



Virtual IATF session on Solomon Islands – Follow up to Joint UN Workshop held in Honiara in October 2019

JOINT WORKPLAN OF THE UN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE IN SUPPORT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS' GRADUATION FROM THE LDC CATEGORY

11 November 2020

3:00pm New York

9:00pm Geneva

8:00am +1 Fiji

Areas of support:	IATF Graduation-related Assistance Offered	Focal points
ANALYSIS OF GRADUATION IMPACTS AND IMPLICATIONS ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production of tailored analytical studies, and capacity-building workshops. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of DESA impact assessment/UNCTAD vulnerability profile Discussion paper covering 4 Pacific LDCs, including Solomon Islands, to propose new ideas for structural transformation to mitigate the impact of graduation and to address the renewed need for building resilience (ESCAP) 	<p>DESA: Mereseini Bower mereseini.bower@un.org</p> <p>UNCTAD: Rolf Traeger rolf.traeger@unctad.org</p> <p>ESCAP: Yusuke Tateno tateno@un.org</p>
SMOOTH TRANSITION STRATEGY		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to the formulation of a Smooth Transition Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elements of smooth transition strategy (IATF- November 2019) Smooth Transition Strategy Template (DESA/CDP) Technical assistance support for formulation and drafting, including advisory services, peer review of drafts (ESCAP) Facilitation of a 'leadership dialogue' and support to implementing priority smooth transition measures (DESA/CDP) Support to donor outreach as well as south-south dialogue, cooperation, knowledge sharing and peer-learning (OHRLLS, DESA, RC/UNCT) Monitoring of potential disruptions to development progress (DESA/CDP, in collaboration with UNDP) 	<p>IATF, OHRLLS: Margherita Musollino musollino@un.org</p> <p>DESA/CDP: Mereseini Bower mereseini.bower@un.org</p> <p>ESCAP: Yusuke Tateno tateno@un.org</p> <p>UNCTAD: Rolf Traeger rolf.traeger@unctad.org</p>

COVID-19 IMPACTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint analysis of COVID19 impacts on various sectors of economy and its implications on NDS implementation, linking LDC graduation process and expectations as well as earlier work on SDG financing (UNDP 2019) to produce a targeted assessment of key sectors (as identified by SOI Govt), including the risks factors and programming recommendations. Local consultant being recruited to coordinate the work in SOI, with the expert team (already on board) out of Fiji and a consultant (based in Australia). (joint effort with other UN and non-UN entities who are carrying out their own analysis of COVID impact, e.g. ILO on employment, UNICEF on health and education, UNFPA and UN-Women on gender related issues). 	UNDP: Berdi Berdiyev berdi.berdiyev@undp.org
CAPACITY BUILDING		
INVESTMENT PROMOTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIF-WAIPA project on investment promotion capacity building: tailor-made support to the improvement of trade and investment institutional coordination, and investment strategies for Solomon Islands (ongoing EIF project). 	EIF: Peter Donelan peter.donelan@wto.org
TRADE AND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analytical study on consequences and options for trade after LDC graduation. Conditional on funding availability and support from other IATF members (ITC) 	ITC: Julia Spies spies@intracen.org
ACCESSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon demand, analytical study (potentially in 2021) on climate finance for Pacific LDCs or more generally on resource mobilization strategies in the context of LDC graduation. Conditional on funding availability and support from other IATF members (ESCAP) OECD Transition Finance Country Diagnostic in preparation of Solomon Islands' LDC graduation: https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/development/solomon-islands-transition-finance-country-diagnostic_a4739684-en Supporting local authorities in Solomon Islands to access climate finance and technical assistance needed to respond to climate change through deployment of the LoCAL (Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility) mechanism. Government has expressed interest, scoping has been undertaken and resource mobilization is underway. (UNCDF) Upon demand, undertake an SDG digital finance ecosystem assessment (SDFE assessment) to feed into updated Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF), planned by UNDP. The first component of the SDFE assessment is to conduct an Inclusive Digital Economy Scorecard (IDES), which is already underway in Solomon Islands. Support for formulation of a National Digital Economy Strategy is also underway. (UNCDF) 	<p>ESCAP: Yusuke Tateno tateno@un.org</p> <p>OECD: Abdoulaye Fabregas Abdoulaye.FABREGAS@oecd.org</p> <p>UNCDF: Sophie De Coninck sophie.de.coninck@uncdf.org ; Rafael Martins rafael.martins@uncdf.org)</p> <p>UNCDF: Bram Peters bram.peters@uncdf.org</p>
RISK-INFORMED DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection and analysis of disaster loss and risk data for risk-informed policies and investments: i) Implementation of programme "Addressing Gender Inequality of Risk and Building Community Resilience in the Solomon Islands" (led by Un-Women, with UNDRR and IFRC); ii) Capacity development on the Sendai Framework Monitor Develop new and review/strengthen existing national and local disaster risk reduction strategies and legislation: i) Making Cities Resilient 2030 Campaign; ii) Development and implementation of Honiara resilience action plan 	UNDRR: Andrew Mcelroy mcelroy@un.org

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2021 Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to focus on disaster risk reduction in Pacific SIDS. Opportunity to raise awareness of challenges and support needed to reduce disaster risk and finance Sendai Framework implementation	
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