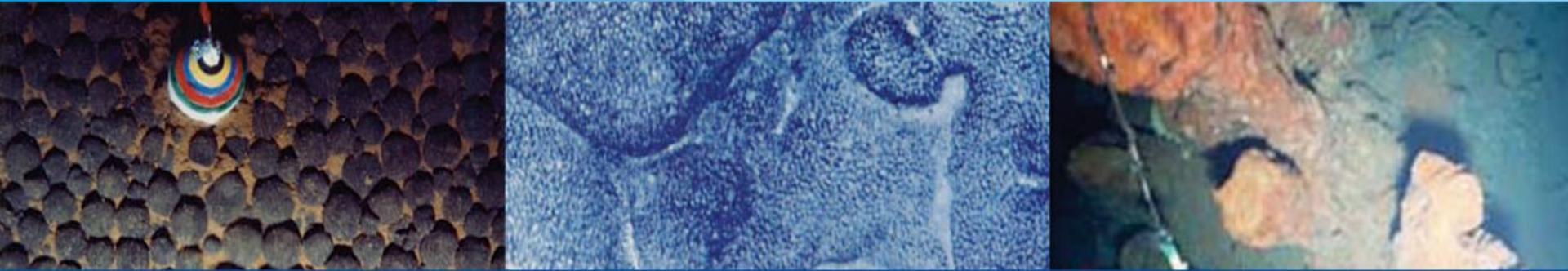


SPC-EU EDF10 Deep Sea Minerals (DSM) Project 1st Regional Workshop



“High Level Briefing on the Status of Deep Sea Minerals in the Pacific Islands Region and Planning for a Regionally Integrated Way Forward”



Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji
6th – 10th June 2011



Workshop Outline – Objectives, Arrangement and Expected Outcomes

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Workshop Objectives...

- *“High Level Briefing on the Status of Deep Sea Minerals in the Pacific Islands Region and Planning for a Regionally Integrated Way Forward”*
- Captures the significance of deep sea mineral and mining for the region and the need for in-depth information sharing on this new industry;
- Experts to talk on a broad range of issues related to deep sea minerals and mining;
- Stakeholders to discuss the challenges and opportunities, needs and priorities and agree on a number of broad outcomes for the way forward.

Specific Purposes of Workshop...

- Present the SPC-EU Deep Sea Minerals (DSM) Project together with the proposed implementation strategy to stakeholders;
- Participating countries to be familiar with Project components: specific activities, products, and outcomes;
- Provide representatives of participating countries with relevant information on various aspects of deep sea minerals;
- Highlight deep sea minerals potential in the region and promote information sharing;
- Encourage participating countries to share their experiences and concerns as well as their expectations of the DSM Project;
- Encourage other stakeholders to share their concerns and expectations;
- Provide an opportunity for the experts to share their knowledge with country representatives and other stakeholders;

Specific Purposes of Workshop (con't)...

- Stimulate discussions among stakeholders, and experts are expected to provide appropriate advice and guidance during the discussions;
- Encourage stakeholder participation including representatives of participating countries during the discussions;
- Consider feedbacks from stakeholders to improve task implementation and stakeholder participation;
- Disseminate DSM Project Information Brochures and other relevant information to stakeholders;
- Discuss collaborative opportunities with potential partners;
- Identify challenges / needs / priorities with recommended approaches / strategies.
- Collective agreement on some broad outcomes for the way forward in the next four years.

Workshop Arrangement

- Groupings of participants and sitting arrangement:
 - Ensure representation across various interest groups and disciplines in a team;
 - Provide opportunities for exchange of ideas in a smaller group during the workshop;
 - Encourage all participants to contribute during group discussions.

Expected Outcomes...

- Representatives of participating countries should be familiar with the scope of the DSM Project and be aware of the range of activities that they can benefit from;
- Stakeholders including representatives of participating countries should have good understanding of various aspects of deep sea minerals and mining;
- The DSM Project must take on board the concerns, needs and priorities of participating countries to improve stakeholder participation and task implementation;

Expected Outcomes (cont)

- Participants to agree on some broad outcomes that will guide project implementation in the next four years.
- Participating countries to work in partnership with the DSM Project on the implementation of project activities;
- The workshop proceedings will be prepared and once finalised will be made available to all participants.