



Coral Triangle Initiative

Climate Change Adaptation for Coastal Communities Course (Sept 19-26, 2011), and Training of Trainers Course (Sept 27-29, 2011) March Girls Resort, near Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Summary Description

The Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)'s **Regional Plan of Action** (RPOA) was launched in May 2009 by the six Coral Triangle countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste). The RPOA's Goal 4 encourages local government and communities to understand, assess and take action on coastal issues related to climate change. To catalyze regional sharing of knowledge, methods and strategies related to coastal adaptation, the CTI Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group have agreed to adapt and transfer to the Coral Triangle regional and national institutions a short course in *Climate Change Adaptation for Coastal Communities* that is based upon a similar course that fourteen CT6 representatives attended in 2010 at the Coastal Resources Center at the University of Rhode Island (CRC). There will be two regional courses (eight days each, one in Papua New Guinea and one in the Philippines) conducted to achieve this objective as well as a three-day Training of Trainers (ToT) course attached to the first course.

This first regional training, hosted by the Papua New Guinea CTI National Coordinating Committee will focus on building the Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands country teams. A second regional course will be in the Philippines later this year. The Coastal Resources Center at the University of Rhode Island (CRC) in partnership with the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute will be the lead trainers and will work with appropriate institutions in each Coral Triangle country to ensure designated organizations receive the full course curriculum and the skills to modify the course to suit their national contexts. Additional support, technical expertise and facilitation will be provided by the USCTI Support Program Integrator, NOAA and the Coral Triangle Support Partnership (CTSP).

Objectives

At the conclusion of both the *Coastal Adaptation Planning* course (8 days) and the smaller Training of Trainers course (3 days), the desired results are:

- a) National government, local government, and assisting organization teams strengthened to:
 - Identify climate change risks and assess adaptation options for critical coastal infrastructure, habitats and vulnerable segments of society (i.e. livelihoods/gender) in an integrated coastal management context.
 - Lead an integrated local early action planning process for CCA (organize a team, conduct a qualitative vulnerability assessment, and use the results for early action planning) and manage CCA programs at the national and sub-national levels
- b) Plan developed to conduct a local vulnerability assessment and identify early actions for CCA in one or two priority/demo sites, with a core team and resource needs identified for PNG and the Solomon Islands for immediate implementation
- c) National resource team (univ, experts, links with other organizations, NGOs) strengthened to support the national and local actions as the country teams move toward implementation and replication of the curriculum, adaption planning and implementation actions.

- d) Core team of national managers and resource persons from Pacific strengthened to contribute to regional CTI capacity and future replication and sharing.

Participants

Each country team should include mid-level professionals from national and sub-national government, academia and NGOs who play an advisory, technical support or program design role for planning process and implementation activities in coastal areas. Each country team should include members from across multiple sectors to foster integrated planning mechanisms, specifically natural resources, disaster and local community planning programs. Each country will identify one or two specific geographic locations (within CTI priority areas) from which to build their site team(s) around.

All participants will attend the eight-day *Climate Change Adaptation for Coastal Communities Course*, with a few participants from each country team remaining for the ToT to follow. Each of the two countries is invited to send a team of eight to twelve participants. The team roles should include:

- 3-4 participants from the national level land-use, coastal resources or disaster planning agencies responsible for implementing the CCA targets of their CTI *National Plan of Action* related to critical coastal infrastructure, habitats and vulnerable segments of society (i.e. livelihoods/gender) in an integrated coastal management context.
- 3-4 participants from the provincial government, national or local NGO or other stakeholder responsible for critical coastal infrastructure, habitats and vulnerable segments of society (i.e. livelihoods/gender) involved in integrated coastal management from a priority geography.
- 1-3 participants who are training specialists that will assist in supporting relevant organizations in future delivery of course content. These experts could be extension agents who want to specialize in training delivery. They may be from government, academia or NGOs already active in the priority areas.
- 1-2 country representatives from CTSP working with the site team(s) (in agreement with the NCC)

Logistics

The USCTI Support Program Integrator in collaboration with the Papua New Guinea's Office of Climate Change and Development will coordinate and provide overall support of this event. For more information about this training, contact Luanne Losi (+675 71337180/7658 1136, lulan2431@hotmail.com) and/or Stacey Tighe (+62-811-909-376; stighe@uscti.org).

Tentative Program for the Courses

Sunday, September 18, 2011: Arrivals; Orientation; Opening Dinner

Sept 19-26: *Climate Change Adaptation for Coastal Communities Course*

- Sept 19: Context and Issues
- Sept 20: Coastal Management and Adaptation
- Sept 21-23: Vulnerability Assessments
- Sept 24: Risk Assessment and Priorities
- Sept 25: Adaptation Analysis
- Sept 26: Finalize country team plans for national and local implementation of Vulnerability assessments

Sept 27-29: *Training of Trainers Course*