

REPORT

Subregional capacity-building workshop on the development of agrifood standards – VanuGAP and Pacific Organic Standards – and the launching of the Sustainability Claims Portal in the Pacific Region



30 – 31 March 2010

Port Vila, Vanuatu



Port Vila, Vanuatu

07 MAY 2010

REPORT¹

Sustainability Claims Portal Launch

Port Vila, Vanuatu 30-31 March 2010

Rationale

1. Food safety and quality issues have gained the spotlight in the media, and are in the forefront of international agrifood trade agenda as the food industry is being inundated with the rapidly increasing incidents of food- and water-borne diseases in the supply chain. These include; Dioxin; Aflatoxin; food contamination scares and subsequent recalls (e.g. recent E.coli bacterium in cookie dough's (Nestlé USA); BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "mad cow disease"); Avian flu in poultry; melamine in dairy - infant milk - products; salmonella in peanut products; risks associated with genetically modified crops; use of hormones in animals; pesticide residues; and high profile law suites.
2. In addition, growing global concerns about the environment, increasing green-house-gas (GHG) emissions, deforestation, rising costs of food and productive inputs (e.g. energy and agrochemicals), and the need to reduce high dependency on hydrocarbons and to seek-out alternative sources of energy (e.g. wind, solar, biofuels) are driving organizations - both public and private - to increasingly implement sustainability and corporate social (CSR) responsibility agendas in diverse areas along entire commodity supply chains. Many global food and beverage companies are in the forefront of this shift: decisively moving sustainability initiatives from market rhetoric to quantifiable reality. These companies are now using sustainability to rethink and retool business processes, stakeholder relationships, and environmental and social impacts while reducing costs, increasing innovation, improving quality and performance, and increasing the overall resilience of the company amidst the current global financial and economic crisis.
3. The current financial crisis and recession has dented what was otherwise a period – two decades – of phenomenal increase in global wealth and incomes, thanks to unprecedented trade liberalization and globalization. Rising incomes in emerging economies, headed by China and India, lifestyle changes, and rapidly aging populations in many of the world's established markets are pampering consumer's demand for higher quality, healthier and safer foods, and on-the-run, ready-to-eat foods served at fast-food restaurants and drive-in's. In these markets, people with high disposable incomes are shifting away from traditional, starchy foods toward high-value products such as fruits and vegetables, meat and seafood. And consumers are willing-to-pay higher prices for such products and services.
4. Rapid liberalization and globalization, and high income levels have also opened up market access opportunities for agrifood and commodities exports from developing countries as tariff rates and quantitative restrictions continued to decline – in real terms – over the past 40 years, particularly in developed market economies. Market access alone, however, is not enough to guarantee development gains accrue, let alone, higher prices for participating developing countries in international trade. What is required is a comprehensive and integrated development package of targeted initiatives and programs which include debt relief, increase in ODA and FDI, and investments in trade-related capacity-building programs in developing countries.
5. In particular, there is an ardent need for concerted investments – technical assistance, financial aid and grants – in trade-related capacity-building programmes and activities now, more than ever before. This will help developing countries address the compliance requirements of dynamic non-tariff measures – aptly coined as the 'rising tsunami' – in production and trade of agrifoods and commodities. In particular, the panoply of complex and restrictive non-tariff measures applied 'at' and 'behind' borders which include mandatory and private (or voluntary) food safety and quality standards, not to mention, food laws and technical regulations.

¹ This report was prepared by Amos Wama Taporaie, Econ. Affairs Officer, Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD, Genève, Switzerland.

6. Left unchecked and unabated, the rising tsunami would devastate the prospects for sustainable agrifoods and commodities production and trade in commodity-dependent developing countries. Without concerted support from the international community, resource-poor, price-taking farmers and exporters from developing countries are ill-equipped to weather the impact of the rising tsunami, let alone mitigate its impact, which is swiftly reshaping the structure of global commodity supply chains.
7. This is the major *raison d'être* of UNCTAD to Design, develop and deliver trade-related capacity-building programmes and activities in developing countries, which focus on the dynamic areas of food laws and regulations, food safety and quality standards, including the proliferation of green or sustainability claims and certifications protocols. The development of the web-based [Sustainability Claims Portal](#) under the auspices of the EU-funded AAACP (All ACP Agricultural Commodities Programme) enhances UNCTAD's technical cooperation efforts in this important area of SPS measures and non-tariff barriers. The prime objective of the portal is to provide key information and data on sustainability claims made on agrifood available in the marketplace, demanded more by consumers in developed economies. However, its development outcome would to inform and educate and farmers, traders, exporters and policy makers in ACP countries of existence of agrifood standards, labelling and certification schemes that claim to integrate the three pillars – economic, social, environmental – of sustainability in their products, product development and merchandising operations. In short, the portal should serve as information 'Clearing House' on sustainability claims, and a catalyst for development that responds to the needs and aspirations of key stakeholders at the source: producers-end of the global commodities value chain, in ACP developing countries.
8. The sub-regional workshop, convened in Port Vila, Vanuatu from 30-31 March 2010, put into this motion UNCTAD's commitment in this important area of trade and development. It focused on the 'development of agrifood standards in the Pacific and launching of the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#), which together, enhances the secretariat's work in the Pacific region, particularly in selected island countries – Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu.

Objectives

9. To *raise* awareness and competence of participants on the proliferation of 'new' and dynamic quality and safety standards, certification requirements, and labels and claims pertaining to nutrition, health and sustainability – economic, social and environment – concerns.
10. To officially *launch* and field-test the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#) developed by UNCTAD under the auspices of the EU-funded AAACP programme, which is to be rolled-out in selected APC countries and regions under Phase II of the programme in 2010.
11. To *present* selected food safety certification schemes – VanuGAP, Pacific Organic Standard, and Ceres – active in the Pacific region; and discuss its [[Sustainability Claims Portal](#)] usefulness, relevance and sustainability as a 'virtual tool for development' in light of these developments in the region.
12. To *identify* needs and highlight info/data gaps, and discuss its [[Sustainability Claims Portal](#)] content quality, presentation and user-friendliness to access and use info/data via the portal which responds to the needs and aspirations at the producer-end of the global agrifood value chain.
13. To *discuss* and recommend the Way Forward with reference to the continuous upgrading of the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#); its roll out in the Pacific region; sustainability of the portal after the termination of the EU-AAACP programme in 2011; and identify and select National Contact Points for implementing Phase II of the programme in the Pacific region.

Outcomes

14. The two-day workshop was *organized* with the generous funding from the European Union (EU) under the auspices of the AAACP, and in close collaboration with the Government of Vanuatu through its competent authority, Vanuatu National Codex Committee (VNCC).
15. 40 participants from selected Pacific Island Countries (PICs) – Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Vanuatu – *attended* the workshop. They represented the public and private sectors, regional agencies, research and academia, non-profit organizations, and The Press. (Participants List is as per pages 11-14.)
16. Hon. Stephen Kalsakau (Member of Parliament, and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Livestock & Quarantine, Government of Vanuatu) officially *opened* the subregional workshop.
17. Hon. Kalsakau officially *launched* the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#), which was developed by UNCTAD under the auspices of the EU-funded AAACP programme. (A copy of the official opening on video is available.)
18. Seven (7) substantive *presentations* (papers and/or PowerPoint) on key and relevant issues – including national and regional initiatives on sustainable standards – were delivered at the workshop; 6 of them by national experts from PICs. (Copies of the presentations are available.)
19. The [Sustainability Claims Portal](#) was *launched* and, its content quality and info/data gaps discussed, with inputs from participants which would improve the quality of the portal's content so that it responds to the needs and aspirations of users in the Pacific region.
20. Participants *discussed* and agreed on the following recommendations, which they urged key international and regional agencies (EU, **UNCTAD** and SPC) to implement, as a matter of priority, to ensure that the agrifoods and commodities sectors in PICs remain competitive and remunerative in world trade.
 - a. *Conduct* training and awareness programmes of the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#) among major stakeholders in selected PICs on the portal's content, accessibility and usability of strategic information and data, and usefulness as a virtual tool for culturing change and development at the source: producers-end of the global agrifoods and commodities value chains (Lead Agency – **UNCTAD**).
 - b. *Investigate* opportunities to anchor, nest or link the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#) with ongoing and/or planned regional and/or national programmes (e.g. Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF); Aid for Trade facility; FACT, and Pacific Organic Standard). This will address equity issues in terms of ownership, shared responsibilities and sustainability of the portal after 2011 (Lead Agency – **UNCTAD** and regional agencies, and research and academic institutions).
 - c. *Assist* the Government of Vanuatu develop and establish national **VanuGAP** and Regional Standard on Kava, if proven to be economically, financially and technically feasible. VanuGAP is to be modelled on GlobalGAP, following the experiences of Chile (*ChileGAP*) and Kenya (*KenyaGAP*).
 - d. *Explore* opportunities to integrate VanuGAP under the ambit of the EIF or the Aid for Trade facility and, in the process, utilize the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#) to help realize this national objective with an regional and international export trade focus (Lead Agency – DARD, supported by Codex, VARTC, VCCI, farmers, kava industry, provincial authorities, NGOs, VCMB, **UNCTAD**).
 - e. Participants *recommended* the SCP to integrate regional dimension and commodity-specific information on exports of interest to PICs –3 C's: coffee, cocoa, coconut products; cassava, kava, fruits and vegetables, taro and squash – in the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#) in the Pacific (Lead Agency – **UNCTAD**).

- f. Participants *requested* ample time to review the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#) after the launching and, submit comprehensive inputs to the UNCTAD secretariat by 30 April 2010. These inputs will then be filtered and used to progressively improve the portal's content so that it becomes a catalyst for change and development for users in the Pacific (Lead Agency – UNCTAD, with input from workshop participants).
- g. *Establish* National Focal Points in selected PICs under the EU-AAACP to help roll-out the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#), and implement Phase II of the programme in the Pacific (Lead Agency – UNCTAD, with support from regional agencies, SPC, and key national competent authorities).

Participation & discussions

21. The two-day workshop held at [The Melanesian Port Vila Hotel](#), from 30-31 March 2010, was funded by the EU through the AAACP Programme.
22. The workshop attracted a pool of highly competent and professional persons from Governments – Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Vanuatu –, private sector, regional agencies, academia and research institutions, civil society organizations and The Press. A total 40 participants attended, of which 6 were women. 30 of the participants came from the host country, Vanuatu: 19 from the capital, Port Vila, and 11 from the outer island provinces.
23. Whilst officially opening the workshop on 30 March 2010, Hon. Stephen Kalsakau (Member of Parliament, and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Livestock & Quarantine, Government of Vanuatu) thanked UNCTAD, on behalf of PICs and the Government of Vanuatu, for its continued support – since 2006 - in trade-related technical assistance programmes. These programmes focus on the critical areas of food safety standards, food laws and regulations, not to mention, the proliferation of 'new' standards that purport and integrate sustainability – economic, social and environmental – issues. Hon. Kalsakau said, "These issues are extremely vital to PICs' trade potential, export-led growth and development prospects, and poverty reduction."
24. On day two of the workshop, 31 March 2010, Hon. Kalsakau officially launched the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#) from The Melanesian Hotel, Port Vila. The Minister expressed gratitude and appreciation toward UNCTAD and the EU for choosing Vanuatu – an LDC and small island developing state – as the venue to officially launch the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#). The portal is expected to be rolled-out in selected ACP countries under the EU-funded AAACP programme in 2010.
25. The Hon. Kalsakau stated that the launching of the portal and its content was timely in light of the proliferation of agrifood safety standards, both public (e.g. Codex Alimentarius) and private standards (e.g. GlobalGAP) imposed in export markets. Lately, sustainability claims, propelled by consumer's influence as well as global socioeconomic and environmental concerns (e.g. child labor, decent incomes, climate change) have gained currency in the marketplace. Hon. Kalsakau said, "Affordable access to quality information on these new developments in the marketplace, particularly food quality and safety standards, 'new' conditions on issues related to sustainability claims, and structural changes in the agrifood industry driven mostly by consumers' affluence and influence was fundamental to the export success of PICs in agrifood and commodities-based trade and development."
26. Workshop participants highly appreciated UNCTAD's continued assistance to PICs, who encounter many developmental problems, among them, lack of economies of scale, tyranny of distance to export markets and oil supplies, higher vulnerability to weather-related natural disasters and economic shocks, and poor supply chain linkages. Despite this, PICs have to compete and trade in highly globalized and competitive markets for agrifoods and commodities. And to be competitive, PICs' agri-food producers, exporters and entrepreneurs are obliged to meet dynamic and rigorous agri-food safety and quality requirements, implement costly management systems, and bear the costs of compliance and of conformity assessment at all levels. Farmers and exporters are also required to

adhere to ‘new’ demands of the marketplace pertaining to agrifood safety standards and marketing labels that claim to integrate and address the three pillars of sustainability – social, economic and environmental – equity issues.

Substantive presentations

27. Participants appreciated the content and quality of the seven (7) substantive presentations by Resource Persons. These presentations not only addressed key concerns of food safety and quality standards and the [Sustainability Claims Portal](#), but provided a forum for frank, face-to-face discussions, sharing of experiences and networking among participants.
28. Six (6) of the seven presentations were prepared and delivered by competent national experts drawn from the Pacific. This is a notable achievement in two respects; (i) represents a deliberate shift away from the dependence on external (or international) consultants, and (ii) increases ownership of outputs and recommendations from the workshop assuring follow-up and sustainability of outcomes.
29. The presentations highlighted three (3) poignant points; (i) Success in export trade from PICs is possible – e.g. WIBDI’s trading of virgin coconut oil to global cosmetic giant, [The Body Shop](#); (ii) Fragmentation of success stories calls for the need to “Look within the Pacific” to document, learn and share, scale-up and replicate such successes in other PICs; and (iii) Competent national experts are available in the region to conduct research and make substantive contributions at such meetings.
30. The seven presentations delivered at the workshop are tabulated below;

Substantive Presentations (Speaker/Resource Person)

1. Official Opening Statement

(H.E. Hon. Mr. Stephen Kalsakau, Member of Parliament, and Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Livestock & Quarantine, Port Vila, Vanuatu)

2. Sustainability Claims Portal

(Mr. Amos Wama Taporaie & Ms. Karolina Kostecki, UNCTAD, Geneva)

3. Pacific Organic Standard: *Its development and implications on Pacific agrifood exports*

(Mr. Steve Hazelman, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Suva, Fiji Islands, and Mr. Nambo Moses, Member of the Pacific Organic and Ethical Trade Community, Port Vila, Vanuatu)

4. Agrifood standards, trade and sustainability in Papua New Guinea: *Operations of Certification of Environmental Standards (CERES)*

(Mr. Tom Kukhang, CERES Asia-Pacific, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea)

5. Women in Business Development Inc – *Samoa: Experiences in Trading virgin coconut oil, organics, fair trade certification & global market access*

(Ms. Alberta Malielegaoi, [Women in Business Development Inc.](#), Apia, Samoa)

6. Gap & sustainability w.r.t. Vanuatu agrifood producers & exporters

(Mr. Peter Napwatt, CEO, Vanuatu Agric. College, Luganville, Santo, Vanuatu)

7. VanuGAP: *Development objectives, opportunities, challenges, and way forward*

(Ms. Annick Stephens, Food Security Officer, Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development, Port Vila, Vanuatu)

8. FACT – *Sustainably increase quality and range of exports of agricultural and forestry products*

(Mr. Manasa Katonivualiku (FACT - Facilitating Agricultural Commodity Trade in Pacific; Codex focal point; and Expert on Organic Production and Sustainability, Land Resources Division, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Suva, Fiji Islands)



[S]ome workshop participants, Port Vila, Vanuatu



List of Participants



The Melanesian Hotel

Port Vila, Vanuatu

30 – 31 March 2010

ORGANIZED BY UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

(IN COLLABORATION WITH THE VANUATU NATIONAL CODEX COMMITTEE

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU)



Participants by Country

I. Participants from Port Vila, Vanuatu

Participant	Title and Organization
1. Alick Berry Thomson	Project Manager, Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 189, Port Vila, Vanuatu (T. 678 27543; F. 678 27542; M. 777 2245; Email: alick.berry@gmail.com)
2. Annick Stephens Iaticka	Food Security Officer, Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development, PMB 9040, Port Vila, Vanuatu (T. 678 22525, F. 678 25265, Email: aiatika@vanuatu.gov.vu)
3. Benuel Tarilongi	Director, Vanuatu Quarantine Inspection Service (VQIS), Port Vila, Vanuatu (T. 678 23519, Email: btarilongi@vanuatu.gov.vu)
4. Charlie Namaka	Treasury, Ministry of Finance and Economic Management, Port Vila, Vanuatu (Email: cnamaka@vanuatu.gov.vu)
5. Doresday Kenneth-Watson	Director-General, Ministry of Justice & Social Welfare, Port Vila, Vanuatu (T: 678-22525)
6. Emily Tumukon	Manager & National Contact Point, Food Technology Development Centre, PMB 9030, Port Vila, Vanuatu (T. 678 25978; F. 678 25640; Email: "Emily Tumukon" < etumukon@vanuatu.gov.vu >)
7. George Matariki	Dept. of Public Health., PMB 9009, Port Vila, Vanuatu (Email: slaban@vanuatu.gov.vu)
8. Hon. Stephen Kalsakau, MP	Honourable Member of Parliament (MP), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Livestock & Quarantine, PMB 9029, Port Vila, Vanuatu
9. Ioan Viji	Principal Technical Officer, Dept. of Forestry, Port Vila, Vanuatu
10. James Wasi	Principal Extension Officer, Dept. of Agric. & Rural Development, PO Box 40, Port Vila, Vanuatu (Email: jwasi@vanuatu.gov.vu)
11. Jimmy Bamgarae Rantes	Head of Industry & Export Development Unit, Depart. of Industry & Trade, PMB 9030, Port Vila, Vanuatu (t. 678-22770; f. 678-25640; m. 678-5459291/7758299; Email: jrantes@vanuatu.gov.vu).
12. Lonny Jonah Bong	Acting Senior Livestock Officer, Dept. of Livestock & Quarantine (Luganville PMB 9095) Port Vila, Vanuatu (T. 678 23519, M. 678 5388083, Email: lbong@vanuatu.gov.vu)
13. Malcolm Dalesa	Environmental Health Inspector & Legal Expert, Port Vila Municipality, PO Box 22, Port Vila, Vanuatu (T. 678 5566015, Email: dalselamalcolm@yahoo.com)
14. Marokon Alilee	Director General, Ministry of Trade, Industry, Tourism, Commerce and Business Development, PO Box 1572, Port Vila, Vanuatu (T. 678 22525, F. 678 25265, Email: malilee@vanuatu.gov.vu)
15. Nambo Moses	Senior Animal Health Officer, Department of Quarantine & Livestock ; Member of the Pacific Organic and Ethical Trade Community (POETCOM), Port Vila, Vanuatu (T. 678 23519, Email: nmoses@vanuatu.gov.vu)
16. Noel Kalo	Ministry of Trade, Industry & Tourism, PMB 9056, Port Vila, Vanuatu
17. Reuben Bakeo Markward	Director, Department of Agriculture & Rural Development, PO Box 40, Port Vila, Vanuatu (Email: rbmarkward@vanuatu.gov.vu)
18. Shirley Laban-Tokon	Food Safety Officer, Public Health Dept., PMB 9009, Port Vila, Vanuatu (Email: slaban@vanuatu.gov.vu)
19. Thomas Bangalini	Treasury, Ministry of Finance and Economic Management, Port Vila, Vanuatu (Email: tbangalini@vanuatu.gov.vu)
20. Timothy Tekon Tumukon	Principal Plant Protection Officer, Dept. of Livestock & Quarantine, PO Box 911, Port Vila, Vanuatu (Email: ttumukon@vanuatu.gov.vu)
21. Tina Soaki-La'au	Laboratory Technician, Food Technology Development Centre, PMB 9030, Port Vila, Vanuatu (T. 678 25339; F. 678 25640; M. 776 1534; Email: soakilaaut@hotmail.com ; tsoaki@vanuatu.gov.vu)

* Annick Stephens backed up as a "Resource Person" (See Table V).

II. Participants from Outer island Provinces of Vanuatu	
Participant	Title and Organization
1. Barton McDonald Bisiwei	Prov. Agric. Officer, Agric. & Rural Development Div., PMB 1040, Sola, TORBA Province, Vanuatu (T. 678 38557; F. 678 38561)
2. Gabriel A. Bani	General Manager, Vanuatu Commodities Marketing Board (VCMB), PO Box 268, Luganville, Santo, SANMA Province, Vanuatu (T. 678 37067; F. 678 36261; M. 678 77 46660; Email: vcmb@vanuatu.com.vu)
3. Joel Aksal Kalpen	Prov. Agric. Officer, Dept. of Agri., PO Box 12, Lakatoro, Malekula, MALAMPA Province, Vanuatu (T. 678 48420; F. 678 48452, M. 678 5522558,)
4. Oniel Dalsela	Farming Systems Officer, Agriculture Dept., PMB 002 Luganville, Santo, SANMA Province, Vanuatu (T. 678 22432, Email: odalsela@vanuatu.gov.vu)
5. Panpan Philip	Prov. Agric. Officer, PO Box 02, Luganville, Santo, SANMA Province, Vanuatu (T. 678 36728, Email: ppanpan@vanuatu.gov.vu)
6. Peter Colmar/Michael Louze	Manager, Valele Trust, PO Box 171, Luganville, Santo, SANMA Province, Vanuatu (T. 678 36824; F. 678 36176; Email: petercolmar@hotmail.com)
7. Peter Napwatt	Chief Executive Officer, Vanuatu Agricultural College, PO Box 218, Luganville, Santo, SANMA Province, Vanuatu (T. 678 36606/37817; F. 678 37812; M. 678 5485801; Email: nikamatua@gmail.com)
8. Sam Naiu	Prov. Agric. Officer, Agric. Dept., PO Box 31, Saratamata, East Ambae, PENAMA Province, Vanuatu (T. 678 38186; F. 678 38414; M. 678 5522559, 5417304)
9. Scot Kaltavara	Quarantine Officer, Dept. of Quarantine & Livestock, PO Box 271, Luganville, Santo, SANMA Province, Vanuatu (T. 678-36275; F. 678 36276; M. 678 5423326, Email: skaltavara@vanuatu.gov.vu)
10. Tari Molisale	Agriculture Dept., Luganville, Santo, SANMA Province, Vanuatu (PMB 002, Port Vila) (T. 678 36728; F. 678 37053; M. 678 5522587, Email: tmolisale@vanuatu.gov.vu)
11. Toru Mochizuki ^π	Managing Director, Santo Meat Packers Ltd., Espiritu Santo, Luganville, SANMA Province, Vanuatu (T. 678 36139; F. 678 36746; M. 678 52112)
12. Willie Iau	Prov. Agric. Officer, Dept. of Agric. & Rural Development, Isangel, PMB 22, Tanna, TAFEA Province, Vanuatu (T. 678 88634, M. 678 5522556)

III. Participants from other Pacific Island Countries	
1. Alberta Malielegaoi [*]	Women in Business Development Inc. (WIDBI), 2nd Floor - Nia Mall, Fugalei, Apia, Samoa (T. 685 21959; F. 685 25246; Email: adi@womeninbusiness.ws ; albertam@womeninbusiness.ws)
2. Bulou Rakuita ^π	Principal Agricultural Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Sugar & Land Resettlement, PMB Raiwaqa, Fiji Islands (T.679 338 3155; F. 679 338 3426; Email: brakuita@govnet.gov.fj)
3. Israel Wore ^π	Under Secretary, Ministry of Agric. & Livestock, PO Box G13, Honiara, Solomon Islands (T.677 25570//27987; F. 677 28116; Email: wore-israel@yahoo.co.uk ; agriculture@solomon.com.sb)
4. Marcienne N. Fukofuka ^π	Assistant Secretary, Industries Division, Ministry of Labor, Commerce & Industries, PO Box 110, Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga (T.676 23688; F. 676 23887; Email: marciennef@mlci.gov.to)
5. Mohammed Umar ^π	Director, Institute of Research, Extension & Training in Agriculture, University of South Pacific, Alafua Campus, PMB Apia, Samoa (T.685 22372; F. 685 22347; Email: uspireta@samoa.usp.ac.fj)
6. Tom Kukhang [*]	Certification of Environmental Standards (CERES) PNG, Kharea Ltd., PO Box 4567, Boroko, Papua New Guinea (T. 675 7627 1023; Email: kukangt@hotmail.com)
7. Yu Minimbi	Director, Pacific-Australia-New Zealand (PANZ) Branch, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, PO Box 422, Waigani, NCD, Papua New Guinea (T. 675 301 4108; Email: "Yu Minimbi" glf_fan@yahoo.com.au)

^{*} Mr. Peter Napwatt (Vanuatu), Ms. Alberta Malielegaoi (Samoa) and Mr. Tom Kukhang (Papua New Guinea) backed up as "Resource Persons" (see Table V).

^π Did not participate due to varied reasons.

IV. Participants from International & Regional Organizations

1. Amos Wama Taporaie	Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Research & Analysis Section, UNCTAD, Geneva
2. Guy Stinghamber ^π	Coleacp.org, PIP Project Manager, Brussels, Belgium
3. H.E. Roy Mickey Joy ^π	Ambassador to the European Union & the Kingdom of Belgium, Embassy of Vanuatu, Brussels, Belgium
4. Jean-Yves Hansart ^π	Commodity Chain and Economics Expert, Coordination Unit, All ACP Agricultural Commodities Programme & Cos-cotton Secretariat, Cardno Emerging Markets, Brussels, Belgium
5. Karolina Kostecki ^π	Special Unit on Commodities, UNCTAD, Geneva
6. Manasa Katonivualiku	SPC's Contact Point on Codex & Food Safety, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji Islands (T. 679 925 8062, Email: manasak@spc.int)
7. Patrick Haines	Programme Officer, AusAID, PO Box 111, Port Vila, Vanuatu
8. Steve Hazelman	Coordinator, Information, Communications & Extension, Land Resource Division, Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji Islands

V. Resource Persons

1. Alberta Malielegaoi	Women in Business Development Inc., 2nd Floor - Nia Mall, Fugalei, Apia, Samoa (Email: albertam@womeninbusiness.ws)
2. Amos Wama Taporaie	Economic Affairs Officer, Commodities Research & Analysis Section, UNCTAD, Geneva (T. +41 22 917 57 76; F. +41 22 917 05 09; Email: amos.taporaie@unctad.org ; atwama@hotmail.com)
3. Annick Stephens Laticka	Food Security Officer, Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development, PMB 9040, Port Vila, Vanuatu
4. Manasa Katonivualiku	SPC's Contact Point on Codex & Food Safety, Land Resource Division, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji Islands (Email: "Manasa Katonivualiku" < ManasaK@spc.int >)
5. Peter Napwatt	Chief Executive Officer, Vanuatu Agricultural College, PO Box 218, Luganville, Santo, SANMA Province, Vanuatu (Email: nikamatua@gmail.com)
6. Steve Hazelman	Coordinator, Information, Communications & Extension, Land Resource Division, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji Islands (T. 679 3370 733; F. 679 3370 021; Email: StephenH@spc.int)
7. Tom Kukhang	Certification of Environmental Standards (CERES) PNG, Kharea Ltd., PO Box 4567, Boroko, Papua New Guinea (Email: kukangt@hotmail.com)

^πDid not participate due to varied reasons.