurisdiction and will be finalized by the end of December. The plan will then be presented to the Chief Executives for review and endorsement. And finally, for communications, Guam and CNMI have initiated the MC Marketing, Outreach & Sustainable Support Plan, including the redesign of the website (www.micronesiachallenge.org), featuring interactive newsletters to be updated quarterly and a series with episodes focusing on different aspects of the MC. A Sponsorship Drive will be launched in January 2011. The Committee also provided an update on the MC Young Champions program which includes new interns for CNMI (2), Guam (1), RMI (1), FSM (1), and Palau (2). The Young Champions from Palau, Demei Yobech and Youri Ito, presented on their work with the Micronesia Shark Foundation to produce photo I.D. shark clips and a Shark Comic Activity Book, the tree and clam planting activities they

coordinated as part of the Global Work Party with the 350 Organization, a global movement committed to the problem of climate change, and their new projects with the Palau International Coral Reef Center and Palau Conservation Society.

The MC Committee then briefed leaders on the next steps that need to be taken to continue to move the MC forward, including:

- Implementation of recommendations for sustainable financing identified in MC Regional Business Plan, at the jurisdictional level;
- Securing additional funding for regional terrestrial measures workshop (currently \$16,000 has been secured from The Nature Conservancy);
- Collaboration with other environmental initiatives (e.g., invasive species, solid waste, energy, MCSF, etc.)

Based on the recommendations of the MC Steering Committee, the Chief Executives directed the following actions to ensure that the Micronesia Challenge continues its momentum to provide significant benefits to the people of our region:

- Engaging in bi-lateral and multi-lateral high level discussions to leverage support for MC
- Continuing to promote the MC at regional and international levels to sustain interest in the initiative and help fundraising efforts for both the endowment and ongoing regional work, especially at the following meetings:
 - US Coral Reef Task Force Meeting in Washington, DC in February 2011
 - Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Hawaii in November 2011
 - 17th Conference of the Parties to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change y (UNFCCC COP16) in South Africa in November –December 2011
- Continuing to support policies for on-the-ground conservation and mainstreaming of environmental efforts in development plans



4C2. Micronesia Challenge Presentation



Steering Committee Progress

- Election of New Officers:
 - Chair: Fran Castro, CNMI
 - Vice Chair: Yumi Crisostomo, RMI
 - Secretary: Vangie Lujan, Guam
- Palau has confirmed hosting the MCRO- identifying space
- Developed a draft 5-year Strategic Action Plan for Steering Committee and Regional Office –January 2011
- Annual Dues reduced to \$10,000
- Regional Coordinator position TOR to be refined and then will be advertised

Progress in Fundraising



- Governor Fitial presented an "ask" for support for all jurisdictions in the Challenge at the last U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting. ~\$1.5-2M being considered annually as a result of his request
- Remaining MOUs between jurisdictions & MCT for MC endowment to be signed (4 out of 5 signed; Guam awaiting signature)
- Palau's Green Fee has brought in a total of ~\$1.3million since inception. PAN Board in the process of being chartered.
- MC Regional Business Plan final draft under review by FPs and agencies - December 2010



Progress in Conservation Measures

- A workshop on standardizing marine data collection and analysis was held in Saipan (Nov., 2010). Participants throughout Micronesia attended. Support from NOAA.
- MC regional database is being piloted-PALARIS is leading this effort

		Strategic Planning						Pres./ E.O or Leg. Res.	MOU with MCT	Sust. Finance Plan	Resource Assess- ment (REAs)	Monitor- ing	Annual Dues 2009/10
		NBSA PLAS	ERA/ CWC S	PAs	Site- based	Gap Ana- lysis	Water- shed Partners- hips/ Mgmt.						
CNMI		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
F S M	Y	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	C	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓
	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	K	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Guam		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x		✓	✓	✓
Palau		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
RMI		✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

NBSAP: National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
 LAS: Local Action Strategies
 CWCS: Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy

X = In progress
 ✓ = completed or recurring regularly

Sustainable Finance Plan Identifies Costs, Funds and Gaps

Jurisdictions	Recurrent Costs	Available Funds	Funding Shortfall	Potential Funds	Funding Gap	Non-Endowment Funds	Remaining Gap
MCRO	201,201	50,000	151,201	-	151,201	25,000	126,201
CNMI	3,437,218	1,967,010	1,470,208	6,000,000	-	-	-
Guam	8,511,990	5,261,023	3,250,967	20,528,330	-	-	-
Palau	3,219,594	2,294,451	925,144	451,500	473,644	-	473,644
RMI	1,853,539	563,336	1,290,202	532,000	758,202	110,000	648,202
FSM	3,794,809	962,975	2,831,834	1,079,495	1,752,348	273,341	1,479,007
Chuuk	1,357,282	197,137	1,160,145	354,261	805,885	127,085	678,800
Koror	485,193	76,499	408,694	160,041	248,653	61,656	186,997
Pohnpei	1,299,344	572,171	727,173	265,395	461,778	13,500	443,278
Yap	652,990	117,168	535,822	299,790	236,032	71,100	164,932
Total	21,018,351	11,098,794	9,919,556	28,591,316	3,135,394	408,341	2,727,053

Process:

1. Identify Recurrent Costs and Available Funds to calculate Funding Shortfall.
2. Identify Potential Funds to calculate Funding Gap.
3. Designate Non-Endowment Funds to calculate Remaining Gap.

Endowment will address Remaining Gap
Jurisdictions will need to raise Non-Endowment Funds

Communications



- Guam and CNMI have initiated the MC Marketing, Outreach & Sustainable Support Plan)
 - Website: www.micronesiachallenge.org
 - Newsletter
 - Sponsorship Drive
- MC Young Champions
 - CNMI (2)
 - Guam (1)
 - RMI (1)
 - FSM (1)
 - Palau (2)

Next Steps



- Implement recommendations for Sustainable Financing identified in MC Regional Business Plan
- Secure additional funding for a regional terrestrial workshop (currently \$16,000 confirmed w/TNC)
- Collaborate with other environmental initiatives (e.g., invasive species, solid waste, energy, MCSF, etc.)

Recommendations

- Encourage Chief Executives to take part high-level
 - USCRTF in Washington DC – Feb 2011
 - APEC – Hawaii Nov 2011
 - U.N. FCCC COP 17 in South Africa 2011
- Continue to engage in bi-lateral and multi-lateral high level discussions to leverage support for MC

Micronesia Challenge Internship Program

Demei Yobech and Youri Ito

The Micronesia Challenge Young Champion Internship Program

- The Micronesia Challenge hosts an internship program to help prosper future leaders to their respective islands to help with our MC goal.
- Each jurisdiction is allocated two interns who are dedicated to helping achieve the ambitions set by the Micronesia Challenge.



Past Projects Micronesian Shark Foundation

We worked with the Micronesian Shark Foundation on various projects:

1. Photo I.D. shark clips
2. Created Shark Comic Activity Book (Soon to be published)

Global Work Party

Day assigned by the 350 Organization, a global movement committed to the problem of climate change

- Tree Planting
- Clam Planting



Current Projects

- Youri Ito- working as an intern at the Palau International Coral Reef Center
- Demei Yobech- working as an intern at Palau Conservation Society



Thank You!



Any Questions?



4D1. Regional Invasive Species Council (RISC) Committee Report

Background

The mission of the RISC is: “To reduce the likelihood of introduction of invasive alien species to islands across the region and to control or, when feasible, rid our islands of existing invasions through coordination of efforts throughout the Western Pacific.” As noted in previous reports, cooperation through RISC has yielded significant progress in the advancement of invasive species awareness, prevention, and control in Micronesia; this regional cooperation is essential for both regional and local successes.

Accomplishments Since the 13th Summit:

The RISC met December 13th and 14th, 2010, to prepare for the 14th Micronesia Chief Executives’ Summit (MCES). At this meeting, the Chair of the RISC rotated from the Kosrae to Pohnpei. The incoming Chair is Kadalino Lorens, iStop Chairman. RISC thanked Steven George for his excellent work and leadership of the RISC during the previous year. RISC also congratulated Bejay Obispo (Pohnpei) as the new Vice-Chair, and elected Diane Vice (Guam) as Secretary/Treasurer.

The RISC calendar for 2011, an important awareness-raising tool, will be completed in December and distributed in early 2011. The calendar was funded by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), and coordinated by the RISC Secretary.

Letters from the Micronesia Chief Executives and RISC were sent requesting support from US National Invasive Species Council (NISC) for a full-time NISC-funded position within Micronesia to assist with coordination of invasive species efforts in Micronesia.

RISC members have supported the development of the Micronesia Biosecurity Plan (MBP) by providing local expertise to federal scientists who are completing the risk and pathway analysis reports that form the basis for the MBP. The scientific reports are due March 2011 and RISC will coordinate an informal review of these reports by local experts in each jurisdiction. RISC participation in the development process will help ensure that the final MBP will accurately portray priorities and needs within Micronesia for restricting introductions and spread of invasive species throughout Micronesia.

In order to plan for the eventual implementation of the MBP, a proposal to develop a Strategic Implementation Plan was submitted to DOD for funding. **The Chief Executives can ensure the most benefit from this plan by instructing their invasive species coordinators and other appropriate staff to actively support the MBP and its implementation.**

Individual member accomplishments are described in the attached member reports.

Recommendations:

We recommend that the members of the 14th Micronesian Chief Executives' Summit include the following in their communiqué:

- The Chief Executives reaffirm their commitment to provide a permanent and full-time Invasive Species Coordinator for each jurisdiction.
- The Chief Executives reaffirm their commitment to identify, in writing to the Chair of RISC, two representatives to RISC from each state and national jurisdiction.
- The Chief Executives reaffirm their commitment to send RISC representatives to two workshop-style meetings per year, in addition to the Summits, to collaborate on invasive species issues and priority actions.
- The Chief Executives reaffirm their commitment to provide a minimum of \$2,500 from each jurisdiction to fund RISC's priority projects, as soon as the RISC bank account has been opened.
- The Chief Executives agree to continue to instruct their invasive species coordinators and other appropriate staff to participate actively in the development of the Micronesia Biosecurity Plan (MBP).
- The Chief Executives agree to sign a letter requesting SPC to fill the position of Plant Protection Specialist for Micronesia in 2011.
- The Chief Executives agree to sign letter of support to MCSF for funding strategic action plan and emergency response training for RISC members in April 2011.



4D2. Regional Invasive Species Council (RISC) Presentation



RISC Action Items

- 2011 Micronesian Invasive Species Calendar
- US National Invasive Species Council position within Micronesia
- Update of strategic action plan
- Emergency response training
- Brown Treesnake response training
- Awareness materials
- Micronesia Biosecurity Plan

Micronesia Biosecurity Plan

- This plan is being developed by U.S. federal scientists with support of local experts. It will include risk analyses, and will identify how to minimize the risk of:
 - New invasive species arriving in Micronesia, and
 - Spread of existing invasive species throughout Micronesia
- Draft science reports due in March 2011

MCES Action Items

- The Chief Executives reaffirm their commitment to:
 - provide a permanent and full-time Invasive Species Coordinator for each member state
 - Identify in writing two RISC members for each member state
 - continue to send RISC members to one workshop/meeting between Summits
 - provide \$2,500 each to fund priority RISC projects – *Waiting for MCSF to establish bank account*

MCES New Actions

RISC recommends that the Chief Executives:

- Sign letter requesting SPC to fill the position of Plant Protection Specialist for Micronesia in 2011
- Sign letter of support to MCSF for funding strategic action plan and emergency response training for RISC members in April 2011
- Commit to strengthen biosecurity within their jurisdictions by improving capacity of front line staff, infrastructure, and funding





4E1. Regional Energy Committee Report

Since the 13th MCES held in CNMI (June 2010) the Regional Energy Committee has moved forward with the directives set forth by the Chief Executives to which we are pleased to report on:

- Green Energy Micronesia (GEM) initiative

Recognizing that the GEM initiative remains our regional vision and platform in addressing mitigation to climate change, the REC is pleased to report the

 1. Continuous full support and advocacy that has been voiced and documented at the National, Regional and International arenas.
 2. Active on-the-ground EE & RE projects and research being implemented by all jurisdictions to meet the 20-30-20 Target.
- Information sharing; peer to peer exchanges regarding innovative mechanisms
 1. 1st Polynesia/Micronesia Regional Symposium on Energy Security - held in Saipan (Oct.19-21, 2010) and hosted by the Energy Development in Island Nations (EDIN) partnership.
 - a. Where Palau was invited to present and share the success stories of the Energy Efficiency Subsidy Program and the Renewable Energy Financing Program which is a collaborative effort amongst the Palau Energy Office, Palau National Development Bank and Palau Public Utilities corp. to promote accessibility and deployment RE and EE technology through cost effective financing mechanisms.
 2. Center for Island Sustainability Conference – to be held in 2011 “Launching the Guam MCSF Energy Policy Network.
 3. National initiatives to develop country specific energy sector websites for regional and international sharing and accessibility energy data, statistics and projects.
- Financial and Technical support to the energy sectors
 1. European Union – EDF10 North REP funds and installation of country based energy specialists for each of the FAS countries.
 2. U.S Government ARRA funds for RE and EE to each of the U.S. Territories.
 - Goal is to assess how each of these funds can be tapped to support or co-fund regional energy initiatives such as the Micronesia Energy Association (MEA).
- Framework for Action on Energy Security in the Pacific
 1. Finalized and adopted by distinguished Energy Ministers and/or Energy Representatives of each Pacific Island Country and Territory (PICT) as members to the Secretariat to the Pacific Community (SPC).

2. Acknowledges the primacy of National Energy Policies and Plans as the principal means for achieving energy security in the Pacific.
- Micronesia Energy Association
 1. The Committee continues to be guided by the mandate placed upon us by previous MCES and the 10th MPS, noting the importance of strengthening energy coordination on a regional approach through the Micronesia Energy Association (MEA).
 2. We continue to remain in engaged consultation with SPC, as the Pacific Regional Leader on Energy Issues, to assist us, as agreed to by the Presidents at its 10th Micronesia Presidents Summit held in Koror, Palau, identifying the following key activities that will make up the appropriate model of the MEA:
 - a. Formulation of a 'Road Map'
 - b. Formulation of a Terms of Reference (ToR);
 - c. Assessment of the capacities needed in various jurisdictions including the MEA;
 - d. Assessment of all available and possible financing options and the defining of a sustainable financing plan;
 - e. Clearly defined partnership-framework with all relevant development partners and stakeholders of the energy sector in a coordinated whole-of-sector approach to energy issues at the regional level.
 - The Committee will appropriately report on the development of this work at the 15th MCES and 11th MPS as agreed to by our Leaders.

Recommendation:

The 14th MCES is requested to note the developments of the work presented and support the work of the Energy Committee in achieving the necessary tasks outlined above (a-e).



4F1. Health Committee Report

The Regional Health Committee gave a status report on the crisis of non-communicable diseases in the region and on recent outcomes resulting from PIHOA Resolution 48-01, “Declaring a Regional State of Health Emergency due to the Epidemic of Non-Communicable Diseases in USAPI”. This Resolution was passed by the Pacific Island Health Officers Association in May of 2010 and endorsed by the 13th MCES in Saipan, CNMI, in June 2010. Since that time, other key organizations have endorsed the resolution, including:

- The 10th Micronesia President’s Summit
- The 5th Micronesia Traditional Leaders Conference
- The 51st meeting of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures. APIL identified the NCD crisis as the theme for its next meeting.

The Regional Health Committee emphasized the importance of continuing to align international, regional and subregional bodies behind comparable resolutions, declarations and commitments that address the NCD crisis. Such harmonization will help leverage and coordinate resources and significantly strengthen mandates locally for more effective community-based efforts related to NCD prevention and control.

The Regional Health Committee reminded MCES participants that the world’s fattest countries and territories are in the Pacific. Among Pacific entities, the USAPI rank the highest in obesity and some indicators for NCDs. For all MCES countries, NCDs are the leading causes of death, hospital admissions, off-island medical referrals, hemodialysis, disability, and loss of productivity. Rates of childhood obesity are on the rise in the USAPI, suggesting that the region faces a “tsunami” of NCDs in the future. If left unchecked, NCDs will significantly impede the economic and social development of MCES countries. Non-communicable diseases—including diabetes, hypertension, stroke, heart disease, and gout—are lifestyle-related diseases caused significantly by obesity, poor nutrition, tobacco use, alcohol abuse and lack of physical activity—all avoidable conditions with a coordinated, cross-sectoral approach to prevention.

The Health Committee emphasized the importance of executive leadership in:

1. Mobilizing resources through policy prioritization.
2. Changing the model of health care from the bio-medical disease model to a more integrated environmental approach (the wellness model)

3. Creating a better balance between *the care and treatment of disease* and *the prevention of disease and promotion of health*, including the balance of resources devoted to each.
4. Involving the “whole of society” by empowering people, communities and the workforce to pursue, possess and apply the knowledge of NCD prevention in all sectors.
5. Using NCDs to re-frame health systems priorities, such as strategic planning, human resources for health, laboratory strengthening, health data systems, quality assurance, and connectivity, and thereby provide greater focus and urgency to the development of sustainable and responsive health systems in the USAPI.

The Chief Executives supported the reported efforts of Committee and recommended the following:

- Continue strengthening the MCES agenda for non-communicable disease. To this end, explore strategies for encouraging NCD-related priorities and priorities among all sectors, including health, trade, education, and finance and for integrating NCDs into the overall strategic priorities of the MCES Secretariat, the Micronesian Center for a Sustainable Future.
- Continue to increase knowledge and awareness of the NCD crisis in the USAPI, among international, regional and subregional bodies, such as the Pacific Ministers Meeting, the Regional Committee Meeting of the WHO Western Pacific Regional Organization, the General Assemblies of the United Nations and the World Health Organization, and other world, regional and subregional organizations in health, trade, education, finance, and other sectors.
- Support the development of a cross-sectoral economic analysis of the current and projected impact of NCDs in the USAPI and request technical assistance agencies, such the World Health Organization, to assist the USAPI with undertaking such an analysis.
- Strengthen MCES advocacy for US Medicaid eligibility for citizens of the Freely-Associated States residing in US States and Territories, as an important step in NCD prevention and control for these individuals. To this end, invite the newly-elected Governor of the State of Hawaii, The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, to the 15th MCES to discuss and coordinate strategies for achieving Medicaid eligibility for Compact Migrants. Governor Abercrombie, during his tenure in the US Congress, has been among the most outspoken advocates for such a measure. The lack of Medicaid insurance eligibility for FAS citizens in CNMI and Guam results in significant delays in care: Many of these individuals forego preventive and curative treatment, including pharmaceuticals, until their condition worsens and they need expensive emergency care.



4F2. Health Committee Presentation

14th MCES- Health Committee Report

**Presented by Pacific Islands Health
Officers Association (PIHOA)**

The Secretariat for the MCES Health Committee



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Directors of Health and Hospitals**

13th MCES Endorsement of the State of Health Emergency on NCD set the STAGE an Integrated and a more coherent approach to dealing with health issues in the region.....

Regional Information

- **World fattest** countries are Pacific Island Countries
- Among the Pacific Island Countries the **USAPIs ranks the highest in obesity** and some NCD indicators
- In particular the **Micronesians** and some Polynesian populations (Micronesians have the **"thrifty gene"***)
- **All countries** of MCES, the leading causes of death, admissions, off island medical referral, hemodialysis, disability, loss productivity are related of NCDs
- NCDs (Diabetes, Hypertension, Stroke, Heart Disease, Gout) = chronic disease or lifestyle related diseases indicated by obesity, poor nutrition, tobacco use, alcohol abuse and lack of physical activity

Social "IONS"

- **Modernization** (technologies and amenities)
- **Migration** (thrifty genes)
- **Transition** (political, economics (cash economy) etc)
- **Urbanization** (more access)
- **Commercialization** ("Mc-Donaldization" and instancy)
- **Context mutation** ("spam is better than fish")
- **Imperialization** (Language, media, governance, food)
- **Alteration** (Education- individualism Vs community)
- **Plastication** ("biodegradable past")
- **Medicalization** (of Health)

→SOCIAL MUTATIONS→Transition of Health Indicators toward NCDs

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Regional Indicators of NCD-Leading Causes of Death

Country	Leading Causes of Death
Palau	Heart disease, cancer, stroke, injury
CNMI	Heart disease, cancer, stroke, renal disease
Guam	Heart disease, cancer, stroke, injury
American Samoa	Heart disease, cancer, stroke
FSM	"Endocrine, nutritional, metabolic, circulatory"
Marshall Island	Sepsis, cancer, heart disease

Western Pacific Country Health Information Profiles WHO 2008

Country	2008 DM Prevalence Rate
American Samoa	25-64 years old: 47.3% DM Prevalence Rate, 74.6% Obesity Rate (STEPs)
RMI	25-64 years old: 28.3% DM Prevalence Rate, 44.8% Obesity Rate (STEPs)
FSM	25-64 years old: 32.1% DM Prevalence Rate, 42.6% Obesity Rate (STEPs)
Palau	25-64 years old: 58% of Men/62% of Women Obesity Rate (CA 2003); School Health 18.5% of Children are obese (+15% at risk); 80% of MOH Employees are obese Conservative Estimate of NCD Care in Palau: 500K (HD)+3.8 M (Admission)+ 4900K (Munila)+1M (TAMC)+ 2.5 M (Federal Program)= \$8.29 M*

* Does not include: PI personnel, medical supplies, ancillary support, productivity loss, absenteeism etc.

Vulnerability Analysis for Palau

Vulnerability Analysis	Mean Score
Critical Facilities (CF)	1.32
Socioeconomic (SE)	1.35
Health (H)	2.89
Geospatial (GS)	4.56
Preparedness (P)	1.22

$$\text{Vulnerability} = (\text{CF} \times \text{SE} \times \text{H} \times \text{GS}) / \text{P}$$

$$\text{PH Vulnerability of 19.25} = [(1.32)(1.35)(2.89)(4.56)] / (1.22)$$

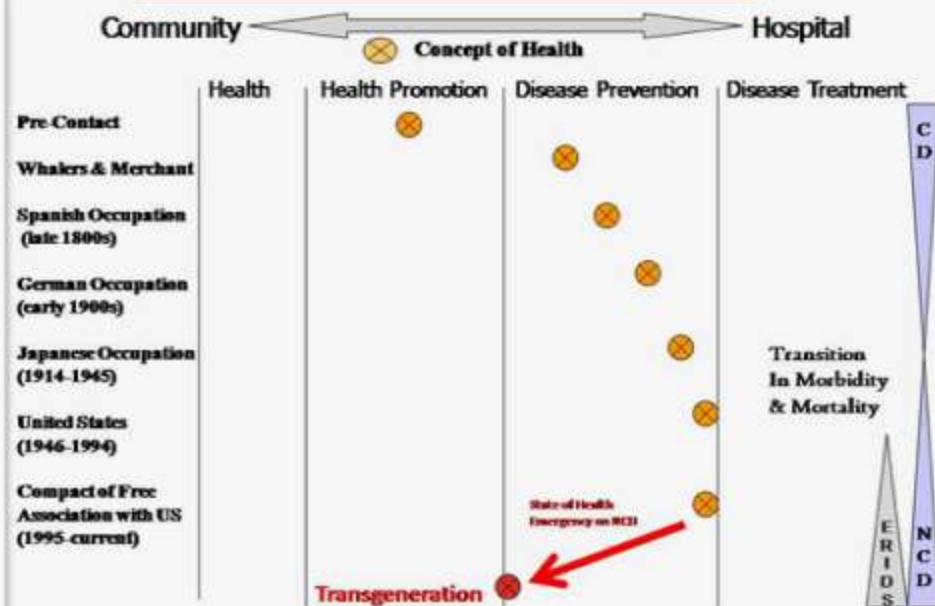
Palau is 19.25 times more vulnerable to hazards than the United States

Health: Leading causes of death are NCDs
 Burden of diseases- NCDs
 Leading costly medical conditions- NCDs

Western Pacific Country Health Information Profiles WHO 2008

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The Transitioning Health Indicators

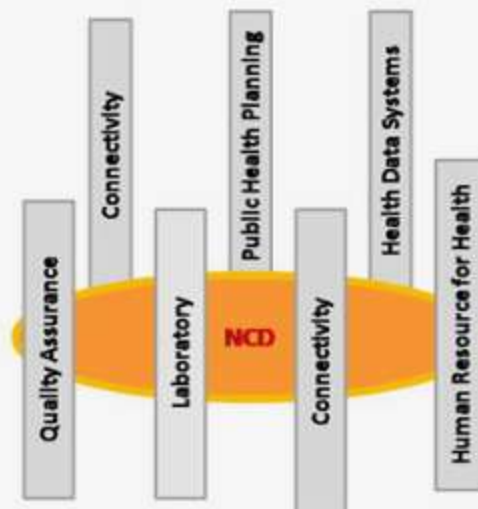


PIHOA Resolution 48-01 (April 2010)

"Declaring a Regional State of Health Emergency due to the Epidemic of Non-Communicable Diseases in the United States-Affiliated Pacific Islands"

- Endorsed by the 13th MCES
- Endorsed by the 10th Micronesian Presidents Summit
- Endorsed by the 5th Micronesian Traditional Leaders Conference
- Endorsed by 51st APIL in Yap. Next APIL meeting in Palau next year, the topic will be on NCD.

Regional Health Priorities



UN Declaration

May 20, 2010

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[without reference to a Main Committee (A/64/L.52 and Add.1)]

64/265. Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

- 1. To include NCD in the discussion of the MDGs at 65th UNGASS**
- 2. High level meeting of UN General Assembly in September 2011**

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Endorsement by the MCES, MPS, APIL, MTLC serves as the catalyst of the "TIPPING POINT" for health reform!!!



Your Endorsement . . .

Shows Commitment!

With facilitation of PIHOA, the translation of the NCD Declaration will help mobilize **regional, federal and international resources** (financial and technical)

The “unified” voice of health will make it **easier to translate to the national level and reach the peoples** of the region.

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What must still happen . . .

1. Mobilize resources through **policy prioritization**
2. **Change the model of health care** from the bio-medical (disease model) to a more integrated environmental approach (**wellness model**)
3. Create **Balance** between the CARE-TREATMENT of DISEASE and PREVENTION of DISEASE/PROMOTION of HEALTH

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What still must happen . . .

4. Involve the **"whole of society"** by empowering our people and communities to pursue, possess and apply the knowledge of NCD prevention and develop Human Resources for Health with NCD expertise.
5. Use NCDs to **re-frame and focus** health systems priorities. Connectivity, Strategic Planning, Human Resource for Health, Laboratory Strengthening, Health Data Systems, Quality Assurance.

Example of framing:

- MCES and PIHOA Priority: Medicaid eligibility for FAS migrants in Guam, CNMI and Hawaii. NCD economic impact analyses, NCD costs (dialysis, heart disease) provide compelling argument for Medicaid eligibility, especially prevention and early intervention.

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**Result: All other aspects of health
will improve!**

Thank you

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4G1. Transportation Committee Report

Transportation

Aviation

The Transportation Subcommittee discussed on the issue for consideration by the Chief Executives in all aspect of security services of both airport and seaport to meet the minimum IMO and ICAO requirements and still meet challenges imposed by U S Transportation Security Administration and U S Coast Guard respectively.

Pursuit of federal funds and extension of eligibility to the Freely Associated State by US Government is critical. The Committee also reported that collaborative efforts regarding air service and shipping route development would be beneficial to expansion of services for all Micronesia islands.

Two types of Airport Improvement Funding. Entitlement Fund and Discretionary fund. The Entitlement funding levels are proportionate distribution based on the numbers of enplanements for the airport and Discretionary funds are distributed on the competitive basis on airport performance. The AIP Reauthorization Bill is required. The proposal to extend the eligibility of Micronesia airports' for AIP grants are being reviewed with the proposal to extend Micronesia airports' eligibility to 2012.

Airport Improvement Program (AIP) in Republic of Palau (on going)

1. Extension of Apron to accommodate four Boeing 767 RON at Palau International Airport adjacent Runway 9
2. Palau International Airport Master Plan including Airport Certification Manual and feasibility study for Peleliu and Angaur Airstrip

Marine Transportation Issues

1. Increased number of Military Ship visits due to military build-up in Guam.
 - With the Military Build-up in Guam, Palau is expected to receive increased number of military ship visits. Military Sealift Command has unofficially expressed interest in increasing their ships' visits to once a month, provided Palau could install additional Aids to Navigation outside of the Malakal Passages to ensure the ship can depart at moment's notice.
2. "White List" Recertification under the "Manila Amendments" to the International Convention on standards. Training and Certification of Watchkeeping.

- New changes to the STCW Convention were approved in Manila in June of this year. These will come into force in 2012. The new changes will require countries that are parties to the Convention to make submissions for the "White List". This will allow licenses issued by the countries to be accepted internationally.
3. Printing of Nautical Charts for the Small Island Pacific States by Defense Mapping Agency.
 - There is a report from shipping lines that the Defense Mapping Agency for US Department of the Navy no longer prints nautical charts for the small islands, including Palau. If this is so, the FAS need to make a request to the US Department of the Navy for DMA to continue this service as it is critical to maritime safety of the FAS and the FAS have no capacity to print the charts themselves.
 4. Training of Marine Pilots in the MCES States
 - The MCES States need to explore work opportunities for its citizens as Deck Officers on ships that serve the MCES States under Micronesian Shipping Commission's License. This will provide necessary sea experience required for MCES States citizens to be qualified for higher level of licenses leading to marine pilot qualifications.



4G2. Transportation Committee Presentation

14th MCES

MCES Committee on Transportation Marine Transportation Issues

1. Upgrades of Aids to Navigation to support Increased number of Military Ship visits due to military build-up in Guam.

With the Military Build-up in Guam, the Region is expected to receive increased number of military ship visits. Military Sealift Command has expressed interest in increasing their ship visits to once a month, provided that additional Aids to Navigation be installed to ensure safety of navigation.

Therefore, the MCES Committee on Transportation recommends that:

- MCES requests assistance from US Department of Interior for grants to upgrade existing Aids to Navigation to enhance safety of marine navigation.
- MCES requests US Coast Guard to consider the needs of the MCES States when phasing out its ATON maintenance equipment and/or ATON.

2. "Meeting the Challenges of the "Manila Amendments" to the International Convention on standards. Training and Certification of Watchkeeping (STCW).

With the new changes to the STCW Convention that were approved in Manila in June of this year, which will come into force in January 2012, the MCES States must undertake additional upgrade training and institutional changes to meet the new STCW requirements.

Therefore, the MCES Committee on Transportation recommends that:

- MCES adopt a Resolution to request the Economic Development Division of the SPC to seek funding for upgrades of MCES seafarers in the Region to ensure they meet the new requirements of the STCW "Manila Amendments".
- MCES adopt a Resolution to request SPC EDD to work with the Pacific Regional Maritime Association to make necessary changes to STCW Courses to ensure continued compliance of the maritime institutions in the Region.
- MCES adopt a Resolution to request SPC EDD to assist MCES countries to meet the new requirements of the STCW "Manila Amendments".

3. Training of Marine Pilots in the MCES States.

Development of new Marine Pilots in the MCES States continues to be an important issue to ensure safety of navigation and protection of the pristine environment enjoyed by the Region.

Therefore, the MCES Committee on Transportation recommends that:

- MCES explore means of securing funding for the training of new pilots.
- MCES Transportation Committee be tasked to explore opportunities for new and existing pilots to undertake training in other MCES ports and to report back to the Summit.

4. Addressing High Cost of Goods in the Region.

The cost of shipping on containers being transshipped through Guam continues to remain high which is raising prices of goods in the MCES States. This causes difficult burden on the citizens of the MCES States in times of economic hardships.

Therefore, the MCES Committee on Transportation recommends that:

- MCES dialogue with the Government of Guam and the Guam Port Authority to see if the cost of transshipment of containers bound for the other MCES States be reduced or eliminated.



4H1. Regional Tourism Committee Report

Serving as the vehicle on tourism initiatives for the Regional Tourism Committee of the Micronesia Chief Executives Summit, Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Micronesia Chapter included the following working members from National, State Tourism Offices, and private sector partners for the 14th MCES:

- Grant Ismael, Kosrae Visitors Bureau
(PATA Micronesia Chapter Chairman)
- Jae Medina, Pacific Daily News
(PATA Micronesia Chapter Vice Chairperson)
- Judy Torres, Marianas Visitors Authority
(PATA Micronesia Chapter Secretary)
- Dianne Collins, Micronesia Divers Association
(PATA Micronesia Chapter Treasurer)
- Pilar Laguaña, Guam Visitors Bureau
- Darin De Leon, Palau Visitors Authority
- Mason Fritz, Chuuk Visitors Bureau
- Don Evans – Yap Visitors Bureau
- Edgar Santos – Pohnpei Visitors Bureau
- Dolores de Brum Kattil, Marshall Islands Visitors Authority
- Bermance Aldis – FSM Visitors Board

PATA Micronesia Chapter recently held its 3rd Tri-Annually Meeting in Guam on December 1st to 3rd with its 1st Tri-Annually Meeting scheduled for Kosrae in April 2011. It is at these meetings that PATA Micronesia Chapter continues to pursue its responsibilities and tasks in regards to regional marketing and promotional efforts with following outline updates.

Update #1 – Regional Branding Initiative

Resulting from the recent chapter meetings, the following action points have been completed:

- Development of a Request for Proposal (RFP)
- An RFP has been announced globally

- A selection committee has been established with members representing each jurisdiction
- RFP proposals have been received and reviewed by the selection committee for their recommendation to the
- PATA Micronesia Chapter Chairman

The following action steps remain pending subject to aggressive lobbying of leadership for their support:

- Identify funding source (i.e. U.S. Federal Grants, PATA Micronesia Chapter, Airlines, NTOs/STOs, or other
- private funding sources
- The contract to be awarded to the selected bidder

Update #2 – Marketing Outreach to the Military Market

Through encouragement and support of the Micronesia Chief Executives, PATA Micronesia Chapter has been successful with the following marketing and promotional initiatives for the 3rd Quarter of 2010:

- PATA Micronesia Chapter booth at the GMIF in Guam proved successful and productive
- On-going creation of package deals for each island destination
- “Wahoo Night” Exhibition by Micronesia Divers Association in October 2010 in Guam that was well attended by CNMI, Guam, Palau, Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap
- Navy MWR Travel Fair in October 2011 in Guam with exhibitions by CNMI, Palau, Kosrae, Chuuk, Yap and the Marshall Islands
- Andersen Air Force Base Travel Fair in October 2011 in Guam also with exhibitions by the CNMI, Palau, Kosrae, Chuuk, Yap and the Marshall Islands
- On-going Print Advertisements in R&R Pacific Magazine by CNMI and Palau

Update #3 – Luxury Cruise Market

Recognizing the Luxury Cruise business as a highly potential niche market for the region, PATA Micronesia Chapter has initiated marketing strategies to include, but not limited to the followings:

- Micronesia presentation at the Miami Cruise Conference in March 2011 in Miami, Florida
- Define Micronesia Cruise Association (MCA)
- MCA Committee Membership
- Join the Micronesia Cruise Association
- Cruise Ship Industry Goals
- MCA Five-Year Objectives
- Cruise Ship Industry Strategies
- Cruise Ship Activity
- Developing A Port Profile by each jurisdiction

- Cruise Ship Task Force to Commence Operations

Recommendation #1 – World Heritage Sites

The PATA Micronesia Chapter recognizes the importance of preservation and sustainable development. In this regard, the Chapter encourages government partnership in identifying sites for nominations as World Heritage sites. Through this recognition of World Heritage, the sites will be preserved and protected and will attract visitors worldwide which will be a benefit to the Micronesia region. The Chapter recognizes that the Micronesia region is complimented with variety of sites that meet the requirements to be proclaimed as World Heritage site. Below is a list of quick facts for World Heritage Sites.

Quick facts

- There are currently 890 World Heritage sites in 186 countries.
- There are three categories of World Heritage sites—cultural, natural, or mixed.
- The World Heritage Convention was adopted by UNESCO in 1972. The United States was the first country to ratify the World Heritage Convention.
- In 1978, the first 12 World Heritage sites were inscribed. They included Yellowstone National Park and the Galapagos Islands.
- If a site is threatened, UNESCO helps create a plan—and often provides funding—to ensure the site's preservation. There are currently 30 sites on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Recommendation #2 – Economic Impact and Tourism Satellite Account – One of the positive benefits of tourism is its economic contribution. We all know that tourism brings money to the economy, creates job, and many more. Guam is currently updating its economic impact that was conducted in 2005 by Global Insights. Below is some information that their report derived which provide valuable information on the economic contribution of their tourism industry. However, the Micronesia region lacks data to illustrate the economic benefits of tourism. Therefore the committee recommends soliciting proposals from qualified companies to do a study of the economic impact of the tourism industry in the Micronesia region.

- Provide support to Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo's Bill (HR 6015)
- Provide economic study for all insular territories, including all of Micronesia

Others – Marketing and Promotions

- Soliciting leadership support to collectively and respectively finance the island destinations to continue to actively participate in Trade/Travel Shows / Exhibitions / Seminars, etc. in key markets as follows:
 - Asia/Pacific (Guam-Military, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Philippines, Taiwan, Australia, etc.)
 - Europe (France, Germany, Italy, Russia, UK, etc.)

- Japan
- North America



4H2. Regional Tourism Committee Presentation

**14th MCES
REGIONAL TOURISM COMMITTEE**



**Regional Tourism Committee
Report
December 2010**






**14th MCES
REGIONAL TOURISM COMMITTEE**



**Newly Elected Officers/National and State Tourism
Offices:**

- Grant Ismael - Kosrae Visitors Bureau, newly elected PATA Micronesia Chapter Chairman 2011-2012
- Jae Medina - Guam Publications, Inc., new PATA Micronesia Chapter Vice Chairman
- Judy Torres - Marianas Visitors Authority
PATA Micronesia Chapter Secretary
- Dianne Collins - MDA Guam, PATA Treasurer
- Pilar Laguaña - Guam Visitors Bureau
- Bermance Aldis - FSM Visitors Board
- Loreen Bigler - Marshall Islands Visitors Authority
- Mason Fritz - Chuuk Visitors Bureau
- Edgar Santos-Pohnpei Visitors Bureau
- Darin De Leon – Palau Visitors Authority
- Don Evans - Yap Visitors Bureau



REGIONAL PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES



Regional Promotional Activities

- Guam Micronesia Island Fair
- Guam
- Micronesia Cruise Association/ NTO Meeting - Guam
- Navy/Andersen Military Shows (Guam)
- Wahoo Night with MDA – Guam
- PATA Travel Mart – Macau, SAR
- Yap Canoe Festival – Yap, FSM
- Flame Tree Festival – CNMI
- Asia Dive Expo - Singapore
- JATA Travel Fair – Tokyo, Japan
- DEMA – Florida, USA
- CTTM-Shanghai, China
- PATA Tri-Annual Chapter Meeting - Guam





RTC (Regional Tourism Committee) WORK IN PROGRESS - INITIATIVES



World Heritage Sites – encourage government partnership in identifying sites for nominations

- Regions working collectively to identify sites

Economic Impact & Tourism Satellite Account

- Perspective by Global Insights
- Provide support to Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo's Bill (HR 6015)
- Provide economic study for all insular territories, including all of Micronesia



PROGRESS REPORT MICRONESIA BRANDING INITIATIVE

Completed Action Steps:

- Developed a Request for Proposal (RFP)
- Announced globally RFP notice
- Established a Selection Committee
- Received RFP proposals reviewed

Pending Action Steps:

- Identify funding source (i.e. U.S. Federal Grants, PATA Micronesia Chapter, Airlines, NTOs/STOs, or other private funding sources)
- Selection-Award contract

Joint 13th MCES Communiqué

- Support creation of Micronesia Cruise Taskforce
 - Policy development in the following areas
 - Immigration & Customs Clearance
 - Uniform island port calls
 - Cruise ship fee policy
 - Marine & environmental policy
 - Marine security policy
 - Develop home port service facilities
 - Seek Federal assistance and financial support

MCES Next Steps Delivered

Mandate adoption of a "Micronesian Cruise Association," representing island members to collaborate regionally in its governmental policy development



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Define MCA Organization

- Non-profit, non-stock corporation
- Principal office of corporation at Port Authority of Guam
- Quarterly membership meetings
- Annual meeting on Guam
- Five board directors with three officers
- One membership vote per \$100 in dues

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MCA Membership

Founding Member A member of an organization that was involved in, or whose membership commenced with, the organization's foundation.	\$ 2,500.00
Sustaining Member For any corporate, government, or associate member, which desires to sustain the program and activities of MCA. Sustaining Members receive special recognition at MCA meetings and MCA publications.	\$ 500.00
Corporate Member For companies with 25 or more employees, for non-profit organizations with 4 or more employees.	\$ 300.00
Government or Individual Member For any government entity or private citizen	\$ 100.00
Associate Member For any individual, student, or non-profit organization	\$ 25.00

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Why Join the Micronesian Cruise Association?

- Learn the cruise ship market
- Collaborate regionally to develop industry relationships between destinations and cruise companies
- Develop marketing strategies in conjunction with region's regulatory structures
- Create task force within Tourism Committee
- PATA Micronesia to serve as partner in MCA

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Cruise Ship Industry Goals

- Develop green field industry segment attracting high yield visitors and establish a minimum of two ships home ported on Guam
- Expose a new side of Micronesia instilling a perception as a luxury travel destination
- Attract an incremental 50,000 visitors without exerting pressure on existing hospitality infrastructure
- Provide additional economic benefit with support services for the cruise ship industry

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Five Year Objectives

- Develop port facilities and support services for the cruise ship industry
- 50,000 cruise ship passengers by FY2015
- Attract another cruise ship company to increase incremental visitors by 100,000



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Cruise Ship Industry Strategies

- Provide marketing and economic stimulus to attract U.S., Japan, and international cruise lines
- Encourage attractive and sustainable leisure travel excursion routes such as:
 - Guam ~ Northern Mariana Islands ~ Guam
 - Guam ~ Palau ~ FSM ~ Guam
 - Japan ~ Guam ~ CNMI ~ Japan
 - China ~ Australasia & Micronesia Tours
 - Micronesia stopovers on RTW tours



Cruise Ship Activity

Nippon Yusen Kaisha (NYK), the largest shipping company in the world, is headquartered in Tokyo. The firm operates over 800 ships, has offices around the globe and is renowned for its fast, reliable and economical service to people around the world.

The newly remodeled Asuka II carries 720 guests and meets the highest international standards. Guests aboard the Asuka II will experience Japanese hospitality and a level of service that has become synonymous with the Asuka.



Oceania Grand Cruise

Yokohama, Japan; Kobe, Japan; Palau, Palau Republic; Cairns, Australia; Hamilton Island, Australia; Sydney, Australia; Melbourne, Australia; Christchurch, New Zealand; Picton, New Zealand; Auckland, New Zealand; Noumea, New Caledonia; Chuuk, Micronesia; Guam, U.S. Territory; Yokohama, Japan; Kobe, Japan

Cruise Ship Activity



Queen Mary 2 cruise ship (QM2) is the world's largest, longest, tallest, grandest Ocean Liner ever.



103 Days - Starting in New York with stops in Ft. Lauderdale, Barbados, Salvador, Rio De Janeiro, Montevideo, Cape Town, Durban, Mauritius, Fremantle, Adelaide, Sydney, Christchurch, Auckland, Guam, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Xingang, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Nihau Trang, Laem Chabang, Singapore, Phuket, Bombay, Dubai, Safaga, Sharm El Sheikh, Suez Canal, Port Said, Civitavecchia, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Southampton
2011 Sails: Jan 13

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Cruise Ship Activity



British-American owned cruise line, based in Santa Clarita, California. Previously a subsidiary of P&O Princess Cruises PLC, the company is now one of eleven cruise ship brands operated by Carnival Corporation & PLC

42-Night - China & Japan Round trip Sydney

Starting in Sydney with stops in Darwin, Brunai, Kota Kinabalu, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Pusan, Nagasaki, Osaka, Tokyo, Iwo Jima, Saipan, Guam, Chuuk Island, Rabaul, Airlie Beach, Brisbane
2011 Sails: Mar 5



Sun Princess

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Cruise Ship Activity



Princess cruise ships offer the line's innovative Personal Choice Cruising program, an individualized, unstructured style of cruising that provides a "what you want, when you want" atmosphere of onboard choice and flexibility designed to give passengers the opportunity to customize their cruise vacation to meet their personal interests, needs and desires.

42-Night – China & Japan Round trip
Brisbane

Brisbane, stops include, Airlie Beach, Darwin, Brunei, Kota Kinabalu, Ho Chi Minh City, Nha Trang, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Dalian, Beijing, Pusan, Nagasaki, Osaka, Tokyo, Iwo Jima, Guam, Rabaul, Brisbane

2011 Sails: Sep 21



Sun Princess

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Cruise Ship Activity

107 Days - Ft Lauderdale, stops include, Aruba, Santa Marta, Panama Canal, Puerto Quepos, San Juan del Sur, San Diego, Honolulu, Kauai, Pago Pago, , Dravuni Island, Nukualofa, Auckland, Fiord National Park, Tasmania, Sydney, Cairns, Guam, Iwo Jima, Tokyo, Hiroshima, Pusan, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Ho Chi Minh City, Bangkok, Singapore, Phuket, Chennai, Mumbai, Manama, Dubai, Salalah, Saba, Luxor, Suez Canal, Alexandria, Dubrovnik, Koper, Venice

2012 Sails: Jan 13



Pacific Princess



Princess cruise ships offer the line's innovative Personal Choice Cruising program, an individualized, unstructured style of cruising that provides a "what you want, when you want" atmosphere of onboard choice and flexibility designed to give passengers the opportunity to customize their cruise vacation to meet their personal interests, needs and desires.

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Cruise Ship Activity

42 Days - Sydney, stops include, Airlie Beach, Darwin, Bali, Kota Kinabalu, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Pusan, Nagasaki, Osaka, Tokyo, Iwo Jima, Guam, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney
2012 Sails: Mar 4



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Sun Princess

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Cruise Ship Activity

20 day-The Rediscovery of a
Thousands of Years Old Paradise
From Fiji to Guam



MS Hanseatic

20 Days - Scheduled flight Frankfurt - Singapore, Connecting flight to Sydney, Scheduled flight to Lautoka, stops include, Port Vila, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fed. States of Micronesia, Guam Apra Harbor, Scheduled flight to Tokyo, Scheduled flight Tokyo - Germany
2012 Sails: Apr 7



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Developing a Port Profile

Minnesota Duluth Assistant
Pod Profile

History of the Project

Wally Telford The *Post Authority of Guam* witnesses your Guamanian, as distinct territory of the United States, is located 3,700 miles south of the equator in the Western Pacific. The island was longed for this people of non-geographic consequence. But soon into the island were forced together millions of young men. Eighty years as an island prison since 1914, the island is the only American island prison in the Mariana Islands, a prison of 75 islands located within approximately 100 miles of the island of Guam. Pacific Ocean, 1914.

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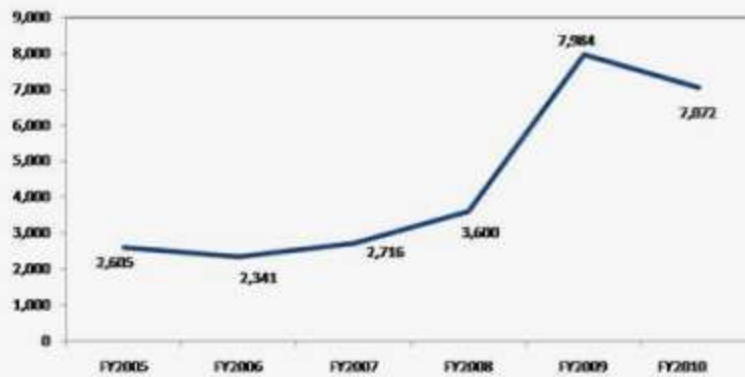
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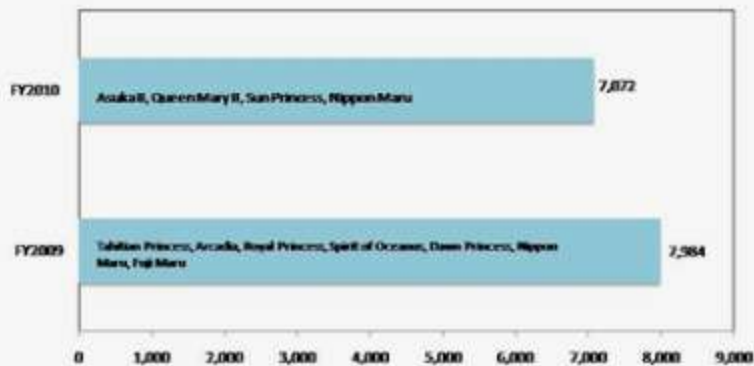
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Cruise Ship Arrivals, FY2005-10



Source: Customs Declaration Forms, Customs & Quarantine Agency. Processed by the Guam Visitors Bureau

Cruise Ship Arrivals, FY2009-10



Source: Customs Declaration Forms, Customs & Quarantine Agency. Processed by the Guam Visitors Bureau

Next Steps

- Define organization and membership bylaws
- Create and deploy Task Force
- Continue presence in cruise ship media
- Develop cruise industry relationships
- Define and design a MCA data and sales kit
- Continue with Membership Drive



DESTINATION BRANDING FOR MICRONESIA

What is it?

- The instant recognition of a place or geographic location
- Simple, relevant, & emotional connection

Why is it important?

- The differentiating attribute from other destinations
- The unique identity and personality of a place of business, leisure travel, etc.
- What sets place apart from other locations, and places
- Competitive value

Who needs to be involved

- Public and private sector
- Political and business leaders
- Grass roots & entire community

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Brand Building - What is a Brand?

What a Brand is not:

- *A Brand is not a slogan, logo or signage*—although these represent important signals in application (i.e. T-Shirts, Key Chains, Signs, etc.)
- *A Brand is not a trade name, color scheme or type script* (although these reinforce brand perceptions)
- *A Brand is not an icon* (although icons can quickly connect with a Brand image)

What a Brand is:

- *A Brand is an idea...a mental association that stirs emotional connection*
- *A Brand is something of relevance that is meaningful to people...something worth saving or discarding in people's minds.*
- *A Brand is an emotional experience promised, held in esteem and different from others.*

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A brand can be defined best as:

A Promise Kept

When a destination is marketed for business or leisure travel;

When a promise is made expectations are created;

When the brand delivers on these expectations equity and loyalty are built

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The Guam Branding Exercise

- Community involvement and key market driven
 - Research into community perception of how island viewed to outsiders
 - Surveys, statistically valid samples $\pm 4\%$ error
 - Focus groups, subjective collective
 - Individual interviews, personal
 - Research into key source markets (95% of visitors) of Japan, Korea, Taiwan
 - Surveys, focus groups & interviews
 - Confluence of agreement
 - Cultural heritage, history, friendly people & hospitality
 - Clean environment, open green spaces, & clear blue waters
 - Unpolluted air, water, & beaches
 - Very strong elements to local community and source markets

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Role of the Brand:

- **Simple and instant communication** of the experience to expect
- **Link** differentiated guest experience to welcoming nature of Chamorro culture
- **Celebrate** diversity of Guam at all levels and make it a real benefit
- **Demonstrate** the depth of activities and experiences that make Guam worth a longer visit/more frequent visits

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A New Economic Driver

Month	Number of Ships	Passengers	Crew	Total Crew and Passengers
July	6	5,413	999	6,412
August	6	6,571	2,184	8,755
September	10	21,025	9,018	30,043
October	9	14,122	8,451	22,573
November	1	710	373	1,083
TOTAL	32	47,841	21,025	68,866

Cruise Ships Visiting Portland, Maine in 2008 - Average length of stay 11 hours

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Contribution to Economy

Expenditure Category	Average Expenditure	Respondents' Percentage Reported Expenses
Food and Beverages	\$28.10	77.8%
Health and Beauty Aids	\$2.00	14.2%
Apparel Items	\$21.18	33.1%
Household Items	\$4.97	12.9%
Fine Art and Jewelry	\$6.15	9.4%
Transportation	\$4.72	16.4%
Tours (not sponsored by cruise line)	\$6.02	18.6%
Rentals	\$0.95	1.0%
Other	\$6.42	27.4%
Cruise sponsored tour	\$29.17	56.9%
TOTAL	\$109.68	93.7%

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Economic Impact

Portland, Maine Cruise Ship Visits Expenditures

Category	Number	Spend	Sub Total	Multiplier	Total Impact
Passengers	47,841	\$109.68	\$5,247,201	\$2,719,231	\$7,966,432
Crew	21,025	\$ 44.00	\$ 925,100	\$1,406,152	\$2,331,252
	68,866	\$153.68	\$6,172,301	\$4,125,383	\$10,297,684

Assume Micronesia Attracts 50,000 Cruise Ship Passengers

Category	Number	Spend	Sub Total	Multiplier	Total Impact
Passengers	50,000	\$109.68	\$5,484,000	\$8,335,680	\$13,819,680
Crew	21,973	\$ 44.00	\$ 966,812	\$1,469,554	\$ 2,436,366
	71,973	\$153.68	\$6,450,812	\$9,805,234	\$16,256,046

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4I1. Pacific Islands Regional Recycling Initiative Committee (PIRRIC) Committee Report

A. Emerging Regional Projects

1. PIRRIC Information Portal Update – Funding needed to update portal and upload all waste management related documents for the region.
2. Center for Island Sustainability Conference – The University of Guam will be hosting the CIS Conference in 2011. PIRRIC will be presenting a paper titled "The Emergence of Cooperative Environmental Governance in Micronesia".
3. Pacific Islands Regional Recycling workshop – Guam has been participating in preliminary discussions with USEPA officials on hosting a recycling workshop in Guam during 2011 that could serve as a capacity building opportunity for Micronesia. Guam has requested for PIRRIC to participate in the discussions with USEPA to ensure maximum coverage of the region's interests and needs.
4. Pacific Islands Environment Conference (PIEC) – Palau reported that it will be hosting the PIEC in September 2011 and in partnership with USEPA, Region IX.
5. Rio +20 Technical Working Group - It is anticipated that there will be preparatory meetings and island specific forums leading up to Rio + 20. PIRRIC believes that this is an opportunity to demonstrate our regional cooperation in addressing common cross-cutting issues regarding solid waste management and other related issues.

B. The Way Forward

PIRRIC is requesting approval and support from the *Chief Executives* in the following activities:

- 1) PIRRIC Website
 - Authorize & support the PIRRIC Chairman to source out funding opportunities with multilateral partners.
- 2) Center for Island Sustainability Conference (UOG)
 - Support PIRRIC's participation at the CIS in partnership with the University of Guam.
- 3) Pacific Islands Regional Recycling Workshop (Guam)
 - Authorize & support the PIRRIC Chairman to identify technical working group, participate in planning discussions with USEPA and seek funding opportunities ensure participation by solid waste management officials.
- 4) Pacific Islands Environment Conference (PIEC-Palau)

- Support solid waste management officials to participate in the PIEC and seek opportunities to showcase model projects in Palau, such as the *National Redemption Center, Koror State Recycling Facility*, etc.
- 5) Rio +20 Technical Working Group
- Authorize & support the PIRRIC Chairman to collaborate with MCES Committee focal points on identifying core group.



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The Way Forward

- Support From Chief Executives:
 - PIRRIC Website
 - Authorize & support the PIRRIC Chairman to source out funding opportunities.
 - Center for Island Sustainability Conference (UOG)
 - Authorize and support PIRRIC's participation
 - Pacific Islands Regional Recycling Workshop (Guam)
 - Authorize & support the PIRRIC Chairman to identify technical working group, participate in planning discussions with USEPA and seek funding opportunities ensure participation by solid waste management officials.
 - Pacific Islands Environment Conference (PIEC-Palau)
 - Support solid waste management officials to participate in the PIEC and seek opportunities to showcase model projects in Palau, such as the *National Redemption Center, Koror State Recycling Facility, etc.*
-  Rio +20 Technical Working Group
 - Authorize & support the PIRRIC Chairman to collaborate with MCES Committee focal points on identifying core group.

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4J1. Communications Committee Report

Your Excellencies and Honorable Governors of the 14th Micronesia Chief Executive Summit, thank you for this opportunity to report to you all on the progress of your Committee on Communications.

First of all, let me tell you that the Committee on Communication met yesterday which consisted of the following members: The Honorable Jackson Ngiraingas, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce of Republic of Palau; The Honorable Francis Itimai, Minister of Transportation, Communication & Infrastructure of Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) ; Mr. Richard L. Misech, General Manager of Palau National Communication Corporation (PNCC); Mr. Takkon Chin, Chief of Division of Communications under MPIIC

As you all know, communication plays a vital role in all sectors in the social and economic development in our Micronesian region. Additionally, communication plays an equally important role that aids other sectoral developments within our islands.

There is no question that Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands have seen greater advancement in the ICT sector to which the other MCES members have aspired to achieve; however, your committee on communications has also come to realize the vast differences of the ICT structures between the member countries of the MCES.

These differences have thus contributed to the overwhelming discussions in the communication committee, of which specific issues directly affecting Freely Associated States have been identified with little relevance to Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands.

Therefore, understanding the need to engage Guam and Saipan on communication issues that promote commercial developments as well as the assistance of ICT to other key sectors such as health and education;

And given that the issues mainly discussed within the communication committee for the MCES remain solely those of the Freely Associated States;

It is our recommendation, still since the last Summit, that such communication issues specific to the Freely Associated States shall be better addressed and resolved at the Micronesia President's Summit;

Your Committee feels that the issue of communication dealing with FAS states being discussed in the MCES should be elevated to the consideration of MPS. For instance, the Communication Committee is still focus on the work with SPC for the development of National ICT Framework of FAS only.

The Committee as a whole will continue to participate and provide a supportive role to other committees and the overall MCES, assuring that cross cutting communication issues relevant amongst all members can still be readily reported and addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity and your committee remains readily available to elaborate further on all relevant communications issues and address any further concerns you may have.



4K1. Micronesia Center for a Sustainable Future (MCSF) Committee Report

Background

The Second Planning Committee Meeting of the Micronesia Center for a Sustainable Future (MCSF) Designated Representatives was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, in advance of the 14th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit (MCES) in Palau. The Designated Representatives from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of Palau, Yap State, and Kosrae State were in attendance.

The MCSF Planning Committee adopted an agenda that included:

- (1) Preparation of the presentation materials for the 14th MCES plenary session, including:
 - a. clear delineation of the issues that require the consideration of the Chief Executives to affirm their approvals with respect to outcomes of the 1st Planning Meeting of the MCSF Designated Representatives that was hosted by Palau on October 5-6, 2010; and
 - b. review of next steps to be proposed to the Chief Executives.
- (2) Discussion of possible reforms or enhancements of the MCES meeting structure, committee structure, and other matters, including:
 - a. discussion of the Secretariat (MCES support) function of MCSF;
 - b. review of the proposed completion of structured interviews with Committee chairs and lead members to identify opportunities for the MCSF to add value and support the outcomes targeted by the MCES Committees; and
 - c. review of the need to prioritize fundraising, especially to identify core funding to enable the hiring of an Executive Director and formal establishment of the Center so that the interim support role the Graduate School is providing under the MCSF inception award can be effectively transitioned by June 2011 if possible.
- (3) Review of the MCSF inception award budget, including:
 - a. review of funds expended to date;
 - b. budget authorizations as currently recommended for reaffirmation of approvals by the Chief Executives; and

- c. consideration of new initiatives or revised proposals for budgetary authority.

Meeting Outcomes

During item one of the agenda and in a subsequent meeting with the proposed panel members for the MCES plenary presentation, the Committee developed the presentation (Attachment 1). It was agreed that the panel members would include the Designated Representatives of the host jurisdiction, of the Secretary General (FSM) and of the CNMI. A significant objective of the presentation is to get an informed and deliberative reaffirmation of the approval by the Chief Executives of the items presented in the decision paper that was produced after the first Planning Committee meeting (Attachment 2).

Item two of the agenda involved discussion of the actions taken to-date by the Graduate School, under the MCSF inception award, to provide (Secretariat) support functionality on an interim basis until the Center has its own Executive Director (and staff). The Graduate School has provided support to Palau in their preparations for the 14th MCES. In addition to facilitating a Planning Committee teleconference one month in advance of the meeting, there has been direct support to Palau's Summit Secretariat including logo design, website development, and ongoing coordination with Palau's Summit Secretariat. During the MCES, the Graduate School will assist in facilitation of the Second Planning Committee meeting, support the Communiqué drafting process, and initiate structured interviews with Committee chairs and selected members to identify opportunities for the MCSF to add value and support the outcomes targeted by the MCES Committees. In the follow-up to the 14th MCES, the Graduate School will complete a Procedural Manual for MCSF support for MCES meetings to document the process and, presumably, ease the burden on future host jurisdictions. A report of the findings and recommendations from the structured interview process with the MCES Committees will also be produced and disseminated within six weeks after the 14th MCES. In anticipation of development of a multi-functional website for the MCES, Committee documents and historical (archive) materials will be gathered in electronic form.

Discussion under item two of the agenda also involved a presentation by the Designated Representative for Palau reporting the ways in which the host jurisdiction's Summit Secretariat had collaborated with and benefited from the support of the Graduate School under the MCSF inception award. Minister Yano also described the reforms or enhancements that Palau had, on its own initiative, introduced for the 14th MCES. Most importantly, the host jurisdiction modified the time allocated for Committee presentations, requested that the Committees complete substantial portions of their deliberations prior to the meeting (by virtual means) and to complete their Committee reports, if at all possible, by the end of Monday of the MCES week. The intent of the tightened timeframe is to enable the committee members from each jurisdiction to brief their principals on progress and recommendations to be presented to the Chief Executives prior to the start of the formal MCES plenary sessions.

Further discussion under item two of the agenda was dedicated to the need to prioritize fundraising under the MCSF inception award and to plan for the transition from the Graduate School's interim support role to the emergence of a fully functional and staffed MCSF. It was agreed that the urgency of this matter should also be raised to the attention of the Chief Executives to seek their input and ideas to

secure sources of sustained funding for both the core functions of the Center (as Secretariat to the MCES) and programmatic outreach in support of MCES Committee priorities.

With respect to item three of the agenda, the budget status was reported by the Graduate School to the Designated Representatives. The current version of the MCSF Inception Award Budget Tracking Sheet for Designated Representatives (Attachment 3) was reviewed and the Designated Representatives were able to ask clarifying questions about the expenditures to-date and about the relatively large proportion of the budgetary resources which remain unexpended. Clear direction was given to expedite expenditures and programmatic activities once full endorsement of the procedures and protocols is reaffirmed by the Chief Executives during the 14th MCES. This same Tracking Sheet had been distributed by e-mail with a decision memo to all Designated Representatives on November 24, 2010, and was approved (with no objections) as of the effective date of December 2, 2010. A summary of the budget status was incorporated in the presentation to be delivered to the Chief Executives.

The Designated Representatives discussed the procedures for considering new or revised proposals for budget authorization and they determined that the MCSF Planning Committee as a whole could receive proposals from Committees or third parties; and, alternatively, Designated Representatives themselves could endorse proposals for consideration by the Planning Committee. It was noted the consideration by the Planning Committee would follow the existing procedures, including a polling of Designated Representatives for scoring/ranking, a poll to recommend a specific level of budget authorization, followed by each Designated Representative presenting to their respective Chief Executives to determine if there would be no objections (over a ten day period).

Based on preliminary discussions among the Designated Representatives it is understood that the Committee will receive revised proposals for the Regional Invasive Species Council (RISC) training activity and support to traditional and non-traditional Women's organizations. The proposals should utilize the template format that was included as Attachment M to the Proceedings of the First Planning Committee Meeting of Designated Representatives (see Attachment 4 to this Committee Report).

The Designated Representatives were also briefed by representatives of the Center for Micronesian Empowerment (CME) on their mission and program activities. CME received funding support (expenditure totaling \$10,500) from the MCSF inception award for partial support to their Conference, "The Untapped Potential of the Marianas and Micronesian Workforce" held on October 20, 2010.

Conclusion

The Second Planning Committee Meeting of Designated Representatives concluded that there should be an "exit meeting" immediately following the successful conclusion of the 14th MCES while all of the Designated Representatives (in attendance) are still in Palau. This meeting will focus on lessons learned, next steps, and addressing certain outstanding issues that have been brought to the attention of the Designated Representatives that may affect the effective continued implementation of the MCSF inception award by the Graduate School. This meeting will commence immediately following the closure of the 14th MCES on Thursday December 16, 2010.

Attachment 1: Materials for 14th MCES Session Presentation to the Chief Executives

Attachment 2: Decision Paper for Chief Executives

Attachment 3: MCSF Inception Award Budget Tracking Sheet for Designated Representatives

Attachment 4: MCSF Internal Funding Request Template

Note: The Proceedings of the First Planning Committee Meeting of Designated Representatives are available on the website of the 14th MCES Meeting www.mcespalau.info.



4K2. Micronesia Center for a Sustainable Future (MCSF) Presentation



MICRONESIA CENTER FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

BACKGROUND



- **13th MCES** (Jun '10): Chief Executives acknowledged pending inception award and agreed to send Designated Representatives to planning meeting
- **June 14, 2010:** MCSF Award Effective Date
- **October 5-6, 2010:** Palau hosted First Planning Meeting of Designated Representatives.



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OUTCOMES OF MEETING



- Developed **procedures and protocols** for the Designated Representatives to provide oversight of the Inception Award on behalf of their Chief Executives (Attachment A)
- Considered **existing and potentially new activities** utilizing a scoring methodology (Attachments H & L)
- Developed an **internal funding request template** for future budget authorizations and/or expenditure requests (Attachment M)



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1A. MCES Planning Committee Timeframes:

- MCSF Planning Committee meetings will be held immediately before each Summit
- MCSF Planning Committee interim meeting to be held between the 14th and 15th MCES meetings
- Jurisdictions will self-fund travel
- Virtual meetings to be held regularly

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1B. Procedures and Protocols

- Designated representatives to be primary point of contact for each jurisdiction.
- Designated representatives to gain approval to proceed from each Chief Executive on MCSF inception award activities.

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1B. Procedures and Protocols (cont'd)

- If no objections raised to propositions presented to Designated Representatives within 5 business days, the decision would be adopted
- Similarly, when the proposition requires the designated representatives to gain the approval of their principals, the time period would be extended to 10 business days



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2A. Core function: MCES Secretariat:

- Graduate School to support 14th MCES:
 - Meeting Preparation
 - Meeting close out documentation
 - Interim meeting preparation for the subsequent MCSF Planning Committee Meeting and 15th MCES.



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2B. Core function: Program Implementation

- Designated Representatives reviewed identified activities using a scoring exercise that included:
 - Importance (to the MCSF mission)
 - Jurisdictional coverage
 - Risk to successful completion
 - Funding leverage (likelihood that success will lead to new funding sources)
 - Urgency
 - Linkage to MCES Communiqués and Committees

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2B. Core function: Program Implementation (cont'd)

- The result of the scoring (by 8 designated representatives) is presented in the Proceedings (Attachment L)
- It was recommended that Chief Executives authorize funding of \$357,000.
- Approximately \$43,000 remains to be authorized at a later date by the Chief Executives.

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2C. Core Function: Fundraising

- Five potential categories of funding support were identified:
 - Foundations and private corporations
 - Multi-lateral agency grants
 - Individual country grants
 - Administrative overhead allocations from grants administered by MCSF
 - Contributions or assessments from the nine jurisdictions of the MCSF
- Designated Representatives recommended contracting an expert to develop a fundraising plan.



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MCSF BUDGET



- \$400,000 available through Inception Award
 - \$22.9K expended up to and including MCSF Planning Meeting
 - \$10.5K expended in support of CME Workshop
 - \$22.1K approved for MCSF support to the 14th MCES.
- \$55.5K committed in total (13.9% of total award)
- Designated Representatives expect to consider revised proposals for RISC and support to women's organizations.



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ENHANCEMENTS



- With respect to the Secretariat Function:
 - Development of Procedures Manual to enhance MCSF support for Summits
 - Complete MCES committee interviews to identify potential areas of MCSF support
- Revising Summit format and/or themes:
 - Palau's initiatives for the 14th MCES
 - Further recommendations to be solicited from and proposed to the Chief Executives, leading up to the 15th MCES and beyond



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THE WAY FORWARD



- Chief Executives to reaffirm approval of MCSF protocols and procedures
- Fundraising efforts to be prioritized
- Need to institutionalize functions now being provided by the Graduate School on an interim basis (through June 13, 2010)



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4L1. Miscellaneous Presentations Water and Sanitation (SOPAC) Committee Report



SOPAC



Consideration of Including the Issue of Water and Sanitation in Micronesian Countries as an Agenda Item for the Micronesian Chief Executive Summit

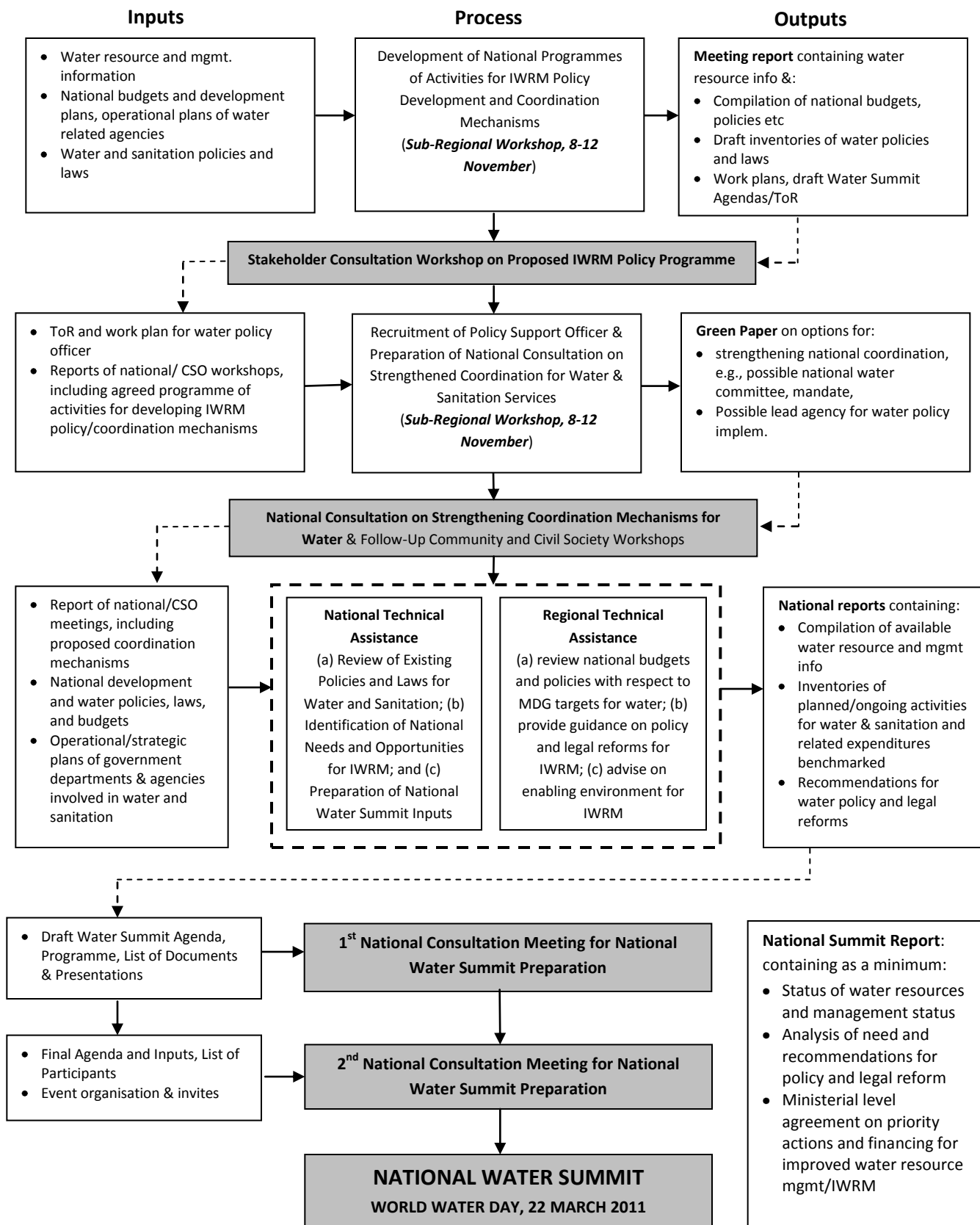
The Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) is currently executing the European Union (EU) funded Pacific Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) National Planning Programme. The Programme is designed to support 14 Pacific Island Countries to strengthen their governance structures and frameworks to mainstream Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) and Water Use Efficiency (WUE) into national planning processes. This project is complemented by the SOPAC executed, Global Environmental Facility (GEF) funded project entitled “Implementing Sustainable Water Resources and Wastewater Management in Pacific Island Countries” (GEF Pacific IWRM Project).

Through the operation and planning of the GEF funded IWRM demonstration activities, national representatives from the Republic of Palau (Palau), the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) identified and proposed a common process to facilitate the development of any required amendments or changes to existing water policies and coordination mechanisms in their respective countries. This process was considered in detail during the Micronesian Sub-Regional Water and Sanitation Policy Planning Workshop convened in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia from 8th-12th November 2010.

It was subsequently agreed that a sub-regional approach following the process depicted in Figure 1 would be trialed in the three abovementioned countries. Key milestones in the process included the conduct of National Water Summits on World Water Day 2011 (22 March) and the preparation of National Water Status Reports and Framework Water and Sanitation Policies. It was suggested by the national water focal points present at the abovementioned meeting that effort should also be made to include the issue of water security and sanitation in Micronesian countries on the agenda of the upcoming Micronesian Chief Executive Summit (MCES) to be convened in Palau during December 2010. The specific objectives and outcomes that the group hoped to achieve by including water and sanitation on the agenda of the December 2010 MCES meeting were identified as:

1. To present the Pacific Integrated Water Resources Management Programme to National Chief Executives, and outline initiatives in the Micronesian region for national water policy development and national water resource management demonstration projects;
2. To seek support of National Chief Executives to form a "Micronesian Water Committee" as a permanent working group of the MCES;
3. To seek support from National Chief Executives for the conduct of National Water Summits in 2011 and to review the Pacific Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Water Management;
4. To seek support from National Chief Executives for the development of national water policies and a regional water strategy, including national investment plans for the water and sanitation sector by the 2012 MCES; and to
5. To have the role of the Pacific IWRM Programme acknowledged by Chief Executives as a technical and advisory partner in the development of national water and sanitation policies and the revision of the Pacific Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Water Management.

Figure 1 Proposed Inputs, Process, and Anticipated Outputs of Actions Leading to National Water Summits





4L2. Miscellaneous Presentations Water and Sanitation (SOPAC) Presentation

Water and Sanitation

14th MCES

Republic of Palau

Joint Presentation by FSM, Palau, RMI

Background

Micronesia's National Water and Sanitation (WatSan) Challenges

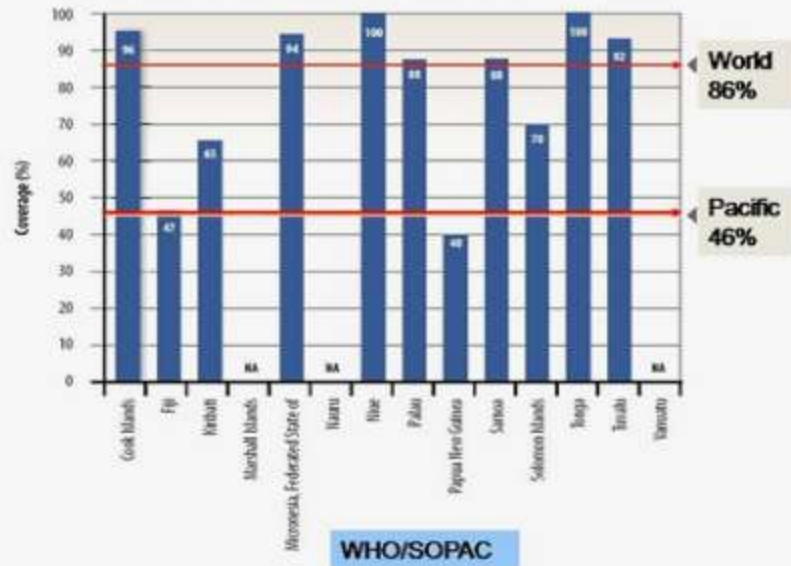
- Development and Population Pressures
- Climate Change
- Absence of National WatSan Policies

Current WatSan Situation

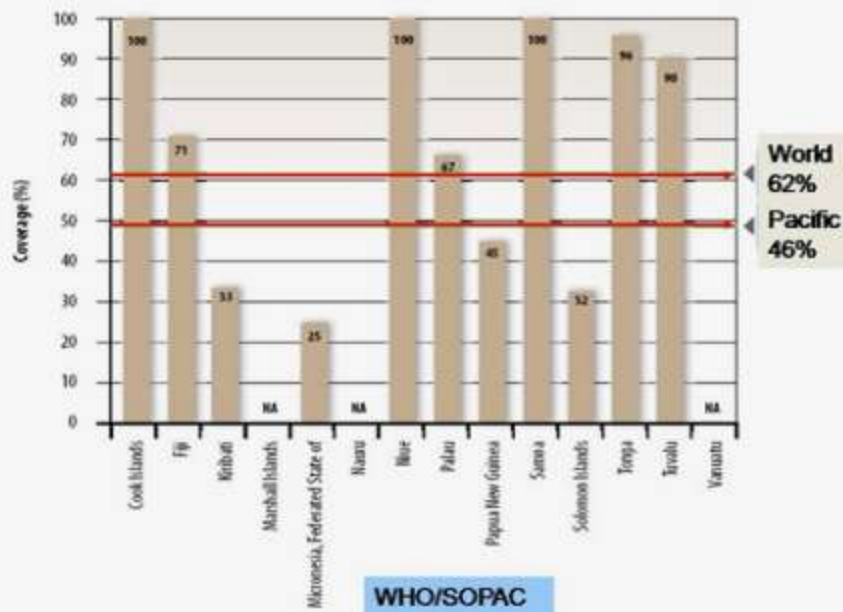
- MDG Water and Sanitation Targets
- UN Resolution on Water
- MTLC Resolution on WatSan

Over 60% of the countries in the Pacific region have coverage with improved drinking-water sources higher than 80%, but the region's coverage average represents almost a half of the world coverage.

Coverage with improved drinking-water sources by Pacific island country, 2006.



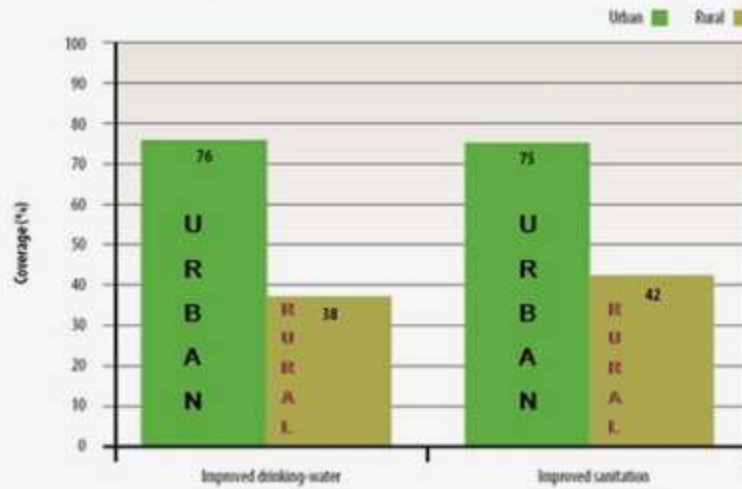
Coverage with improved sanitation by Pacific island country, 2006



Sources: primary country coverage data from WHO, Unit 27 (2008)

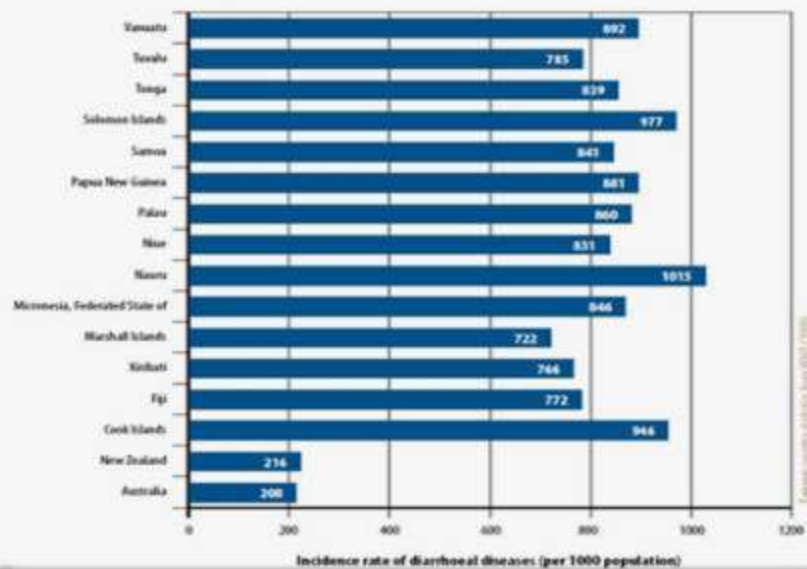
Drinking-water and sanitation coverage in rural areas of the Pacific island countries hardly reach a half of the urban coverage.

Urban and rural disparities in sanitation and drinking-water in the Pacific island countries



The incidence rates of diarrhoeal diseases in the Pacific island countries are approximately 4 to 5 times that of developed countries such as Australia and New Zealand.

The incidence rates of diarrhoeal diseases per 1000 population in the Pacific island countries and Australia and New Zealand, 2002



Recommendations Cont.,

5. To have the Pacific IWRM Programme acknowledged by Chief Executives as a technical and advisory partner in the development of national water and sanitation policies and the revision of the Pacific Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Water Management; and
6. To request SOPAC, SPC and other partners to provide technical and financial assistance for improved water and sanitation in Micronesian Island Countries
7. To form a start-up group to be chaired by RMI and comprised of the current IWRM Focal points, and other cooperating partners as needed to draft the ToR and report back to the next MCES.

Proposed Functions of the Water & Sanitation (WatSan) Committee

- Coordinating national and regional WatSan strategy and policy development to address development pressures, environmental needs and climate variability
- Implementation of National WatSan Policy through integrated water resources and wastewater management through cross sectoral and stakeholder engagement.
- To promote exchange and synergy within the region for the water supply and sanitation sector.

Proposed Functions of the Water & Sanitation (WatSan) Committee Cont.,

- To ensure lessons learned and information gathering are freely shared for the mutual benefit of the peoples of Micronesia.
- Fostering Micronesian regional WatSan expertise and cooperation
- To foster greater financial support and mainstreaming of water and sanitation programs within Micronesian Island Countries

Short term Events Being Targeted

- National Policy Launch - World Water Day March 2011
- Pacific Forum Leader's Meeting Aug 2011
- Asia Pacific Water Summit Jan 2012
- World Water Forum Mar 2012
- Rio + 20 Sept 2012

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ENHANCEMENTS



- With respect to the Secretariat Function:
 - Development of Procedures Manual to enhance MCSF support for Summits
 - Complete MCES committee interviews to identify potential areas of MCSF support
- Revising Summit format and/or themes:
 - Palau's initiatives for the 14th MCES
 - Further recommendations to be solicited from and proposed to the Chief Executives, leading up to the 15th MCES and beyond



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THE WAY FORWARD



- Chief Executives to reaffirm approval of MCSF protocols and procedures
- Fundraising efforts to be prioritized
- Need to institutionalize functions now being provided by the Graduate School on an interim basis (through June 13, 2010)





4L3. Miscellaneous Presentations Cleared Ground, Palau Presentation



WHAT IS CLEARED GROUND?

- British not-for-profit NGO, regulated under UK Charity Commission
- Founded in 2002
- ERW & landmine clearance
- Focuses on forgotten conflicts, and developing national capacity
- Over 100 years combined EOD experience
- Projects in West Africa and Jordan

Palau's ERW Legacy

- 1944 – Battle of Peleliu and Angaur
- One of the Pacific Campaigns bloodiest battles
- 13,000 Japanese and Americans died
- 2,800 tonnes of ordnance fired by US Forces
- Ordnance dumped at sea post conflict
- No co-ordinated clearance pre Cleared Ground





Palau's ERW Response

- Ottawa Treaty - Anti personnel Mine Ban
- Oslo Treaty – Cluster Munitions Ban
- First Pacific Island Nation to implement humanitarian clearance
- Invited Cleared Ground to address the ERW problem
- Commenced clearance operations in Sep 2009



Task Prioritisation

- Hence prioritisation of Peleliu & Angaur:
 - Community & Residential Areas (26% contaminated)
 - Tourist Sites (Tourism Sector 60% of GDP)
 - Food Gathering Areas
- Community Risk Education
- Nationwide Emergency Response Tasks
- Demolitions





Statistics

What have we achieved?

- 255 Spot Clearance Tasks
- 8,415 items, weighing 8 tonnes

27 Emergency Response Tasks

- 1 in Aimeliik
- 3 in Airai
- 8 in Angaur
- 15 in Koror
- 1 in Ngaremlengui
- 1 in Ngarchelong



Emergency Tasks



Clearance of Cave & Tunnel Systems



751 items of ERW removed from 1,000 man cave tourist site





PROJECT BENEFITS

- **Human Security**
- **Capacity Building**
- **Employment Generation**
- **Poverty Eradication**
- **Risk Education**
- **Tourism Development**
- **Environmental Pollution Reduction**



Funding

- To date Cleared Ground funded in Palau by:

- US Department of State - WRA
- UK Embassy, Manila
- NZ Aid
- Germany
- Italy



CLEARED GROUND



THANK YOU





4L4 . Miscellaneous Presentations Center for Micronesia Empowerment Presentation



CENTER FOR MICRONESIAN
EMPOWERMENT

BUILDING THE MICRONESIAN WORKFORCE

In coordination with the Regional Workforce Development Council and
the Micronesia Center for a Sustainable Future

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for a Sustainable Future

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2010



- Participants Assisted by CME

Total Participants	168
Participants from the FAS	97
Participants from Guam	71
Participants Currently in Training	24
Successfully Trained	89%
Trainees Successfully Placed	94%

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THE ORIGIN OF THE PARTICIPANTS



Home Island	Participants
Chuuk	74
Kosrae	59
Pohnpei	25
Yap	6
RMI	3
Palau	1
Total	168

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PLACEMENT BY INDUSTRY



Industry	Percent
Construction	61%
Maintenance	19%
Service	6%
Hospitality	14%

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REMITTANCES



- Kosrae participants thus far are sending home \$351 per month or \$177,000 as a group per year to their families.
- Chuuk participants are sending home \$292 per month or as a group or \$45,600 per year to their families.
- Pohnpei participants are sending home \$252 per month or as a group or \$30,240 a year to their families.

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A DAY IN THE LIFE



- A boot camp for success
- Structure, Structure, Structure
- The daily routine

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PLANS FOR 2011



- Establish an office in Pohnpei.
- Pursuit of a national non-profit strategy to train greater numbers of participants.
- Implementing a Certified Nursing Assistant Program.
- Implementing a Mechanics training program.
- Creation of a CME Alumni Association

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PROJECTIONS FOR 2011



Participants	Number
From the FAS, CNMI	175
From Guam	140
Total	315

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5A. Honorable Benigno R. Fitia, Governor, CNMI

Thank you Mr. Chairman. I have been given three minutes to deliver a ten minutes speech. So I will ask for all the indulgence of the usual introductory remarks.

My fellow chief executives, here we are again at the conclusion of a very successful and fruitful Summit. We have spent a past couple of days tackling current issues besetting our respective island governments as well as enjoying the warm hospitality and the Alifan spirit of the wonderful people of Palau. It's certainly another remarkable and memorable experience.

Over the course of the past two days we received updated progress report and future plans from each of the respective committees. With the presentation that we have listened to and information we have absorbed, we are now equipped with the refined projection of where we stand as island communities, more importantly, where we stand, as a region.

To state the obvious, we know our absolute challenges and our impending obstacles. Perhaps we can even say we know the threats of economic hardship too well. We know all of this because we each live this uphill battle every single day. However, it is up to us as leaders to make the changes our people long for.

At the beginning of this Summit we talk about the need to set timelines to resolve the various issues presented by the committees. We talked about establishing a solid and achievable call to action in order for us to meet our goals and objectives. By having the Micronesia Center for a Sustainable Future carry out an intended functions, the MCF will have the administrative support it needs to chart the course for the future. We have done much, but we can do more. And I know we will continue to do more for our islands and our people.

Now I would like to shift our attention to pay proper tribute to a very respectable leader—a man that has been like a brother to me, but more importantly, a pioneer of the vision that brings us all back here today, fourteen Summits later. As we prepare to conclude this Summit, I would like to give my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing governor of Guam, the honorable Felix Perez Camacho. Thank you, my brother, for your insights and your commitment to give life to what was then the Western Micronesia Chief Executives Summit to what has evolved into the present day Micronesia Chief Executive Summit. Aside from pioneering the formation of the summit, Governor Camacho has done a remarkable job for his beloved island of Guam, over the course of his eight years in Guam. In the CNMI as well, governor Camacho has warmed the hearts and respect of our community. During our terms together as governors, our communities witness the very much improved and harmonious working relationship between the two Marianas jurisdictions. Through our partnership, the CNMI was

afforded the opportunity to establish a National Guard unit under the umbrella of the Guam Army National Guard. And as we speak, several of the CNMI's men and women are undergoing basic combat training in the main land to become the first batch of graduates for this new unit. In fact, governor Camacho has come to Saipan so much that our customs officers greet him, saying, "welcome home." My brother on behalf of the people of CNMI, I cannot thank you enough for your esteem leadership and valued wisdom. We wish you the very best moving forward and whenever you can, remember to visit your second home, the CNMI.

It has indeed been another meaningful summit. I am very much grateful to my fellow chief executives for taking the time to come together again here in the island of Palau. To my classmate, his Excellency Johnson Toribiong, thank you for being an outstanding host and chairman for this 14th Summit. On behalf of the CNMI delegation here with me we commend your governments, the Paramount chiefs, his and the outstanding people of Palau for making our stay here a very memorable one. I would also like to thank the overall committee and various committees for putting together a very successful event. To my fellow chief executives and your delegations that have travelled here, I wish you all a safe journey as you return home. May you all have a blessed Christmas and a very happy new year.

I will be entertaining all of you later tonight. Thank you.



5B. Honorable Sebastian L. Anefal, Governor, Yap State

Thank you, Thank you very much Mr. President. Excellencies, Honorable Governors, Distinguished Guests, Honorable delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

I surely do not know what to ask to the vacuum that has been created by a such an eloquent and comprehensive statement just made by Governor Fitial. First of all, thank you, big brother, for doing a statement all on our behalves. I surely would like to salute Governor Camacho for all you have done. I think for me, at least personally, I've learned a lot through your leadership, through your experiences, through collaborative reports, through the MCES process and for waging a war on behalf of our people for good causes. Thank you, sir.

To you and through you, Mr. Chairman, I surely would like to express on behalf of my small delegation our sincere appreciation to the people and the government of the Republic of Palau. For your generosity, your hospitality, and all the good things that have taken place during the summit here in Palau. I bid goodbye to all of us who would be staying behind, and for all of us who would be flying away from Palau with a spirit of Christmas and a prosperous new year.

I thank you all; thank you very much.



5C. Honorable John Ehsa, Governor, Pohnpei State

On behalf of my delegation I would like to thank his Excellency president Toribiong, the traditional leaders of Palau and the people of Palau for hosting the 14th conference. We are enjoying every minute of our stay and we are grateful for the customary warm reception and gracious hospitality of the people of Palau.

Your Excellencies, colleagues, honorable governors, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen...

By all accounts this conference has been a resounding success. I have been informed that all the committee meetings, the presentations and the discussions, dances and singings that had been taking place within the walls of this magnificent center, as well as the dance floors and the karaokes of Koror over the past two days have been up to speed and have lived up to our expectations. This has indeed symbolized another important step forward in our collective endeavor and quest for improving the economic condition of our region, safeguarding the environmental integrity of our Islands, the health of our people, and safeguarding our traditions for the prosperity of future generations of Micronesia. I believe we all should be proud of this unity of purpose that we have.

It is often difficult for me indeed to give a statement after eloquent speeches by governor Fitial have been made, and knowing that others will follow after me. In Pohnpei we say it's like walking in the foot prints of a carabau, as my friend Thomas Pablo said during the meeting in Guam after I left for medical reasons. Nevertheless, I am proud to be here at this moment in our history and as a Governor of the state of Pohnpei.

It is even harder after two days of detailed dialogue and discussions covering wide range of subjects concern and interest of our region. Almost everything important that needed to be discuss regarding economic development, climate change, environment conservation, transportation and communication, health and even the cost of doing business has been discussed. But most difficult, knowing that this will be the last MCES to which we will have our friend the honorable Felix Camacho join us as Governor of Guam. Governor, you have always been the source of inspiration to this conference. Your leadership in always trying to bring our Micronesian region together, and your strong commitment to our Islands' growth and the development of the people of Micronesia will surely be missed. However, I remain confident that the indelible path you have engraved in the MCES in the spirit of reaching out to your fellow islanders, to address our Micronesians issues, will continue to guide this conference into the future. You have truly inspired me and I am sure, all of us in this room will miss you. As I think of it now and I only wish, that at my last MCES, I can leave behind the sense of hope that you will be living behind as we close this meeting. Please keep yourself available so that we can seek your leadership and guidance as we continue this forum into the future.

For all of us I believe that the most important thing now is to take action on what we have concluded. I will not talk at length, I would like to mention just a few things for the sake of emphasis before we walk out of this room and into the dance floors and karaokes tonight. The issues I would like to raise will be general points on the agenda items in the interest of time.

- I am delighted that with the successful of the 14th conference, the transportation committee continue to look at ways to improved our shipping issues and other aviation needs. To the committee, I challenged you to explore the possibility of creating a counterpart to the Micronesia shipping commission that focuses on aviation, perhaps a Micronesia Aviation Commission, and provide a concept at the next MCES. I recall in your presentation that you are working in collaboration with the SPC, first I ask that this endeavor you also involve SPC.
- To the health committee, your presentation was very compelling. The numbers you provided representing the health of our people is very striking. I will take your recommendations back to Pohnpei and work with my health and education departments to ensure that Pohnpeians join the other MCES members and establish rigorous action plans to help us improve how we deal with all the diseases, but most specially those that you have mentioned including diabetes, obesity and nutrition and food security. Currently in my stay at Pohnpei my administration is implementing a school lunch program which we believe help deal with our health issues. It includes menu consisting of local food that I've been deprived of our diet of important food stuff. We recognize that food security is broader than just the availability of the food or increased crop production. Food security also means regular access to quality food that provides the full complement of necessary nutrients for a healthy and productive life. It is also closely linked to economic security, environment security and human security. I hope that successive conferences go beyond information or experience sharing to agreed and concrete actions to be taken on this important issue which, to me, needs immediate action.
- I understand that during the conference there was a report at the previous conference. This is a good thing, however if we are to succeed we have to go beyond the readouts of previous proceedings. We need to follow up discussions and follow up actions on the decisions on our previous meetings. For this reason, I proposed that each MCES jurisdiction entertain budget items from the respective members of the committees, into your annual budget, to ensure that they are equipped to continue the work after and before each MCES.
- To the Micronesia challenged and the young champions, environmental conservation, climate change invasive species, regional waste management groups, I applaud your efforts to link the issues of environment and climate change into sustainable development.
- Energy, education, food security, health and other sectors, I welcome the discussion that you are having about these connections and how we treat them comprehensively. The more linkages we can make among this top priorities, the more effective our development programs will be. I welcome your creative ideas about how to further our integration together. Why I feel this is important is because of the need for us to remember the great work of conservation champions. Their contributions to our environmental conservation and sustainable development aspirations will continue to guide the way we pursue these issues into the future. I recall two issues that you raised in your presentations to which I think can be advanced in the

communiqué. One, I believe, is in regard to an interest in hosting a US Fish and Wildlife office in either CNMI or Guam to serve our region that would support our conservation effort, including the Micronesian Challenge. In this regard I urge the MCES to send a letter of endorsement to our friend and very good supporter Mr. Babauta, at the Interior Department. The other issues really go to the heart of what we are doing in Pohnpei. Your presentation highlighted interconnections of environment and economic development issues. Specifically, the critical issue of climate change and sustainability in relation to effective management of natural areas and prevention of invasive species. These issues are the focus of many UN conventions that give our islands the opportunity to ensure our perspective on these critical issues is understood.

Our desire to effectively address such issues is the reason we have created the Micronesian Center for Sustainable Future, an advancement of the Micronesian Challenge. In light of the critical nature of these issues to our region and the need for continued international attention and dialogue to address them, I suggest we invite a representative from the appropriate UN agencies to the next meeting, to discuss further international efforts and allow the UN to have a better understanding of the risks our region has our many efforts to address them. In this regard, I urged the invasive species group or committee to prepare an invitation to the appropriate human agency for the MCES to consider.

Finally, I must say that like all of you I am proud to be a Micronesian, living in this time of our history. We have in our hands the opportunity to define a future of our islands that is of our own, and not one that is dictated to us. I continue to believe that because we are a peaceful region, we contribute to the global security of our planet by setting examples for the other regions as we work together to promote economic growth, sustainable development, good governance and security, and continue to strengthen our regional cooperation and integration in the areas where the region can gain most through sharing our resources and alignment of policies.

With that piece, I thank you for listening and I think we are all ready to go fishing tomorrow. Thank you all.



5D. Mr. Steven George, Director of Resources & Development, Kosrae State

It is an honor and pleasure for me to set in behalf of our governor, Robert Weilbacher, and also an honored to be associated with the esteemed leadership of this region.

My delegation has been pleased with all the arrangements and all the work and outcome of this important Summit. So I would like to say congratulations to our host, the Republic of Palau and President Toribiong, for the excellent leadership that is given toward this 14th MCES.

I cannot speak louder and more than those who already spoke before me. I have to associate myself with those remarks excellent remark to close this 14th MCES. However, we all know the vision is to have full integration of our region and the challenge before us is to find the value that we can add, so a small island economy like Kosrae can also benefit. I am sure with the absence of the Governor today, and we expect to have a new Governor coming January, I'm sure and certain that he will be excited to continue the work that has been done over the last fourteen summits. As presented by President Mori during some of the discussion, Kosrae was initially asked to host this summit. We were excited to host MCES, but subsequently there was a need for change because of expectation of increased participants. I want to tell you today, that we were even more excited that there was a changed venue to Palau, and we've been happy to participate and contribute to the work of the committees, as well as to advance the work of the Micronesians Center for Sustainable Future. I am sure with the good leadership of this region this Center will filled many gaps that we have today.

Thank you very much and hope for the productive 15th Summit in Pohnpei . Thank you.



5E. Honorable Wesley Simina, Governor, Chuuk State

Thank you Chairman, President Toribiong, Excellencies, fellow governors, traditional paramount chief of Palau, excellencies of the diplomatic core, Assistant Secretary Babauta, distinguished guests, ladies and gentleman.

If it would be proper, Mr. Chairman, I would like to, at this point ask that all those statements that have been made before, be made part of my remarks, by reference, if that can be done. But thank you very much for this opportunity.

Indeed, when I first spoke during the opening remarks, I had some doubts as to some of the things that have been done, not because I don't believe in this Summit but because of some of the things that we've been doing or not been doing or delaying in doing. But thanks to this Summit, the 14th Summit, I realized that I was wrong. That things are progressing. That in fact even if the method, the mode of delivery of the presentations have evolved, the way that they're now more concise, more direct, concrete, to the point on which we want them to be. So for that, if my remarks offended someone during my opening, I apologize. But I am grateful that our Summit is also evolving to that extent.

And I guess we can attribute that to many things. But first let me begin by joining others in appreciating your hosting this, and for the people of Palau. Because if it weren't for the environment that you have created, in making sure that we are comfortable that we work in an environment that is friendly, I think a lot of these things could not have been done as we've seen during this conclusion. For that, thank you very much, Chairman, for all that we've seen, we've experienced, and that have been demonstrated throughout our Summit, showing indeed that it does make a difference when things are worked out properly from preparation to the delivery and the products. So for that thank you and to the people of Palau for all that you've done.

And I think as a Summit there is always a base of a summit, so I also acknowledge with gratitude. Because if it weren't for our hard working, very solid staff from the various jurisdictions, even our committees, if it weren't for their real hard work and great work, adding all these things that we've been talking about would not be that productive, would not be that successful. So the base of the Summit is just be as important and for that reason I would like to extend our gratitude, our appreciation, to all of those who have been involved in the preparation and in the progress of this Summit.

On a personal level, Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank you. Thank you and vice president of Palau for allowing your wives to be so such wonderful hostesses to my wife. I am really worried because I don't see her I am not sure whether she wants to return with me tonight, so for that really thank you very much; I'm sure she's been having one very good time of our lives so thank you very much for all the

things that your wives have been showing toward my wife and that we are grateful indeed on a personal level to all of you.

And it would be wrong for me not to also acknowledge two special people who've been with me since my arrival, and that goes to Eric my driver and Rhonda, my liaison. If it were not for them maybe I would be lost all over the place, because it's been quite a big change to Palau since I was here in the early 90s. So for that I really want to acknowledge them in making sure that I reach my place of meeting and be there on time. So I would like to also thank them for that.

And indeed, if we look at the things that we've gone through, I've learned quite few things. One, that there are unexpected funding somewhere in the United States that you've alluded to which, also, Governor Ehsa mentioned, and we'll keep that in mind as we go back to our own places. And we've also learned that even good times will come to an end. And we've also learned that, indeed, collaboration as friends, as brothers and sisters, will always go a long way in making things happen and be very successful.

And I say this because, of course, there is always special things about Governor Camacho. I've come to learn more about you, I've known you now for quite some time and all the things that have been said I don't know what else can I say to you. But I know your family is looking forward to getting out of Politics. I am not sure about that, but I say this with some conviction because that's what my family is always looking forward to when I get out of office. So, really I don't want to say farewell, because I do have a feeling you'll be around. We'll be seeing each other quite often, right, Governor Fitial? So, thank you very much.

Other than that, all I can say is when you get out of office I'm always reminded of king David when he called over his son and he just told him one short sentence, be strong, have the heart of a man, which you have, but when you get out of office please don't be disappointed. I think the life out there is much, much better than what we've been going through these hard times. So thank you very much for everything, and also thank you very much colleagues, for such a wonderful Summit. Like I said, good things must come to an end. It is indeed a good thing to be here in Palau, but we have to also finish. So for that thank you and, indeed, I join all of you and ensuring that when we go back to our islands the support will remain there for the MCES as we move forward. Changes in governments will not have an impact on what we have done and what we have accomplished for our region.

So thank you very much and I wish you all successful trip back to your places. Thank you very much.



5F. Hon. John Silk, Minister of Foreign Affairs, on behalf of His Excellency, Jurelang Zedkaia, President, Republic of the Marshall Islands

Thank you, Mr. President. I have a very short statement to read on behalf of my president.

President Toribiong, fellow Micronesian Chief Executives, members of the diplomatic core, Assistant Secretary Honorable Babauta, ladies and gentlemen...

It is evident that we cannot overcome our challenges alone that is why our collaboration in this Micronesian Chief Executive union have serve as our acknowledgement of the special value of our unique friendship with one another and with our donor partners. During this 14th MCES we have renewed our determination to work together as partners to confront the challenges facing the Micronesian region. In doing so, we have chartered a forward-looking course of action which is not only practical and feasible, but also in line with the established principle of governance, management and development. As leaders it is our solemn duty to ensure that the work accomplished here in Palau will bring meaningful results and benefits to this generation, and generations to come.

Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the President I would also like to recognize Governor Camacho for his invaluable contribution to this forum and to our region. Governor, yesterday you mentioned the importance of service, and in serving your people you have also served the people and citizens of the Republic of Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau who have resided and made Guam their home. Governor Camacho, I am confident that my fellow Chief Executives around the table would agree that you exemplify the other twin brother in your story, who, in shouldering the burdens of others, learned to shoulder your own burden and become a true leader in the process. I wish you the best. I wish you and your family a very happy and prosperous new year.

Mr. Chairman, let me close my remark by associating myself and my delegation with those of my fellow Chief Executives in expressing our profound appreciation to you and through you to the people of the Republic of Palau, for the kind hospitality extended to all of us since our arrival. I also wish to express special recognition appreciation to all the traditional leaders of Palau. We have been blessed and honored by your presence among us.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands is pleased to have been involved in the deliberations in the 14th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit, and we look forward to continuing our dialogue with each and every one of you at the next Summit.

Again, thank you Mr. President and Merry Christmas to all of you. Thank you.



5G. His Excellency, Emmanuel Mori, President, Federated States of Micronesia

Thank you very much chairman. Thank you first of all for hosting the 14th Micronesian Summit and your excellent leadership in steering the meeting to a successful conclusion. I also want to recognize the contribution of your staff, without which we couldn't have achieved what we have achieved so far, so I wanna thank them very much.

Change is noticeable in the presentations and I want to thank the staff that advanced the preparation for this meeting. I'd especially like to comment that presentation that came with the music was fun and it was unique. I want to congratulate the committee for making the presentation more lively and meaningful.

I also want to take this opportunity to express, on our behalf, our deep gratitude to the people, the leaders of Palau. They have always been gracious to all the Micronesian visitors, and I would never stop and should not stop expressing our gratitude to you, to Governor Camacho and Governor Fitial for the hospitality that you have extended to our citizens, to living with you in your respective islands and jurisdictions. The amount of money that Assistant Secretary Babauta has given to you is not big, but that's not the point. The point is the speed in which the assistance is given. It takes someone to understand our needs to proceed and expedite and respond to our needs. So, I want to join you in thanking Secretary Babatua for the response in helping the road in Palau. I want to thank you very much and I want to welcome you to the 14th MCES. I also want to recognize the presence of the ambassador to Palau. Welcome to our 14th MCES.

Now, I know Governor Camacho is one of the founding members of the MCES and it is used to be called Western...something...association, now it's called MCES. So I want to thank you. I also want to thank former Governor of Yap, Ruecho...

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5H. Honorable Felix P. Camacho, Governor, Territory of Guam

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51. His Excellency, Johnson Toribiong, President, Republic of Palau

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...to the MCSF, Micronesia Center for Sustainable Future, to consider reforms that can be made to ensure that MCEs would be more effective, lean and cost efficient and that can actually produce tangible results from our conferences.

I begin by saying it's our tradition to give the best to our guests and when we work we mix work with play. That's an anthropological finding! Palauans work better when they mix work with play. So I'm very grateful that our friends from the East have enjoyed not only this conference but the dance floors in Koror. And in our tradition, I'd like to quote from an anthropologist, a Professor Barnett from the University of Oregon who wrote the book Being a Palauan in the early 50's. It's one of the college textbook in American Universities. And this line, which I'd like to quote, is when he said that "*Palauan's considered leisure as there right only to be interrupted by the necessity of work.*" And let's not forget that we must promote the happiness and living standard of our people. All work and no play is not what makes life exciting and fun. So at the end of the day let's celebrate life. Let's turn our Islands into promised lands. One of the challenges we face, Madam Ambassador, is the exodus of our people to the United States, and we must reverse that into our island once again to be the paradise that they once were. And with the support of all of us and the United States and our friends from around the world, I'm an optimist, that dream can be achieved.

I'd like to thank the staff for their diligence, for their technical support, which made this conference a success. And I would like to thank my Minister of State, Doctor Yano, and his staff, for having worked so hard over the last two months which made, I believe, this conference not only enjoyable but successful. I wish you all the best. I wish you all a happy and enjoyable journey home and I hope you will bring fun memories of your visit to Palau. It's a historic visit which made our lives much better in the future. Thank you and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and may God bless all of us.



6. MCES Theme Song

This Here We Are Pledging

(MCE Theme Song)

**This here we are pledging
With heart and with hand
Full measure of devotion
To thee our native land
Full measure of devotion
To thee our native land.**

**Now all join the chorus
Let union abide
Across all Micronesia
Join hands on every side
Across all Micronesia
Join hands on every side.**

**We'll all work together
With heart, voice and hand
Till we have made these islands
Another promised land
Till we have made these islands
Another promised land.**



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