



MARITIME TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION CENTRE IN THE PACIFIC (MTCC-PACIFIC)

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR CLIMATE MITIGATION IN THE MARITIME SHIPPING INDUSTRY

THE GLOBAL MTCC NETWORK (GMN) PROJECT

PARTNERS MEETING REPORT













MTTCC-PACIFIC PARTNERS' MEETING

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List of abbreviations

ADB – Asian Development Bank	PICTs – Pacific Island countries and territories			
EE – energy efficiency	PIDF – Pacific Islands Development Forum			
EU – European Union PRIF – Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility				
FRDP – Framework for Resilient Development in the	RE – renewable energy			
Pacific				
GHG – greenhouse gas	RMI – Republic of Marshall Islands			
IMO – International Maritime Organization	SPC – Pacific Community			
INDCs – Intended Nationally Determined Contributions	SPREP – Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment			
	Programme			
MTCC – Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre	TOR – terms of reference			
NDCs – Nationally Determined Contributions	USP – University of the South Pacific			

Summary

The Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre in the Pacific (MTCC-Pacific) Partners' Meeting was held on Tuesday 27 June 2017 at the Pacific Community (SPC) Pasifika Conference Room in Suva, Fiji.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the MTCC-Pacific partners such as: European Union, Fiji Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Fiji Maritime Academy, Pacific Islands Development Forum, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, and the University of the South Pacific.

MTCC-Pacific is one the five centres that form the Global MTCC Network (GMN), a project aiming at building the capacity of developing countries for climate mitigation in the maritime shipping industry. This project is funded by the European Union and implemented by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). MTCC-Pacific is hosted by SPC in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

Agenda item 1: Presentation of the GMN project

Summary

Mr Thierry Nervale, SPC Deputy Director Transport provided an introduction to the GMN project. GMN is an initiative funded by EU with total funding of Euro 10 million for a period of four years (January 2016 to December 2019).

The overall objective of the project is to support selected developing countries in limiting and reducing GHG emissions from their shipping sector through technical assistance/capacity-building to promote shipping low carbon and energy efficient technologies and operations.

More specifically, the project has established five MTCCs one in each of the target regions (MTCC-Caribbean – at the University of Trinidad & Tobago, MTCC-Africa – Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture & Technology, MTCC-Asia – Shanghai Maritime University, MTCC-Pacific – Pacific Community and MTCC-Latin America – International Maritime University of Panama), which would act as centres of excellence to promote the uptake of low carbon technologies in maritime transport.

The project objectives will be achieved through a number of clearly defined actions and interventions that generally include capacity building, uptake of energy efficient technologies and operations pilot projects, data collection and reporting pilot projects and dissemination activities; all to be carried out within the framework of the newly established MTCCs.

Full presentation is annexed as Annex IV - 1.

Discussion

The meeting raised concerns about financial sustainability of the project, emphasising that each centre will get 1 million each while IMO will get 50% of the total budget. This was further clarified by SPC that IMO will be monitoring all activities for the five centres and bear some costs including logistics for regional events, communication and visibility. All costs involved will be part of the 10 million euro project budget. The European Union clarified that initially the idea was for IMO to launch the centres on global level and later that host institutions will be delegated with responsibilities for establishment and conduct of pilot-projects. The European Union is keeping a note on financial stability of each

centres – this area will be further reviewed. The European Union and other partners will be able to contribute in further support, but the centre needs to demonstrate and show its work and joint initiatives with its partners.

All contracts have been signed between IMO and the host Institutions and MTCC-Africa and MTCC-Asia has been officially launched, while MTCC-Pacific will be launched by the end of this year.

Agenda item 2: Presentation of the MTCC-Pacific project

Summary

Mr Thierry Nervale, Head of MTCC-Pacific and SPC's Deputy Director Transport updated the meeting on MTCC-Pacific project, which has the vision of a Pacific low-carbon maritime transport that supports the sustainable development goals of Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) and the transition towards a greener economy in the Pacific.

The MTCC-Pacific will provide capacity-building activities to improve the capacity of PICTs to comply with international instruments and facilitate the implementation of energy efficient measures in the maritime industry. This complements the regional maritime capacity-building activities related to the mandate of both SPC and SPREP namely: maritime safety, security and governance; trade facilitation and port efficiency for SPC; and pollution prevention from ships for SPREP. The delivery of pilot-projects will also assist in the promotion of low-carbon technologies and operations in the maritime sector.

The MTCC-Pacific will form part of international and regional networks of centres of excellence to share information and experiences and promote the uptake of low carbon technologies and operations and energy efficient practises in the maritime industry.

Target countries include Fiji, Samoa, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Some of the immediate key capacity building activities identified includes:

Regional Workshop on Energy Management in Ports: 31 July-2 August, Auckland, New Zealand

Pre-COP 23 meeting: 17–18 October, Denarau, Fiji

COP 23: 6–17 November, Bonn, Germany

Launch of MTCC-Pacific: 11-15 December, Suva, Fiji

Full presentation is annexed as Annex IV - 2.

Discussion

The meeting suggested to have the official launch of MTCC-Pacific sometimes in November and not in December as proposed in the workplan and also noted that SPC and SPREP is yet to coordinate formally their activities in support to MTCC-Pacific.

The MTCC-Pacific will work with both SPC's Energy and Transport programme through shared technical expertise such as energy and transport policy and legal advice, implementation of safety management systems in domestic shipping companies and on board ships, pollution prevention and safety-related legislation/regulation advice/drafting and data collection and dissemination. Both SPC and SPREP will provide in-kind contribution to MTCC-Pacific in terms of staff time, legislation drafting. SPC's Deputy Director Transport will assume the role of Head of MTCC-Pacific and new staff (Maritime Industry Energy Efficiency Officer, Transport Greenhouse Gas Adviser and Administrative and Information Assistant) will be recruited and based at SPC, while SPREP has an existing Pollutions

Adviser, who will provide his expertise during project implementation. MTCC-Pacific sustainable financing will be targeted through IMO membership, European Union and SPC-SPREP traditional partners. However other non-traditional partners will be sought such as foundations. Sustainable financing will be part of MTCC-Pacific Strategic Plan.

MTCC-Pacific will need to design a relationship to work closely with the Micronesian Sustainable Transport Centre (MSTC), which will be a research-based centre while MTCC-Pacific is focusing into capacity building, and pilot-projects on energy efficiency and data collection.

The meeting advised establishing a mechanism to achieve the limitation or reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from ships in operation. Republic of Marshall Islands is the only country in the Pacific, which has identified their intended nationally determined contributions, estimating progress towards achieving Marshall Islands' targets would entail reducing emissions from transportation (including domestic shipping) by 16% in 2025 and 27% in 2030. The engagement of the Government of Germany with Marshall Islands is specifically due to its international commitments. Even though the achievement of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) is not a specific objective of MTCC-Pacific it is essential that all data collected can be shared to measure progress against NDCs and help for establishing new targets in other countries.

Agenda item 3a: MTCC-Pacific partnerships

Summary

Mr Thierry Nervale, SPC Deputy Director Transport informed the meeting that MTCC-Pacific partnership is with: IMO and other international organisations, other MTCCs, and regional partners. To enable all MTCC-Pacific partners work in close collaboration, an Advisory Group is established with the objective to share information and advice on partnerships and coordination between all stakeholders. The terms of reference for the Advisory Group is in draft format and requesting for all stakeholders comments. The purpose of the Advisory Group is to: meet regularly to share experience and discuss challenges and opportunities; receive information from MTCC-Pacific on its performance; and advise MTCC-Pacific and provide expertise to ensure MTCC-Pacific pilot-project activities and visibility are successfully implemented. August 14 – 18 has been proposed for first meeting of the Advisory Group.

Full presentation is attached as Annex IV – 3a.

Discussion

The meeting decided to amend the Advisory Group ToR and suggest the Group should also provide advise on the global agenda of low carbon emissions and identifying innovations on how the process of technology transfer works and how the Pacific can improve on low carbon shipping. Regional organisations have specific groups of partners and the MTCC-Pacific Advisory Group has the potential to work with these groups. For example the Pacific Regional Infrastructure Facility (PRIF) and its partners (such as the Asian development Bank (ADB) and World Bank (WB)). It was noted also the importance of integrating a regional strategy/plan into the existing frameworks such as the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) and particularly its Goal 2: Low Carbon Development; and the Framework for Action on Transport Services (FATS).

Agenda item 3b: GIZ Low-Carbon Sea Transport Project in Marshall Islands

Summary

Dr Wulf Killmann of GIZ provided an update on GIZ Low Carbon Sea Transport in Marshall Islands, which is funded by German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation, Building & Nuclear Safety (BMUB). The project 9.5 million euros is a 6-year project, which started in June 2017 and is implemented by Marshall Islands and GIZ. The project partners are USP and the Hochschule Emden – Leer (HEL).

Full presentation is attached as Annex IV – 3b.

Discussion

The meeting noted that GIZ low carbon sea transport will be located and work with the MSTC but will not fund the centre. MSTC was passed through USP's Senate and in May, a new USP campus that has been opened in Marshall Islands. The project has established a project manager and more staff will be recruited in due course. The project still has to make implementation plans with USP, Marshall Islands and the German government. The meeting noted that this project could work closely with MTCC-Pacific to do joint studies/workshops in Marshall Islands by not duplicating activities.

The meeting applauded Kiribati' seafarer training centre, which has turned 50 years and is very successful. The training Centre could be a valuable partner of MTCC-Pacific.

The meeting suggested having a strategic link between GIZ project, MSTC and MTCC-Pacific to avoid duplication of work and identify clear roles of universities such as USP and Fiji National University.

Closing statement

The Head of MTCC-Pacific confirmed that the meeting report will be sent to partners with the draft Advisory Group ToR for comments and confirm a first meeting of the Advisory Group in August.

SPC's Deputy Director General, Dr Audrey Aumua closed the meeting and encouraged all stakeholders to have coordinated collaborations and thanked all participants for the interactive sessions.





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ANNEX I – AGENDA

MTCC-PACIFIC PARTNERS' MEETING Suva, Fiji, 27 June 2017

PROGRAMME

Time	Agenda item	Agenda issues	Presenters			
0945	Participants arrive					
1000 – 1015		Administrative remarks	MTCC- Pacific			
		Welcome address	SPC DDG			
1015 – 1045	1	Presentation of the GMN project				
1045 – 1115	2	Presentation of the MTCC-Pacific project	MTCC- Pacific			
1115 – 1200	3	Partnerships GIZ Low-Carbon Sea Transport Project in Marshall Islands	MTCC- Pacific GIZ			
1200 – 1230		Lunch				
1230		End				











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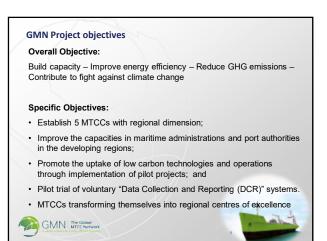


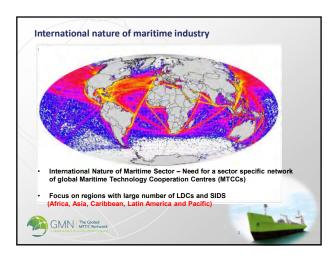
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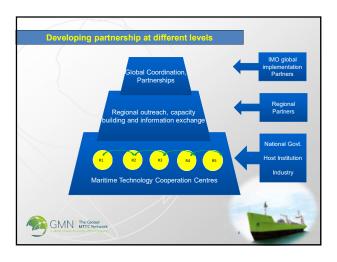




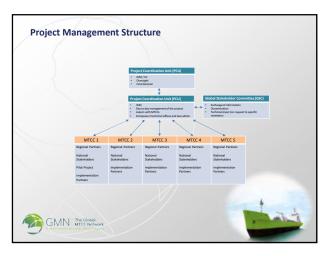




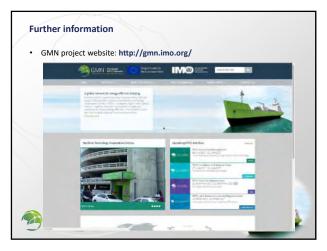








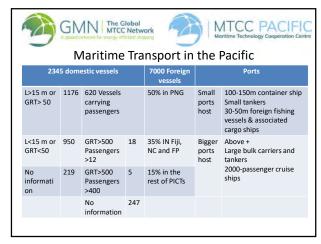








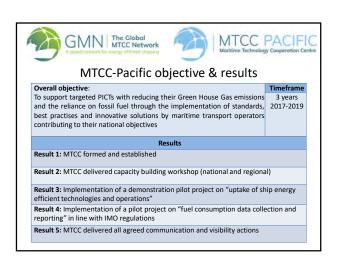




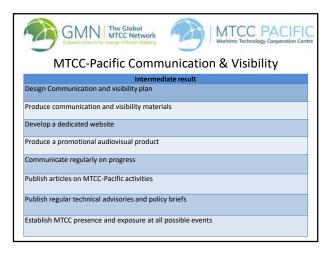


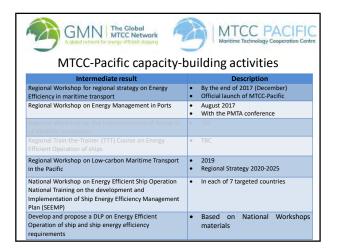




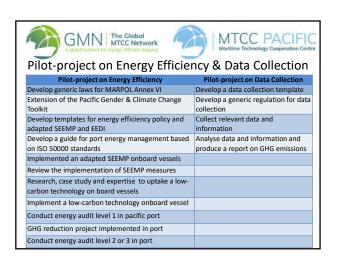


















ADVISORY GROUP - Objectives

- **Objective of the** *Advisory Group* established with MTCC-Pacific is to share information and advice on partnerships and coordination between all stakeholders:
 - Avoid duplication
 - Use resources of each organisation in their area of expertise to complement each other and have better impact
 - Coordinate and collaborate and be more efficient and cost-effective
 - Use complementary of expertise, resources and partnerships
 - Focus on replication and upscaling of best practices

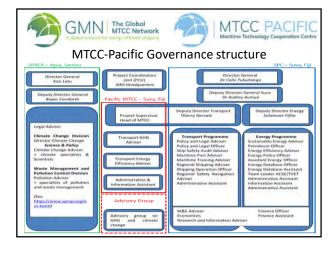
 - Benefit from the objectives of improved cooperation, coordination and collaboration of CROP agencies
 Develop, implement, and promote sustainable 'best practices' GHG emissions and use of low carbon technologies at national and regional levels in the Pacific region





ADVISORY GROUP - Purpose

- Purpose of the Advisory Group is to:
 - meet regularly to share experience and discuss challenges and opportunities
 - receive information from MTCC-Pacific on its performance
 - advise MTCC-Pacific and provide expertise to ensure MTCC-Pacific pilot-project activities and visibility are successfully implemented





- Fiji Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (Chair);
- 2 other targeted countries;
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH;
- Fiji Delegation of the European Union;
- Fiji Maritime Academy (FMA);
- Fiji National University (FNU);
- Pacific Community (SPC);
- Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF);
- Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS);
- Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP);
- University of the South Pacific (USP).



