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1. Executive summary

Throughout the Pacific region, there is a shortage of expertise in policy matters, particularly in the areas of policy development and analysis. There is also a lack of information on the policies that exist, whether they are national or regional policies.

The Pacific Agricultural and Forestry Policy Network (PAFPNet) was launched in 2006 at the 36th meeting of SPC's CRGA (Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations). The aim of this regional network is to facilitate communication, information dissemination, capacity building and awareness raising on issues related to agriculture and forestry policies and their development in Pacific countries. PAFPNet members include representatives from government and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the private sector, civil society and local community groups. These are all important players in determining policy direction and action.

The Land Resources Division (LRD) of SPC agreed to provide the PAFPNet Secretariat and to host the network. An MoU of cooperation between SPC and CTA resulted in the commissioning of a study of a wider potential membership for PAFPNet. CTA provided funds for the study and field visits were made to seven selected SPC member countries including Cook Islands, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga, representing the three Pacific sub-regions. Interviews were conducted with representatives of selected organisations, networks and interest groups from both the public and private sectors. The study looked at the organisational characteristics of current and possible PAFPNet members, the needs and potential contributions of identified groups of members, and mechanisms for effectively involving various groups.

Findings from the study indicated a strong need for sharing agriculture and forestry information amongst Pacific organisations at all levels. In addition, it was found that many of those visited were not aware of PAFPNet. This included people working in the agriculture and forestry sectors, NGOs and civil society. Community participation is critical for the success of any rural development initiative. With a wider membership including NGOs, women's groups, youth and church groups, PAFPNet could reach and inform rural communities and enhance their participation in development.

Lack of a reliable Internet connection was the most important constraint identified by many organisations wanting to take part in PAFPNet. This was especially the case in the smaller countries. Although Internet connections were available in all the organisations/countries visited, systems varied from costly, tortoise-speed dial-up to super-speed broadband.

Organisations expressed a need for support from PAFPNet in priority areas such as capacity building in policy development and analysis, and information and communication on existing regional policies.

To meet some of the requests made and expectations outlined, the study recommended setting up PAFPNet focal points in all Pacific Island countries and territories and the appointment of a coordinator to be based at LRD.

2. Background

The Pacific Agricultural and Forestry Policy Network (PAFPNet) is a regional network aimed at facilitating communication, information dissemination, capacity building and awareness raising on issues related to agriculture and forestry policies in Pacific countries. The network recognises non-governmental organisation (NGOs), the private sector, civil society and local community groups as important players and promotes their involvement in determining policy direction and action.

PAFPNet began when a group of people in the Pacific region who had been exchanging policy-related information among themselves were invited to a meeting held in Wageningen, the Netherlands, in February 2006 to plan the creation of a regional agricultural and forestry policy network. The meeting was attended by members of the Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA) and senior officers of the following Pacific organisations: Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP), Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International (FSPI), PNG National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI). These participants, as well as representatives of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC), University of the South Pacific (USP) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) are members of the core group charged with the establishment of PAFPNet. The Land Resources Division (LRD) of SPC agreed to provide the PAFPNet Secretariat and to house the network. The core group produced a road map that included the following main steps:

- Validation by a regional stakeholders meeting held in Fiji, from 28–31 August 2006
- Endorsement by Pacific Heads of Agriculture and Forestry at their meeting in Fiji in September 2006
- Official launch of the network by SPC's governing council, the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA) in New Caledonia in November 2006
- Signature of an MoU between the network and CTA by January 2007.

Following the establishment of PAFPNet by representatives of 22 Pacific Islands countries and territories (PICTs) in July 2006, and its launch in November 2006 at the 36th meeting of SPC's CRGA, an MoU for cooperation was signed between SPC and CTA. SPC, with funding assistance from CTA, then commissioned a consultant to conduct a study of potential PAFPNet members, with the following objectives:

- i. To contribute to networking among, and contributions from PAFPNet members and stakeholders; and
- ii. To provide information on potential members to the PAFPNet Secretariat, core group and interested members.

The study covered the following areas:

- Organisational characteristics of current and potential PAFPNet members;
- Needs, expectations and possible contributions from identified groups of members; and,
- Mechanisms for effectively involving various member groups.

3. Study approach and methods

The study was carried out using the following methods:

i. A desk study of relevant documents from regional and international sources. This desk study was carried out at SPC, Suva. Relevant information was scarce. However, reports from the CTA needs assessment study on Cook Islands, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga provided useful information particularly with regards to the potential membership of PAFPNet.

ii. A questionnaire-based survey was developed and distributed widely by email to regional intergovernmental organisations, national government bodies involved in policy, agriculture and forestry, regional and national civil society organisations, including NGOs, farmers' groups, women's groups, and youth and church groups as well as some individuals. The questionnaire was distributed throughout the 14 countries involved in the PAFPNet Regional Stakeholders Meeting in Nadi, August 2006. In addition, during field visits, both electronic and hard copies of the questionnaire were distributed (a copy of the questionnaire is attached as Annex 4).

iii. *Field visits* to seven selected SPC member countries including Cook Islands, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Tonga for interviews with representatives of selected organisations, networks and interest groups from the public and private sectors, (see Annex 2). Between three and four days was spent in each country. An important part of the field visits, apart from raising awareness, was to discuss mechanisms for effective involvement of members, which was also covered to some extent in the questionnaire.

4. Analysis of main findings

The main findings of the study were analyzed under three areas of concern, based on responses from country representatives to the questionnaire and during face-to-face discussions. Data collected during country visits and from the questionnaire are summarized for each country in Annex 1. Although responses differed between countries, there were even more pronounced differences between various organisations within each country with regards to levels of awareness, needs and expectations and possible mechanisms for future involvement. For example, while awareness of PAFPNet is high within agriculture departments, there is very low awareness in other departments, the private sector and NGOs.

4.1 Organisational characteristics of current and potential PAFPNet members

A total of 46 organisations were contacted during this study, including local, national and regional/international organisations (Table 1). The type of organisations ranged from local groups and NGOs to government departments and regional and international organisations. These organisations are all stakeholders in the agriculture and/or forestry and/or environment sectors and thus have an interest in related policies, whether they are local, national, regional or international policies. These organisations therefore see that PAFPNet could play a critical role in their operation (Annex 3).

Table 1. Summary of organisations contacted in each country

Country	No. of organisations	Geographical coverage			Type of organisation		
		Local	National	Regional ¹	Govt	NGO	Other ²
FSM	9	2	5	2	5	4	-
Samoa	9	2	5	2	4	3	2
Cook Is.	6	4	2	-	2	4	-
Tonga	6	1	5	-	1	5	-
Fiji	7	2	2	3	1	5	1
Kiribati	4	-	4	-	2	2	-
Solomon Is.	5	-	5	-	3	2	-
Total	46	11	28	7	18	25	3

Due to the limited time and resources available for the study, coverage was restricted to the main towns in the countries visited and to a few representative organisations. Although efforts were made to keep a balance between the types of organisations contacted, such as government compared to NGO, this was not always possible.

The results of the questionnaire and visits showed that awareness of PAFPNet's existence is low, which also holds for its Website. Membership is low in most countries, both for individuals and organisations (Table 2), ranging from no individual members in FSM, Cook Islands, Tonga and Kiribati to 70% amongst those contacted in Fiji. Although awareness levels are 57% and 60% in FSM and Samoa respectively, membership was still low. However, the level of interest in becoming members was very high, with everyone wanting to sign up, both as individuals and on behalf of their organisations. Many wanted to know how to become members of the network.

¹ Including regional organisations and NGOs

² Including FAO, UNDP and SPC

Table 2. Percentage awareness and membership of PAFPNet in each country

Country	Aware of network	Individual Membership	Organisation membership	Should your organisation become a member?
	Yes (%)	Yes (%)	Yes (%)	Yes (%)
FSM	57	0	0	100
Samoa	60	10	30	100
Cook Is.	33	0	45	100
Tonga	40	0	10	90
Fiji	80	70	80	100
Kiribati	25	0	35	100
Solomon Is.	20	10	10	100
Average (%)	46	16	31	100

4.2 Needs, expectations and possible contributions from identified categories of members

Summaries of answers to questions in this section of the questionnaire are provided in the points below. For more detailed analysis of the responses from each country, please refer to Annex 1.

4.2.1 Most important need for the establishment of PAFPNet in each country:

- Six out of the seven countries visited indicated the need to establish a ‘focal point’ in each country.
- Six countries recommended sharing information on policy matters with other countries.

4.2.2 Methods for strengthening PAFPNet membership:

- Conduct awareness and promotion programmes, as 54% (Table 2) of potential members are not aware of the existence of the network.
- Increase involvement of NGOs in the network. NGOs are seen as important partners in the network. They will benefit directly from information obtained through the network, but equally important will express their views and concerns and participate in identifying issues during policy formulation processes.

4.2.3 Top three priorities, selected by countries from a given list of organisations’ needs and expectations of the network:

- Capacity building on policy development
- Capacity building on policy analysis
- Information and communication on regional policies

It was clear from consultations as well as from responses to the questionnaire that throughout the region there is lack of expertise on policy matters, particularly in the areas of policy development and analysis. There is also a lack of information on policies, whether they are national or regional policies.

4.2.4 Information communication technology/equipment needed to facilitate effective participation of members:

- A reliable Internet connection was the most important need identified by many organisations, especially in the smaller countries. Although Internet connection was available in all organisations/countries visited, systems varied from tortoise-speed costly dialup to super-speed broadband.
- Computer hardware and software are urgent requirements for some organisations. In some cases, computers that should have been thrown out years ago are still in use. Island conditions of dusty, hot humid, salt air, compounded by unreliable electricity supply are not computer friendly. Thus the island life of a computer is normally short. New software is also needed, but the costs of computer programs and normal updates are usually beyond the means of small countries’ budgets. Some organisations mentioned the need for good virus protection for Internet and Network traffic.

4.3 Mechanism for effective involvement of different categories of members

The PAFPNet workshop in Nadi, 2006, designed a structure and a ‘way forward’ for the network. The road map was completed with the signing of the MOU. Based on what was learned from the membership study, a three-step approach

is suggested as a further ‘way forward’ to strengthen PAFPNet. These steps simply suggest an implementation process to establish and maintain the structure agreed on in Nadi.

The first two steps involve arrangements at both the national level and at the network hub. These steps are to be taken immediately and concurrently. The third step is establishing the communication arrangements needed to link national systems with other national systems, and to link each of these to the hub. Here, ‘national’ refers to all nodes of the network other than the hub. These nodes may include group, village, provincial, national, regional and international level nodes.

4.3.1 Local arrangements

- i. Focal points* – Current study identified the need for this position, with at least one in each country. Duties will include coordination of all members and member organisations at the country level, and liaison with the network coordinator
- ii. Awareness* – The relatively low level of awareness of the network at country level indicates the need to promote it and thus increase membership. The Focal Point will work together with the network Coordinator to conduct this ‘membership drive’ through awareness programmes at national level.
- iii. Procure necessary equipment* – Some countries identified a need for computers (hardware and software). Also identified was a need for good Internet access.

4.3.2 Network arrangements

- i. Set-up a Coordinator* – The Coordinator will be based at SPC and will be responsible for all network activities such as website updates, membership drives and registration, development of a register of experts in related areas, liaison with Focal Points at country level, and establishments of links with international organisations and other networks.
- ii. Improvement of current website* – More relevant information on agriculture and forestry policy from members is needed. The website should be flexible enough to ensure that it can accommodate the information needs of members.
- iii. Develop supporting mechanisms* – Mechanisms are needed to assist financially weaker members of the network. The support could include information, advice, training, equipment, etc. A regional network will be in a stronger position to attract donor assistance than individual organisations in smaller countries.

4.3.3 Communication arrangements

This step is needed to link local arrangements with network arrangements.

- i. Regular meetings and training* – At least an annual meeting of Focal Points should be held. The meeting should include training on network and website issues.
- ii. Reporting* – A monthly or quarterly half-page report should be sent by Focal Points, summarising national network activities and needs. These national reports will be posted on the website by the Coordinator for the information of members. Information should flow in all directions between members and nodes and through the Focal Point to the Coordinator and other national Focal Points.

5. Conclusions and recommendations

- a. There is a strong need for sharing agriculture and forestry information amongst Pacific organisations at all levels and PAFPNet could fill part of this need. The concept of the network was widely supported by almost 100% of those contacted during the study, including those who were not previously aware of PAFPNet.
- b. Although awareness was high in a few of the countries visited, it was clear that in most countries, people were not aware of PAFPNet. This included people working in the agriculture and forestry sector, NGOs, civil society and other potential members of the network.
- c. Development of agriculture and forestry is vital for survival in most PICTs, where 80% of the population live in rural areas with agriculture the main occupation. PAFPNet could play an important role in rural development

- d. Community participation is critical for the success of any rural development initiative. Through a membership that included NGOs, and women's groups, youth and church groups, PAFPNet could reach and inform rural communities and enhance their participation in development.
- e. Everyone contacted is able and willing to provide information to the network. Some organisations could also provide expert advice, technical assistance and training on policy matters. However, none is able to contribute financially to the network.
- f. Capacity building needs in policy development, policy analysis and policy communication and advocacy were highlighted.
- g. Two critical needs were identified in most PICTs:
 - i. Computers with appropriate software
 - ii. Reliable internet access

Recommendations

The following recommendations are based on the findings outlined above:

- Set-up national Focal Points in all PICTs. More than one Focal Point may be necessary in bigger PICTs. The following persons are recommended as Focal Points in their respective countries.

Country	Proposed focal point	Email address
FSM	Ishmael Lebehn	ilebehn@mail.fm
Cook Islands	John Akavi	Director of Extension, Ministry of Agriculture, Rarotonga, Cook Islands
Samoa	Emele Ainuu	Director of Extension, Ministry of Agriculture, Samoa
Tonga	Ms Leody Vainikolo	leody.vainikolo@mafff.gov.to
Fiji	Sakiusa Tubuna	stubuna@connect.com.fj
Kiribati	Tianeti Beenna	Beenna_ti@yahoo.com
Solomon Islands	Alfred Maesulia	maesulia@yahoo.com

- Appoint a Coordinator for PAFPNet, to be based at LRD, SPC. The Coordinator's duties will include promotion and awareness raising, and responsibility for developing and maintaining the membership register for the network.
- The study process helped raise awareness, but more must be done to increase PAFPNet membership. The Coordinator, with the support of national Focal Points, should conduct national membership drives, highlighting the objectives and potential benefits of the network.
- Any individual or group who believe they could benefit from the network should be encouraged to join.
- Focal Points should meet annually or biannually to discuss issues such as improving the impact of the network. If the costs of such inclusive meetings are too high, then perhaps representatives of the main groups (Polynesia, Micronesia, Melanesia and French-speaking countries) should meet.
- LRD should source funds and provide for urgent needs such as computers and Internet access, particularly for Focal Points.

Annex 1. Summary of responses to questionnaire and consultations for each PICT.

A: FSM

Summary of survey questions	Responses		
1.1.1 Total no. of respondents	25		
1.1.2 Total no. of organisations	9		
1.1.3 Geographical coverage	2 state	5 national	2 regional
1.2.Type	5 government	4 NGO	
1.2 Role	Most involve – extension, research, information, training, policy		
1.3.1 i Ever heard of PAFNet	Yes (57%)	No (43%)	
1.3.1 ii Are you a member of PAFNet	No (100%)		
1.3.1 iii Is your org a member	No (100%)		
1.3.2 Should your org be member	Yes 100%		
1.3.3 Will your org benefit from being a member	Yes 100%		
1.3.4 Recommend others for membership	All recommended one or two others		
1.3.5 Know any members	Yes (30%)	No (70%)	
1.3.6 Name other org etc. that could contribute/benefit	40% name some others	60% none	
2.1 Most important needs for establishment of PAFNet	1 Establish focal points. 2. Training materials 3. Share information		
2.2 Most needed to strengthen PAFNet	86% recommend awareness and promotion		
2.3 Prioritised list of needs and expectations	1. Capacity building on policy development (60% as top priority) 2. Use of communication channels including computer based tools for exchange of information 3. Information and communication on regional policies		
2.4 List most needed equipment, etc.	1.Computer hardware and software (67% top priority) 2. Training on website development		
2.5 What can your organisation contribute to the network	Information (100%) Advice and assistance (57%) Training (42%) Finance (0%)		
2.6.1 Do you access the PAFNet website	No (100% unaware)		
2.6.2 Is the website relevant	Don't know (100%)		

B: SAMOA

Summary of survey questions	Responses		
Total no. of respondents	12		
Total no. of organizations	9		
Geographical coverage	2 local	5 national	2 regional
1.2.Type	4 government	3 NGO	2 UN Org.
1.2 Role	Most involve – extension, research, information, training, policy; some trade marketing or financing		
1.3.1i Ever heard of PAFPNet	Yes (60%)	No (40%)	
1.3.1ii Are you a member of PAFPNet	Yes (10%)	No (90%)	
1.3.1iii Is your org a member	Yes (30%)	No (70%)	
1.3.2 Should your Org be member	Yes 100%		
1.3.3 Will your Org benefit being member	Yes 100%		
1.3.4 Recommend others for membership	All recommend one or two others		
1.3.5 Known any members	Yes (20%)	No (80%)	
1.3.6 Name other Org etc. could contribute/benefit	70% name some others	70% none	
2.1 Most important needs for establishment of PAFPNet	1 Establish linkage with other stakeholders. 2. Share information with other countries.		
2.2 Most needed to strengthen PAFPNet	1. Establish focal point (100%) 2. Awareness and promotion (100%)		
2.3 Prioritized list of needs and expectations	1. Use of comm. channels including computer based tools for exchange of info (50% as top priority) 2. Capacity building on policy development (50% as top priority) 3. Capacity building on policy comm. and advocacy		
2.4 List most needed equipment etc	1. Internet connection 2. Computer hardware and software		
2.5 What can your Organization contribute to network	Information (100%) Advice and assistance (50%) Training (50%) Finance (0%)		
2.6.1 Do you access PAFPNet website	Yes (30%) Unaware (70%)		
2.6.2 Is website relevant	Yes but need more information (30%)		

C: COOK ISLANDS

Summary of survey questions	Responses		
Total Number of respondents	9		
Total Number of Organizations	6		
Geographical coverage	4 local	2 national	
1.2.Type	2 government	4 NGO	
1.2 Role	Most involve – extension, research, information, training; government involves policy		
1.3.1i Ever heard of PAFPNet	Yes (33%)	No (66%)	
1.3.1ii Are you a member of PAFPNet	No (100%)		
1.3.1iii Is your Org a member	Yes (45%)	No (55%)	
1.3.2 Should your Org be member	Yes 100%		
1.3.3 Will your Org benefit being member	Yes 100%		
1.3.4 Recommend others for membership	All recommended one or two others		
1.3.5 Known any members	Yes (40%)	No (60%)	
1.3.6 Name other Org etc. could contribute/benefit	70% name some others	30% none	
2.1 Most important needs for establishment of PAFPNet	1 Establish focal points. 2. Share information		
2.2 Most needed to strengthen PAFPNet	100% recommend awareness and promotion		
2.3 Prioritized list of needs and expectations	1. Capacity building on policy development 2. Information and communication on regional policies		
2.4 List most needed equipment etc	1. Computer hardware and software (100%) 2. Training on website development (40%)		
2.5 What can your Organization contribute to network	Information (100%) Advice and assistance (40%) Training (80%) Finance (0%)		
2.6.1 Do you access PAFPNet website	Yes (10%) No (90% unaware)		
2.6.2 Is website relevant	Don't know (90%)		

D: TONGA

Summary of survey questions	Responses		
Total Number of respondents	10		
Total Number of Organizations	6		
Geographical coverage	1 local	5 national	
1.2.Type	1 government	5 NGO	
1.2 Role	Most involve – extension, research, information; some in training, policy		
1.3.1i Ever heard of PAFPNet	Yes (40%)	No (60%)	
1.3.1ii Are you a member of PAFPNet	No (100%)		
1.3.1iii Is your Org a member	Yes (10%)	No (90%)	
1.3.2 Should your Org be member	Yes (90%)	No (10%)	
1.3.3 Will your Org benefit being member	Yes (90%)	Don't know (10%)	
1.3.4 Recommend others for membership	All recommend one or two others		
1.3.5 Known any members	Yes (20%)	No (80%)	
1.3.6 Name other Org etc. could contribute/benefit	100% name some others		
2.1 Most important needs for establishment of PAFPNet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Establish focal points. 2. Develop appropriate policies 3. Share information from other countries 		
2.2 Most needed to strengthen PAFPNet	80% recommend awareness and promotion		
2.3 Prioritized list of needs and expectations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity building on policy development (60% as top priority) 2. Capacity building on policy analysis. 3. Capacity building on policy comm. and advocacy 		
2.4 List most needed equipment etc	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Computer hardware and software (60% as top priority) 2. Internet connection 		
2.5 What can your Organization contribute to network	Information (100%) Advice and assistance (80%) Training (50%) Finance (0%)		
2.6.1 Do you access PAFPNet website	Yes (40%)	No (60% unaware)	
2.6.2 Is website relevant	Don't know (60%)		

E: FIJI

Summary of Survey questions	Responses		
Total Number of respondents	8		
Total Number of Organizations	6		
Geographical coverage	2 local	1 national	3 regional
1.2.Type	1 government	3 NGO	3 regional/NGO
1.2 Role	Most involve – extension, research, information, training, policy		
1.3.1i Ever heard of PAFPNet	Yes (90%)	No (10%)	
1.3.1ii Are you a member of PAFPNet	Yes (90%)	No (10%)	
1.3.1iii Is your Org a member	Yes (90%)	No (10%)	
1.3.2 Should your Org be member	Yes 100%		
1.3.3 Will your Org benefit being member	Yes 100%		
1.3.4 Recommend others for membership	All recommend one or two others		
1.3.5 Known any members	Yes (80%)	No (20%)	
1.3.6 Name other Org etc. could contribute/benefit	90% name some others	10% none	
2.1 Most important needs for establishment of PAFPNet	1 Training materials 2. Share information		
2.2 Most needed to strengthen PAFPNet	100% recommend awareness		
2.3 Prioritized list of needs and expectations	1. Information and communication on regional policies 2. Capacity building on policy development 3. Visit by PAFPNet secretariat staff		
2.4 List most needed equipment etc	1. Internet connections 2. Computer hardware and software		
2.5 What can your Organization contribute to network	Information (100%) Advice and assistance (100%) Training (100%) Finance		
2.6.1 Do you access PAFPNet website	Yes (75%) Unaware (25%)		
2.6.2 Is website relevant	Relevant (75%)		

F: KIRIBATI

Summary of Survey questions	Responses		
Total Number of respondents	12		
Total Number of Organizations	4		
Geographical coverage		4 national	
1.2.Type	2 government	2 NGO	
1.2 Role	Most involve – extension, information, training, policy		
1.3.1i Ever heard of PAFPNet	Yes (25%)	No (75%)	
1.3.1ii Are you a member of PAFPNet	No (100%)		
1.3.1iii Is your Org a member	Yes (35%)	No (65%)	
1.3.2 Should your Org be member	Yes 100%		
1.3.3 Will your Org benefit being member	Yes 100%		
1.3.4 Recommend others for membership	Following were recommended: Maurin Kiribati Assoc., Environment and Conservation Division of MELAD and Aia Maea Aineni Kiribati (AMAK)		
1.3.5 Known any members	Yes (30%)	No (70%)	
1.3.6 Name other Org etc. could contribute/benefit	All name some others		
2.1 Most important needs for establishment of PAFPNet	1 Establish focal points. 2. Training		
2.2 Most needed to strengthen PAFPNet	100% recommend awareness and promotion		
2.3 Prioritized list of needs and expectations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity building on policy development (60% as top priority) 2. Capacity building on policy analysis 3. Capacity building on policy comm. and advocacy 		
2.4 List most needed equipment etc	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Computer hardware and software (100% as top priority) 2. Internet access 3. Training on website development 		
2.5 What can your Organization contribute to network	Information (100%)		
2.6.1 Do you access PAFPNet website	No (100%)		
2.6.2 Is website relevant	Don't know		

G: SOLOMON ISLANDS and VANUATU³

Summary of Survey questions	Responses		
1.1.1 Total Number of respondents	11		
1.1.2 Total Number of Organization	5		
1.1.3. Geographical coverage		5 national	
1.2. Type of Org	3 government	2 NGO	
1.2 Main roles of Org	Most involve – extension, research, information, training and Gov. dept. in policy		
1.3.1i Ever heard of PAFNet	Yes (20%)	No (80%)	
1.3.1ii Are you a member of PAFNet	Yes (10%)	No (90%)	
1.3.1iii Is your Org a member	Yes (10%)	No (90%)	
1.3.2 Should your Org be member	Yes 100%		
1.3.3 Will your Org benefit being member	Yes 100%		
1.3.4 Recommend others for membership	Melanesian Farmers First Network, Assoc. of Rural Training Centers, College of Higher Educ., Van Rural Dev. & Training Cent. Assoc. and WanSmolBag		
1.3.5 Known any members	Yes (10%)	No (90%)	
1.3.6 Name other Org etc. could contribute/benefit	Six other orgs were named		
2.1 Most important needs for establishment of PAFNet	1 Establish focal points. 2. Share ideas and information, and with other PICs		
2.2 Most needed to strengthen PAFNet	1. 100% recommend awareness and promotion, 2. Increase involvement of NGOs		
2.3 Prioritized list of needs and expectations	1. Capacity building on policy development (60% as top priority) 2. Capacity building on policy analysis 3. Capacity building on policy comm. and advocacy		
2.4 List most needed equipment etc	1. Broadband Internet access (100%). 2. Computer hardware and software (80%) 3. Access to digital library		
2.5 What can your Organization contribute to network	Information (100%) Advice and assistance (60%) Training (60%) Finance (0%)		
2.6.1 Do you access PAFNet website	Yes (50%)		
2.6.2 Is website relevant	Relevant		

³ Due to low no. of responses from Vanuatu, its results are combined with Solomon Islands results.

Summary of organisations (Org) contacted in each country

Countries	Number of Org.	Geographical coverage			Type of organisation		
		Local	National	Regional	Govt	NGO	Others ⁴
FSM	9	2	5	2	5	4	-
Samoa	9	2	5	2	4	3	2
Cook Is.	6	4	2	-	2	4	-
Tonga	6	1	5	-	1	5	-
Fiji	7	2	2	3	1	5	1
Kiribati	4	-	4	-	2	2	-
Solomon Is.	5	-	5	-	3	2	-
Totals	45	11	29	7	18	23	5

Percentage awareness and membership of PAFPNet in each country

Countries	Aware of network	Individual membership	Organisation membership	Should your org. become a member
	Yes (%)	Yes (%)	Yes (%)	Yes (%)
FSM	57	0	0	100
Samoa	60	10	30	100
Cook Is.	33	0	45	100
Tonga	40	0	10	90
Fiji	80	70	80	100
Kiribati	25	0	35	100
Solomon Is.	20	10	10	100
Average (%)	46	16	31	100

⁴ Including FAO, UNDP and SPC

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Annex 3 Organizational Characteristics of Current and Potential PAFPNet members

1. FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

1.1 Agriculture Unit, Department of Resource Management and Development

- a. **Type of organization and function:** Government department which manages the agricultural resources in the four states of FSM.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** National
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** State governments and people of FSM
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** Internet, television and radio
- with other PAFPNet members; Email: ilebehn@mail.fm

1.2 Protected Area Network (PAN), Department of Economic Affairs

- a. **Type of organization and function:** NGO working with government to control, register and monitor the protected areas in the four states of FSM. PAN is a major force behind the Micronesian Challenge environmental project.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national and regional
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** state governments and people of FSM and Micronesia
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** Internet, television and radio
- with other PAFPNet members; Email: fsm_pan@mail.fm

1.3 Department of Environment Management

- a. **Type of organization and function:** government department, oversee the management of the environment of FSM
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** state governments and people of FSM
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** Internet, television and radio
- with other PAFPNet member; Email: climate@mail.fm

1.4 The Nature Conservancy - Micronesia Program

- a. **Type of Organization and function:** Environmental NGO working on environment issues and conservation throughout Micronesia.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** regional
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** state governments and people of Micronesia
- d. **Communication mechanism: - with clients:** country visits, internet, television and radio
- with other PAFPNet members; Email: loverhoff@tnc.org

1.5 College of Micronesia – FSM

- a. **Type of organization and function:** regional training institute with strong programs on agricultural research and training.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** regional
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** States, private sector and people of the region etc.
- d. **Communication mechanism: - with clients:** Internet, television and radio
- with other PAFPNet members; Email: jphillip@comfsm.fm

1.6 Department of Agriculture, Pohnpei State, FSM

- a. **Type of organization and function:** state government
- b. **Geographical coverage:** Pohnpei State
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** people of Pohnpei
- d. **Communication mechanism: - with clients:** Farm visits, television and radio
- with other PAFPNet members; Email: pniagriculture@mail.fm

1.7 Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Pohnpei State, FSM

- a. **Type of organization and function:** state government
- b. **Geographical coverage:** Pohnpei State
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** people of Pohnpei.
- d. **Communication mechanism: - with clients:** Television and radio
- with other PAFPNet members; Email: yanson@mail.fm

- 1.8 Micronesia Small Grants Programme (MSGP)**
- a. Type of Organization and function:** Regional NGO – lends money to finance small development initiatives.
 - b. Geographical coverage:** regional
 - c. Beneficiaries and clients:** Farmers, small businesses and people of the region.
 - d. Communication mechanism:** - **with clients:** Visits, television and radio
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: micronesiasgp@mail.fm

- 1.9 Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)**
- a. Type of organization and function:** USA funded regional-NGO working on environmental issues.
 - b. Geographical coverage:** regional
 - c. Beneficiaries and clients:** States of FSM, its people and the environment
 - d. Communication mechanism:** - **with clients:** Internet, visits, television and radio
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: john.Lawrence@pb.usda.gov

2. SAMOA

- 1.1 Crop Research Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF)**
- a. Type of organization and function:** government department, main function to conduct agricultural research
 - b. Geographical coverage:** National
 - c. Beneficiaries and clients:** Farmers and people of Samoa and other government departments
 - d. Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** Farm visits, television and radio
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: barrya@samoa.ws

- 1.2 Forestry Department, Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (MNRE)**
- a. Type of organization and function:** government department, forestry replanting, conservation and management.
 - b. Geographical coverage:** national
 - c. Beneficiaries and clients:** Farmers, people of Samoa, other government departments
 - d. Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** farm visits, television and radio
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: forestrymain@lesamoa.ws

- 1.3 Extension Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF)**
- a. Type of organization and function:** government department, main function is to provide advice and technology transfer.
 - b. Geographical coverage:** national
 - c. Beneficiaries and clients:** farmers, people of Samoa, other government departments
 - d. Communication mechanism:** - **with clients:** farm visits, television, radio and print media
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: frank.fong@maf.gov.ws

- 1.4 Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture (MAF)**
- a. Type of organization and function:** government department, main function to advice and assist fishers of Samoa.
 - b. Geographical coverage:** national
 - c. Beneficiaries and clients:** Fishermen and people of Samoa and other government departments
 - d. Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** visits, television, radio and print media
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email:

- 1.5 Samoa Crops Cooperation Association**
- a. Type of organization and function:** NGO – Farmers' association with functions to market produce, procure supplies and negotiate on behalf of its members.
 - b. Geographical coverage:** local in the Apia and surrounding areas
 - c. Beneficiaries and clients:** members and their families
 - d. Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** farm visits, television and radio
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: tjexport@ipasifika.net

- 1.6 Women in Business Development Inc., (WIBDI)**
- a. Type of organization and function:** NGO with functions to train, support and advice women on business ventures.
 - b. Geographical coverage:** national

- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** members and their families
- d. **Communication mechanism:** - **with clients:** visits, television and radio
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: adi@womeninbusiness.ws

1.7 Malaefono Organic Plantation

- a. **Type of organization and function:** NGO with functions to train, support and advice organic farmers.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** local
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** members and their families
- d. **Communication mechanism:** - **with clients:** visits and meetings
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: mop@samoa.ws

1.8 Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO-SAPA), Apia

- a. **Type of organization and function:** UN organization with functions to assist development of agriculture in the Pacific region.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** regional
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** countries of the Pacific
- d. **Communication mechanism:** - **with clients:** visits, internet, meetings, trainings and workshops
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: mat.purea@fao.org

3. COOK ISLANDS

1.1 Office of the Minister for Island Administration (OMIA)

- a. **Type of organization and function:** government ministry with functions to service and assist development of the outer islands of Cook Islands.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** people living in the outer islands
- d. **Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** visits, telephones, internet and radio.
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: otheniel@omia.gov.ck

1.2 Research Division, Ministry of Agriculture

- a. **Type of organization and function:** government department with functions to conduct agricultural research and develop appropriate technologies.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** farmers, people of the country and other government departments
- d. **Communication mechanism:** - **with clients:** visits, telephone, internet, television and radio.
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: cimoa@oyster.net.ck

1.3 Ministry of Agriculture

- a. **Type of organization and function:** government ministry with functions to develop policies and coordinate development of the agricultural sector.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** National
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** Farmers, people of the country and other government departments
- d. **Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** Visits, telephones, internet, television and radio.
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: cimoa@oyster.net.ck

1.4 Cook Islands Organic Association

- a. **Type of Organization and function:** NGO with functions to assist members develop organic products and to market those products.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** association members and their families.
- d. **Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** visits, telephones, internet and radio.
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: nonimana007@hotmail.com

1.5 Rarotonga Nita Growers Association

- a. **Type of organization and function:** NGO, assist members who are vegetable growers to develop organic products for the Rarotonga market.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** local
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** association members and their families.
- d. **Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** visits, telephone, internet and radio.
- **with other PAFPNet members;** Email: info@tikiokirentals.co.ck

1.6 Mauke Maire Association

- a. **Type of Organization and function:** NGO with functions to facilitate women of Mauke exporting maire garlands to Hawaii.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** Mauke Island
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** association members and the Mauke Island community.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** talking and meetings.
- with other PAFPNet members; Email: verokura@oyster.net.ck

4. TONGA

1.1 Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

- a. **Type of organization and function:** government ministry with functions to develop policies and coordinate development of the agricultural sector.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** farmers, people of Tonga and other government departments.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** visits, telephone, television, radio and print media
- with other PAFPNet members; Email: leody.vainikolo@maff.gov.to

1.2 Tinopai Farm

- a. **Type of organization and function:** private sector with functions to assist farmers with agro-processing and overseas marketing of produce.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** farmers and their families especially those in remote rural areas and island communities.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** Visits, telephones, radio and print media
- with other PAFPNet members: Email: tinopai@kalianet.to

1.3 Friendly Islands Marketing Cooperation (FIMCO)

- a. **Type of organization and function:** private sector public company with functions to import and supply farming inputs and the overseas marketing of produce.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** farmers, people of Tonga, private sector and government departments.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** visits, telephones, radio and print media
- with other PAFPNet members: Email: fimco@kalianet.to

1.4 Tonga Trust

- a. **Type of organization and function:** NGO with functions to develop life skills and commercial activities amongst disadvantaged communities and especially women and youth, environmental issues, and rural development.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** rural communities, islands and disadvantaged communities, women and youth.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** visits, telephones, television, radio and print media
- with other PAFPNet members: Email: admin@tcdt.to

1.5 Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga (FWC) – Business Unit.

- a. **Type of organization and function:** church business, manage church owned school farms as a business to teach students lifeskills and to make some revenue for the schools.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** students and church schools.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** NA
- with other PAFPNet members: FWC Office, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

1.6 Tonga Civil Society

- a. **Type of Organization and function:** NGO with functions as the umbrella organization for all NGOs and private enterprises in the country.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** National
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** NGOs and private enterprises.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** Internet, telephones, television, radio and print media
- with other PAFPNet members; Address: Civil Society, Nuku'alofa, Tonga.

5. FIJI

1.1 Ministry of Agriculture – Land Use Division

- a. **Type of organization and function:** government department with functions to develop policies and coordinate development of the agricultural sector.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** farmers, people of Fiji and other government departments.
- d. **Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** visits, telephones, television, radio and print media
- **with other PAFPNet members:** Email: stubuna@connect.com.fj

1.2 Land Resources Division - SPC

- a. **Type of organization and function:** regional organization with functions to sustainably develop land resources of Pacific Island countries. It is also the secretariat of PAFPNet.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** regional
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** people of the Pacific region.
- d. **Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** visits, internet, telephones, television, radio and print media
- **with other PAFPNet members:** Email: alekis@spc.int

1.3 Agchem Ltd

- a. **Type of organization and function:** private sector with functions to import and supply agricultural chemicals into Fiji.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** farmers
- d. **Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** internet, telephone, television, radio and print media
- **with other PAFPNet members:** Email: agchem@connect.com.fj

1.4 South Sea Orchid Ltd

- a. **Type of organization and function:** NGO women's group with functions to develop floriculture as a commercial activity for its members.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** local
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** members and their families.
- d. **Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** meeting, telephone and radio.
- **with other PAFPNet members:** Email: sso@connect.com.fj

1.5 Natures Way

- a. **Type of organization and function:** private sector with functions to process and export fresh fruits.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** local
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** farmers and their families.
- d. **Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** meeting, telephone and radio.
- **with other PAFPNet members:** Email: nwc@is.com.fj

1.6 PESTNet

- a. **Type of organization and function:** A private sector internet initiative with functions to provide professional diagnosis of, and advice on pests and diseases important in agriculture. The service began as a Pacific regional initiative but its popularity has spread outside the region.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** Regional/International
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** Plant protection people and agriculture in the region.
- d. **Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** Internet.
- **with other PAFPNet members:** Email: ecoconsult@connect.com.fj

6. KIRIBATI

1.1 Ministry of environment, lands and agriculture development, MELAD

- a. **Type of organization and function:** government department with functions to develop policies and coordinate development of the agricultural sector, manage land use and protect of the environment.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** people of Kiribati.
- d. **Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** meetings, visits and radio.
- **with other PAFPNet members:** Email: betarimr@melad.gov.ki

1.2 Agriculture and livestock division, MELAD, Tanaea

- a. **Type of organization and function:** government department conducting research and development on appropriate technology.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** farmers and their families, people of Kiribati and other government departments.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** meetings, visits and radio.
- with other PAFPN members: Email: matiota_k@yahoo.com

1.3 Environment and conservation division, MELAD

- a. **Type of organization and function:** government department with functions to develop policies and protect the environment.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** people of Kiribati and other government departments.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** meetings, visits and radio.
- with other PAFPN members: Email: Teiti.ecd@melad.gov.ki

1.4 National council of women (AMAK)

- a. **Type of organization and function:** NGO women's group with functions to develop household income generating activities for its members.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** local
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** members and their families.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** meetings, telephones and radio.
- with other PAFPN members: Email: amakwomen@yahoo.com

7. SOLOMON ISLANDS

1.1 Ministry of agriculture and livestock, MAL

- a. **Type of organization and function:** government department with functions to develop policies and coordinate development of the agriculture and livestock sectors
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** farmers and people of the Solomon Islands, other government departments.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** visits and radio.
- with other PAFPN members: Email: maesulia@yahoo.com

1.2 Ministry of forestry, environment and conservation, MFEC

- a. **Type of organization and function:** government ministry with functions to develop policies, issue licenses, protect the environment and designate and protect certain areas.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** landowners, loggers and people of the Solomon Islands.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** meetings, telephone and radio.
- with other PAFPN members: Email: C/- kamariqu@yahoo.com

1.3 Kastom garden association, KGA

- a. **Type of organization and function:** NGO with a very strong nationwide coverage with functions to assist rural communities develop food gardens and also to make some income from gardening. KGA involves in programs such as planting material network, farmer-fresh marketing program and sustainable livelihoods in isolated rural areas program, SLIRAP.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** association members, their families, farmers and rural communities.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** visits, meetings, telephones and radio.
- with other PAFPN members: Email: iniab@kastomgaden.org; Website: www.terracircle.org.au/kga

1.4 Vois Blong Mere

- a. **Type of organization and function:** women-NGO with functions to assist women to develop income-generating activities.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** members and their families, rural communities.
- d. **Communication mechanisms: - with clients:** meetings, visits and radio.
- with other PAFPN members: Email: vbms@solomon.com.sb



1.5 Solomon Islands Christian Association Federation of Women (SICAFOW)

- a. **Type of organization and function:** women's church group with functions to help women develop commercial activities, including farming.
- b. **Geographical coverage:** national
- c. **Beneficiaries and clients:** members and their families.
- d. **Communication mechanisms:** - **with clients:** meetings, visits and radio.
- **with other PAFNet members:** Email: vbms@solomon.com.sb

Annex 4 PAFPNet Membership Study Questionnaire

Introduction

The Pacific Agricultural and Forestry Policy Network (PAFPNet) is a regional network connecting and empowering the people of the Pacific on issues related to agricultural and forestry policies. Representatives of 22 Pacific Island countries established it in July 2006, and endorsed and launched in September 2006 at the 36th meeting of the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA), the governing body of SPC. The Network is housed within the Land Resource Division of Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

PAFPNet aims to facilitate communication, information dissemination, capacity building and awareness creation on issues related to agriculture and forestry policies in Pacific countries. The network recognises NGOs, the private sector, civil society and local community groups as important players and promotes their involvement in determining policy direction and action.

SPC with funding assistance from the Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA) commissioned the service of a consultant to conduct the current study of Membership of the PAFPNet. This study is aimed to provide information on the network membership for PAFPNet Secretariat, Core Groups and interested parties. The study will cover the following key areas:

- Organizational characteristics of current and potential PAFPNet members
- Needs, expectations and possible contributions from the identified groups of members and,
- Mechanisms for the effective involvement of the various member groups.

The study will be conducted through the following methods:

- i. A desk review of relevant documents
- ii. Questionnaire based survey through the internet
- iii. Field visits to selected SPC member countries and conduct interviews with representatives of selected organisations, networks and interest groups.

The attached Questionnaire is an important part of the PAFPNet membership study. Your assistance in answering and return this questionnaire will contribute to our collective efforts to better cultivate agriculture and forestry policy for today and tomorrow Pacific Islanders.

The Survey

1. Organisational Characteristics

1.1 Please fill in the spaces below with the details of your organisation and your own (respondent) contact details.

1. Name and Acronym of your Organisation: -----
 Your own Name and Position in your Organisation: -----
 Tel #:
 Email:
 Web site:

2. What is the main mission of your organisation:

3. Mark with an 'x' the relevant geographical coverage of your organisation:
 local.....
 national.....
 regional.....
 international.....

2.2 Table below, shows the types and roles that your organisation could fit into. Please, mark with an 'x' the options (could be more than one) most relevant to your organisation.

Type of Organisation	Mark with 'x' as relevant	Role of Organisation	Mark with 'x' as relevant
Farmers' association (includes co-ops)		Extension and outreach	
Women's association		Information services	

Youth association		Financial services	
Bank or credit institution		Policy and planning	
Chamber of commerce and industry		Private sector – exporter agri/forest product	
Church-based group		Private sector – manufacturer	
Educational institution		Private sector – producer e.g. comm. farm	
Government department / ministry		Private sector – supplier of agri. inputs	
Non-government organisation		Research and development	
Private enterprise, company		Regulation (compliance, standards)	
Regional organisation or network		Training (tertiary and vocational level)	
Statutory body		Trade and marketing (include development)	

2.3 Please indicate if you and/or your organisation are/or potential members of the PAFPNet.

1.3.1. Have you heard of the PAFPNet (Pacific Agriculture and Forestry Policy Network)

Please answer yes/no to the following questions

- i. Have you heard of the PAFPNet (yes/no).....
- ii. Are you a member of the PAFPNet (yes/no).....
- iii. Is your organisation a member of the PAFPNet (yes/no).....

2.2.2. Do you think your organisation should be a member of PAFPNet? (yes/no).....

2.2.3. Do you think your organisation will benefit from being a member of PAFPNet? (yes/no).....

2.2.4. Name two of your client groups, organisations, networks that you would recommend to be members of PAFPNet

- i.....
- ii.....

1.3.5. Please list names of individuals, organisations, networks, interest groups etc. that you know to be members of PAFPNet in your country.

Names

Type of organisation

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

1.3.6. Please list names of individuals, organisations, networks, interest groups etc. that you think could contribute to and/or benefit from being members of PAFPNet in your country

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

2. Needs, expectations and contributions

2.1 What are the most important needs to establish PAFPNet in your country?

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2.2 What do you think are most needed to strengthen PAFPNet membership in your country?

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2.3 Please prioritise the list of needs and expectations below by numbering in the right-hand column to reflect the most important (1) to the least important (7) needs and expectations of your organisation from the network.

	Priority number from 1 to 7
Information and communication on regional policies	
Capacity building on Policy development	
Capacity building on Policy analysis	
Capacity building on Policy communication and advocacy	
Use of communication channels including computer based tools for excess to, and exchange of information	
Management of networks, including electronic networks	
Country visits by the PAFPNet secretariat staff	

2.4 Please list any Information Communication Management/Technology equipment and infrastructure, and services needed to facilitate effective participation of current and potential members of PAFPNet in your country

- i.
- ii.
- iii.
- iv.

2.5 What contributions you and your organisation could, and are prepared to put into the network. Select your answers from the box below.

- i. Information (yes/no)
- ii. Expert Advice (yes/no)
- iii. Technical assistance in policy matters (yes/no)
- iv. Training (yes/no)
- v. Finance (yes/no)
- vi. Others (please specify)

2.6 Feedback on PAFPNet website (www.spc/PAFPNet/)?

2.6.1 Do you access the PAFPNet website? (yes/no)

2.6.2 Usefulness of information in the website? (relevant/irrelevant)

<p>Please email the completed questionnaire to: Mr. Inoke Ratukalou Land Use and Resources Policy Adviser SPC, Nabua, FIJI Islands Email: inoker@spc.int</p>	<p>With copy to: Ms. Mua Tausie Project Assistant Land Resources Division SPC, Nabua, FIJI Islands Email: muat@spc.int</p>
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