

Republic of the Marshall Islands Development Partners Meeting

December 1-2, 2010. Majuro, RMI



Background and Welcome Message

The Republic of the Marshall Islands is pleased to provide a comprehensive briefing book in advance of the RMI Development Partners Meeting, scheduled for December 1-2, 2010, in Majuro, RMI.

Jointly hosted by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance, the DPM will serve several important functions:

- First, it will give the RMI an opportunity to present and discuss its key reform and development priorities and objectives for the 2011 and 2012 period.
- Second, the DPM will provide each development partner the opportunity to present RMI-specific priorities, projects and activities. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for round-table, open dialogue among all partners to foster coordination and information sharing.
- Finally, the DPM will also set aside time for one-on-one bilateral discussions between each partner and the RMI, with the specific objective of identifying further areas of development cooperation.

We invite you to review the enclosed background documents we've prepared for this meeting. You will note from the Table of Contents that the documents are presented in order of the presentations our Government will be making during session one, on December 1, 2010. Each report or document represents a substantial and prioritized element of our overall reform plans. We have also enclosed, for your reference, the RMI FY2009 Economic Review and Statistical Appendices.

Finally, we would like to thank the Asian Development Bank and the Graduate School (with U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs funding support) for their financial and technical support towards meeting preparations.

Thank you for your interest in our first DPM. We hope you find this briefing book helpful, and look forward to welcoming you to the RMI.



Hon. John M. Silk
Minister of Foreign Affairs



Hon. Jack J. Ading
Minister of Finance

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REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT PARTNER MEETING 2010

Wednesday & Thursday, 1-2 December 2010

Majuro, Marshall Islands

International Conference Center

WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 2010, DEVELOPMENT PARTNER MEETING

Chairman of Meeting: Hon. John M. Silk, *Minister of Foreign Affairs*

8:30 – 9:00	<i>Registration and Coffee</i>
	OPENING SESSION
9:00 – 9:05	Opening prayer by Rev. Enja Enos
9:05 – 9:15	Official Welcome by H.E. President Jurelang Zedkaia
9:15 – 9:25	Opening remarks and review of agenda, Hon. John Silk, Minister of Foreign Affairs
	<i>*** Photo Session following the opening **</i>
	SESSION 1: RMI Reform and Development Progress and Priorities
9:30 – 9:40	Opening statement by Hon. Jack Ading, Minister of Finance
9:40 – 12:00	Presentations by RMI delegation:
9:40 – 10:00	a) Expenditure Reforms (CAP) – presented by Mr. Ben Chutaro, Chair of CAP
10:00 – 10:20	b) Tax and Revenue Reforms – presented by Mr. Carlos Domnick, Chair of Tax & Revenue Reform and Modernization Commission
10:20 – 10:35	<i>** Coffee/Tea Break **</i>
10:40 – 11:00	c) Energy sector reforms and MEC – presented by Ms. Angeline Heine, National Energy Planner (Ministry of R&D) and Mr. David Paul, MEC General Manager
11:00 – 11:20	d) SOE performance and reform needs – presented by Mr. Ben Graham
11:20 – 11:40	e) RMI Climate Change Roadmap and National Policy – presented by Ms. Yumiko Crisostomo, Director of the OEPPC

11:40 – 12:00	f) Upcoming events: RMI Census, National Development Plan – presented by Chief Secretary Casten Nemra
12:00 – 1:00	<i>LUNCH (Provided at Meeting Venue)</i>
1:00 – 4:15	SESSION 2: Development Partner Presentations (by alphabetical order) <i>For this session the Government suggests that each development partner summarize current and on-going development assistance, and priorities and planned development assistance in 2011 and 2012. Statements/presentations sequenced by alphabetical order.</i>
1:00 – 1:15	Asian Development Bank
1:15 – 1:30	Australia
1:30– 1:45	European Union
1:45– 2:00	International Monetary Fund
2:00 – 2:15	Japan
2:15 – 2:30	New Zealand
2:30 – 2:45	Republic of China, Taiwan
3:00 – 3:15	<i>**Coffee/Tea Break **</i>
3:15 – 3:30	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
3:30 – 3:45	United Nations agencies
3:45 – 4:00	United States
4:00-4:15	World Bank
4:15 –	SESSION 3: Open dialogue Open discussion and dialogue, chaired by Hon. Minister John Silk

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER CLOSING OF DP MEETING & BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

9:00 – 10:00	SESSION 4: Closing and Next Steps
9:00 – 9:45	Discussion & Adoption of the Communique and Record of Discussions, and next proposed DP meeting
9:45 – 10:00	Closing remarks by Hon. John Silk, Minister of Foreign Affairs
10:00 – 10:30	United States
10:30 – 1:00	Japan
11:00 – 1:30	ROC Taiwan
11:30 – 2:00	Australia
12:00 – 1:30	** LUNCH **
1:30 – 2:00	SPC
2:00 – 2:30	EU
3:00 – 3:30	World Bank
3:30 – 4:00	IMF
4:00 – 4:30	ADB
4:30 – 5:00	UN