

May 18, 2012

Mr. Asipeli Palaki  
Acting Director, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change  
PPCR Focal Point  
Nuku'alofa  
KINGDOM OF TONGA

Dear Mr. Palaki,

**Endorsement of the Kingdom of Tonga's Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR)  
under the PPCR**

It is my pleasure to inform you that the PPCR Sub-Committee reviewed the *Strategic Program for Climate Resilience for the Kingdom of Tonga*, a country participating in the Pacific Regional program, and endorsed the SPCR as a basis for the further development of the projects foreseen in the strategic program, and took note of the requested grant funding of USD 15 million. The Kingdom of Tonga is a country participating in the Pacific regional program.

The Sub-Committee reconfirmed its decisions on the allocation of resources, adopted at its meetings in June 2010 and 2011, that a range of funding for the regional program, consisting of strategic programs for the participating countries and a regional component, should be used as a planning tool in the further development of project and program proposals in participating countries to be submitted to the PPCR Sub-Committee for PPCR funding approval, recognizing that the minimum amount of the range is more likely and that the upper limit of the range will depend on availability of funding. The range of funding agreed for a regional pilot program is USD 60-75 million in grant resources, and USD 36 million in other concessional resources.

We would like to warmly congratulate Ms. Palu Latu, Principal Economist, Ministry of Finance and National Planning, on the excellent presentation she made to the Sub-Committee to introduce the strategic program.

Please do not hesitate to contact the CIF Administrative Unit or the staff from the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank working with you on the SPCR if you have any questions or need further clarification.



We look forward to receiving the proposals for the projects identified in Tonga's SPCR for approval of PPCR funding by the Sub-Committee.

Sincerely,



Patricia Bliss-Guest  
Program Manager  
CIF Administrative Unit

Attachment:

PPCR Sub-Committee meeting of April 30, 2012 - Co-Chairs Summary

Cc:

Ms. Natalia Palu Latu, Principal Economist, Ministry of Finance and National Planning

MDB PPCR Committee

Trustee

