



# Tonga National Roundtable

## Developing Local Food Crops and Fisheries Value Chains – A National Action Plan

### PROGRAMME

4 - 6 December 2018

Tanoa International Dateline Hotel  
Nuku'alofa, Tonga

#### Background

The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), with matching funding from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and, in collaboration with the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO), is implementing the Project “*Leveraging the Development of Local Food Crops and Fisheries Value Chains for Improved Nutrition and Sustainable Food Systems in the Pacific Islands*”, with a focus on Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu. The goal is to strengthen the capacity of the Pacific Island governments, farmer and private sector organizations, and sub-regional institutions to develop strategies and programmes, as well as mobilize financing, that can increase poor rural people’s access to nutritious and healthy food.

In May 2018, the partners organized the Fiji Regional Forum ‘*Developing Pacific Local Food Crops & Fisheries Value Chains – Key Innovations & Critical Success Factors*’, in Suva. Farmers, financiers, public sector officials, SMEs were actively engaged. Participants reflected on evidence generated from national and regional studies and success stories as well as lessons from international best practice covering four crosscutting thematic issues: agriculture-nutrition-income; ICTs for agricultural development; access to finance and weather-based index insurance. This multi-stakeholder public-private-producer platform supported delegates in developing regional and national action plans based on their knowledge of the local context. The action plans were further refined through on-line consultations using the [Innov4AgPacific d-groups](#) and direct email lists. It was also agreed that, the plans will be further validated through multi-stakeholder face-to-face in country consultations.

**The Tonga National Action Plan (TNAP)** was developed by a cross-section of national stakeholders who attended the Fiji Forum. It

addresses the four key themes to tackle country-specific challenges in agribusiness and value chain development:

- Nutrition - Reduction in NCDs and increased income from investments in local food crops and fisheries value chain development
- Finance - Making farmers bank ready and banks farmer ready
- ICT - Robust Communication System for Growers
- Insurance - Robust Insurance Package for Farmers

The TNAP can be downloaded at [www.innov4agpacific.pipso.org.fj](http://www.innov4agpacific.pipso.org.fj)

#### Objectives

The objective of the national consultation is to further refine and validate the Tonga National Action Plan for local food crops and fisheries value chain development and design a roadmap for mainstreaming the priority interventions into national policy and programme processes leading to its final endorsement through shared ownership. Additionally, the aim is to agree on the need for establishing and maintaining Value Chain Coordination/Agricultural Innovation (VCC/AI) in-country platforms to address the critical and interconnected issues for enhancing VC development and gain buy-in for joint action for improving incomes and nutrition outcomes.

#### Expected Outputs

Key identified country specific actions for influencing key policy and regulatory frameworks and mechanisms, and attracting additional funding for supporting sustainable public-private-producer partnerships for agribusiness and ‘nutrition sensitive’ value chain development.

#### Participants

Government officials from Ministries of Agriculture, Health and Finance; private sector representatives – farmers, SMEs, Chamber of Commerce, financiers; representatives from - Development

Partners, civil society groups, universities as well as national key experts in agriculture, nutrition, finance, ICT and insurance etc

## Programme

<b>Day 1 - Tuesday 4 December</b>	
<b>Morning Session: Transforming Nutrition Sensitive Value Chain Development in the Pacific Islands, Tanoa International Dateline Hotel</b>	
08:30 - 08:50	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 10:05	<b>Official Opening Ceremony</b>
10:05 – 10:45	<b>Official Photo, Coffee / Tea Break, ICT Innovations Exhibition &amp; Networking Session</b>
10:45 – 12:30	<b>Catalyst Speeches</b>
12:30 – 13:30	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>Afternoon Session: Field Visits, Small Working Group Only</b>	
<b>Day 2 – Wednesday 5 December</b>	
<b>Pacific Agri-Hack Lab – ICTs from Farm to Table – Pitching Day and Award Ceremony</b>	
08:30 – 08:50	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 16:40	<b>Agri-Hack Lab Pitching Day (USP Campus)</b>
19:00 – 21:00	<b>Award Ceremony &amp; Cocktail Reception (Tanoa International Dateline Hotel)</b>
<b>Day 3 – Thursday 6 December</b>	
<b>Multi-Stakeholder Validation of Regional Action Plans and Tonga National Action Plan &amp; Experience Sharing / Reflections on Lessons Learned – Tanoa International Dateline Hotel</b>	
08:30 – 08:50	<b>Registration</b>
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Opening</b> <b>CTA/IFAD/PIPSO “Promoting Nutritious Food Systems in the Pacific Islands” Innov4AgPacific Regional Action Plans for Agribusiness and Value Chain Development</b> – Judith Ann Francis, Senior Programme Coordinator, Science and Technology Policy & Pacific Regional Coordinator, CTA, The Netherlands

09:15 - 09:30	<b>Key Elements of the Tonga National Action Plan</b> – Metuisela Falesiva, Deputy Director and Head of Food Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Forests and Fisheries (MAFFF), Kingdom of Tonga
09:30 – 09:45	<b>Innov4AgPacific Value Chain Coordination / Agricultural Innovation Session</b> – <i>Using online discussion groups to foster collaboration for Joint Learning and Action</i> – Jana Dietershagen, Technical Officer Innov4AgPacific Project, CTA, The Netherlands
09:45 – 10:15	Stakeholder Working Groups – <b>Validation of the Regional Action Plans and the Tonga National Action Plan</b> Facilitators: Judith Ann Francis and Jana Dietershagen, CTA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prioritizing the key innovations/critical success factors</li> <li>- Reviewing the aims, actions, partners, resources, timeframe and method of verification. Are they realistic/ feasible?</li> </ul> What needs to be re-evaluated/ adjusted? What is missing / or what more needs to be done?
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Coffee / Tea break</b>
10:45 – 11:30	Stakeholder Working Groups – <b>Validation of the Regional Action Plans and the Tonga National Action Plan (continued)</b> Facilitators: Judith Ann Francis and Jana Dietershagen, CTA
11:30 - 11:45	<b>Presentations</b>
11:45 – 12:30	<b>The Way Forward – Working Together / Joint action: Scalability, Replicability, Continuity</b> Facilitators: Judith Ann Francis and Jana Dietershagen, CTA Reflecting on (i) presentations (ii) group work presentations (iii) Q&A feedback and discussions <i>How can we work (better) together to achieve targets?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Who needs to work together?</i></li> <li>- <i>Which concrete actions can be taken in the short-mid-long term?</i></li> <li>- <i>How to better mainstream these actions into national policy processes/ work programmes?</i></li> <li>- <i>What should be taken into account on regional level?</i></li> <li>- <i>Who should be approached for financial support?</i></li> </ul>
12:30 – 12:50	<b>Experience Sharing &amp; Reflections – Take home messages: Scalability, Replicability, Continuity</b>
12:50 - 13:00	<b>Vote of Thanks</b> – Soane Patolo, Chief Executive officer, MORDI Tonga Trust
13 :00 –14 :00	<b>Lunch</b>

## Social Media

Promoting Nutritious Food Systems in the Pacific Islands: [@Innov4AgPacific](#)

## About the Project



The project “Leveraging the Development of Local Food Crops and Fisheries Value Chains for Improved Nutrition and Sustainable Food Systems in the Pacific Islands with a focus on Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu” is co-funded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) and is implemented in partnership with the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO). The goal is to strengthen the capacity of the Pacific Island governments, farmer and private sector organisations, and sub-regional institutions to develop strategies and programs – as well as mobilise financing – that can increase poor rural people’s access to nutritious and healthy food. CTA has overall responsibility for the implementation of the project.

## About the Project Partners

### IFAD

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), a specialised agency of the United Nations, was established as an international financial institution in 1977 as one of the major outcomes of the 1974 World Food Conference.

### PIPSO

The Pacific Islands Private Sector Organization (PIPSO) is the premier private sector representative body in the Pacific Islands region. It was set-up through the mandate of the Forum Economic Ministers in 2005, and legally established in 2007, to be the representative body of the Pacific region’s private sector. In doing so, it focuses its work on 4 key areas: Supporting National Private Sector Organizations (NPSOs) to be strong and responsive organisations; Assisting Pacific businesses to enhance their business competitiveness and growth; Championing the interests of private sector in the appropriate fora; and Ensuring the sustainability of PIPSO’s resource and enhancing its capabilities.

### CTA

The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) is a joint international institution of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States and the European Union (EU). CTA operates under the framework of the Cotonou Agreement and is funded by the EU. For more information on CTA, visit [www.cta.int](http://www.cta.int)