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## **REGIONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, HEALTH & SAFETY IN THE LOW VALUE MINERALS AND MATERIALS (LVMM) SECTOR**

**SUVA, FIJI**

**DECEMBER 1 - 4, 2015**

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**RETURN TO WORK (RTW) PLANS FOR UNDP SPONSORED PARTICIPANTS**

## I. RETURN-TO-WORK PLANS

Return to Work projects are a valuable mechanism for workshop participants' personal and professional development. As part of your sponsorship, you are required to develop a return-to-work plan on a project you will undertake on your return, applying the knowledge and skills gained from workshop to influence change.

Periodic follow-up on the progress of implementation of the plan will be undertaken by UNDP, with the first update expected at the 2-month mark, in February 2015. A subsequent follow-up in April 2016 will be undertaken and periodic follow-ups thereafter.

## II. REPORTING STRUCTURE FOR RETURN-TO-WORK PLANS

To facilitate ease of reporting and follow-up on your return to work project, the structure below outlines the key project elements that need to be covered in the reporting. **Please submit a draft Return to Work Project (RWP)** using the structure provided below.

### REPORTING STRUCTURE

GENERAL INFORMATION	
<b>Name(s):</b>	Fiji Group
<b>Details:</b> Position: Email: Phone no (office + mob):	NDM EIA Process
<b>Brief Description of the project:</b>	<p>NDM EIA and approval processes in Fiji involve a lot of governmental agencies from various ministries and departments. With very little collaborations between these agencies, approval processes can be quite hectic.</p> <p>The same can be said with potential investors, land owners and civil society organisations involved in NDMs. Their lack of understanding has led to a lot of unnecessary confusions and limited participation and involvement in NDMs.</p> <p>This project serves to develop and streamline EIA and approval processes for proposed NDM projects that is agreed to by all departments, with a check list of all pre-requisites that needs to be fulfilled first in order for the NDM project to commence. This will ensure that decision making process is done in a transparent and fair way with all stakeholders being part of the decision making process leading to a win-win situation where everyone benefits and the environment is safeguarded.</p>
<b>Expected Outcomes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A streamlined approval processing guideline developed and endorsed by relevant government authorities</li></ul>

<b>Expected Outputs:</b>	A clear, comprehensive and concise guideline on the approval process and EIAs for NDMs developed through stakeholder consultations and endorsement that is practicably applicable and can be easily understood and used by anyone including community members.
<b>Please describe how you plan to implement the return to work project:</b> (outline key partnerships and collaborations across sectors in your country as well as any joint collaboration with other countries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholder consultations to review the current EIA and Approval Process for NDMs to identify gaps and discuss solutions to address gaps and opportunities for improvement.</li> <li>• NDM technical working committee draft and streamline EIA and approval processes for proposed NDM projects based on outcomes of the stakeholder consultation</li> <li>• Government endorsement of the Streamlined guidelines and approval processes</li> </ul>
<b>What indicators of success will you employ?</b> (include indicators of success that go beyond activity-level implementation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholder consultation report</li> <li>• Endorsed dedicated and streamlined EIA and approval process for NDMs</li> </ul>
<b>What other strategic opportunities have you identified that will contribute to the success and sustainability of your project?</b> (include opportunities linked to national level policy, strategies and programmes as well as linkage to sub-regional and regional agenda)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fiji's Green Growth Framework is a national tool/strategy to implement the Sustainable Development Goals and to accelerate an integrated and inclusive sustainable development which will inspire actions at all levels, ensure environmental sustainability and resilience, build social improvement, eliminate poverty and support economic growth.</li> <li>• This project will ensure that all stakeholders and partners strengthen collaborations and efforts by pooling resources, knowledge and capacity to finding new and transformative solutions to long standing gaps in NDM, integrate a holistic approach that is environmentally and socially sound and inclusive of all stakeholders including grass-root communities, civil society organisations and others.</li> </ul>
<b>What aspects of the training will be most useful in implementing your project?</b> Explain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved understanding of the types of NDMs including a better understanding of all the relevant legislations and policies in Fiji, the various governmental approval agencies and the approval processes will help us better identify existing gaps in the EIA and approval processes and find innovative and adaptive solutions for improvement.</li> <li>• A better understanding of the potential social and environmental impacts of NDMs will greatly benefit this project</li> </ul>
<b>What are your future plans?</b> (include any additional capacity building needs for your professional development that you have identified during the course of the workshop).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased awareness activities and building community and partners capacity on NDM EIA and approval processes</li> </ul>

### III. SUBMISSION DATE OF THE DRAFT RETURN-TO-WORK PROJECT

The draft Return to Work project is due **by Monday 14 December 2015** and should be sent to: Lacina Pakoun (lacina.pakoun@undp.org)