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

**SUVA, FIJI**

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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	
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<b>Brief Description of the project:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Establishment of a <b>National Minerals Policy</b> that caters for NDMs and will pave the way for the establishment of the <b>Quarry Act</b>.</li><li>- This is in fact an existing project that focuses on policy making to include NDMs and be able to implement environmental protection and overall health and safety.</li></ul>
<b>Expected Outcomes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The National Minerals Policy to be established and there would be clear provisions for the better management of NDMs in Solomon Islands.</li><li>• Marketing of NDMs to potential investors to create income through employment, land access rentals, royalty etc...</li></ul>
<b>Expected Outputs:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify companies that are currently undertaking mining of NDMs</li><li>• Identify areas or locations of potential NDMs deposits in the country.</li><li>• Clear specific mapping of areas with deposits of NDMs.</li><li>• Drafting the NDM occurrence in the country.</li><li>• Consultation with Landowners.</li></ul>

<p><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)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The implementation of the RWP will mainly be done with availability of funding through the Solomon Islands Government. The government through the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification took the lead alongside World Bank in contracting consultants that make a first draft of the National Mineral Policy in 2011-2012. However, more needs to be done to tidy up the policy for its completion.</li> <li>• Our Ministry will formulate a Terms of Reference (TOR) to specify selected areas of interest with respect to NDMs to be included in the policy.</li> <li>• Seek technical and financial support from big International Non-Government Organization such as World Bank and United Nations Development Programme.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What indicators of success will you employ?</b> (include indicators of success that go beyond activity-level implementation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders consultations that includes; Community consultations, Provincial Governments, National Government Line Ministries and Non-Government Organizations as well as Investors consultations. All stakeholders will have their inputs into the National Minerals Policy regarding the NDMs and the Quarry Act.</li> </ul>
<p><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)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project is a national programme that needs completion. It is an existing project that currently the Solomon Islands Government through the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification is implementing with the help of World Bank. There is opportunity for success and sustainability of this project as the Solomon Islands Government set aside development budget with support of funding from World Bank. However, we may seek further support to ensure the implementation of our plan is a true success.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What aspects of the training will be most useful in implementing your project?</b> Explain</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The knowledge sharing aspect of the training is seen as the most useful especially learning from other Pacific Island Country's experience on how they manage their NDMs projects.</li> <li>• Also the field trip to two quarry sites in Fiji (Viti Levu) complements and enhance our knowledge regarding the quarry industry (NDMs). For the first quarry site, we learned of proper techniques of reducing environmental impacts such as benches or terraces along slopes and siltation ponds that controls land slide and erosion. Also, there is closer link of community engagement and support. The community or landowning group benefited very much from royalty received on mining of NDM on their land. For the second site it gives us an overview of how the abandoned mine can be rehabilitated and converted into something useful such as an eco-tourism resort. All these can be useful in implementing our project by way of awareness to stakeholders alike.</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)