

THE SOLOMON ISLANDS MINERALS ADVISORY CENTRE

WORKSHOP REPORT

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Workshop Summary Report

Background

One key governance initiative in the Solomon Islands National Minerals Policy is the establishment of an independent centre that will support landowners and communities in the extractives process. Through the 'Natural Resources Independent Advisory Centre' (NRIAC), the Minerals Policy envisions the:

"Strengthening of access to legal advice, awareness training, financial management support and other services to enable effective participation by landowners, communities and other project impacted persons, through an independent Centre designed for this purpose".

The Minerals Policy further states that the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification will:

"Scope the establishment of a Natural Resources Independent Advisory Centre. The scoping will look at how the Centre can support landowners and communities by providing training, consultation and awareness activities and facilitating the provision of independent advice at all stages of the mining process. In scoping the establishment of the Centre, the Ministry will identify ways that the Centre can link to existing Government structures to share information and experiences (while maintaining independence) and can have a permanent or semi-permanent presence in Provinces and communities where mining is taking place.

The NRIAC Design Workshop

The purposes of the NRIAC design workshop was to convene key stakeholders across government, the private sector and civil society in a

working meeting to produce the draft design for the centre.

The workshop was held on 11th and 12th April 2019 from 8.30am – 3.30pm each day. The workshop was facilitated by Dr Tim Grice from Square Circle Global Development through the SimGov project funded by the World Bank.

Agenda

The meeting agenda was based around three main themes (see Annex A):

1. Background: setting the scene and recap on work to date;
2. Strategic design questions for the centre; and
3. What's next: outcome statement, implementation & funding plan, and pilot phase.

Participants

Participants were >25 representatives from government, the private sector, civil society and landowners and communities impacted by mining exploration and development projects (see Annex B).

Outcomes

The three key outputs/outcomes from the workshop were:

1. A proposal to change the name of the centre from 'The Natural Resources Independent Advisory Centre' to the 'Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre';
2. A 'mind-map' document that recorded the detailed conversations about the 'strategic design questions' in the workshop; and
3. A draft constitution that has been informed by the workshop as well

as a stakeholder consultation trip to Guadalcanal, Isabel, Renbel and Choiseul Provinces¹. This constitution is to establish a not-for-profit company in lieu of any formal statutory body being established through the regulations of the new Minerals Act if approved by Cabinet and passed by Parliament.

Next steps

The next steps to establish the Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre are:

1. Stakeholders to review the draft constitution and provide feedback;
2. MMERE to endorse the final draft constitution and establish the Advisory Committee provided for in the Constitution;
3. Funding for a pilot phase of the Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre to be explored with government, the private sector and donors;
4. The Advisory Committee to appoint a Board of Directors for the Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre; and
5. The Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre to be formally registered as a not-for-profit company to commence a pilot phase of operation.

¹ The consultation trip was conducted by Tim Grice (Consultant) and Ishmael Khegrasopa, Elizabeth Belapitu and Elmeleck Vamuke (Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification) from 14 May to 26 May 2019.

Annex A: Workshop Agenda

A BACKGROUND



MMERE SETTING
THE SCENE

1. //



2016 SCOPING
STUDY

2. //



GLOBAL &
REGIONAL
MODELS

3. //

B NRIAC STRATEGIC DESIGN QUESTIONS



ALL NATURAL
RESOURCES OR
JUST MINERALS

4. //



WHICH
PROBLEMS &
BENEFICIARIES

5. //



DESIGN
PRINCIPLES

6. //



KEY
FUNCTIONS
& AREAS

7. //



ORGANISATIONAL
DESIGN

8. //



LEGAL
STRUCTURE

9. //



STATUTORY
LINKAGES

10. //



FUNDING
MODEL

11. //



PARTNERSHIPS

12. //



RISKS &
MITIGATIONS

13. //

C WHAT'S NEXT?



OUTCOME
STATEMENT

14. //



IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN

15. //



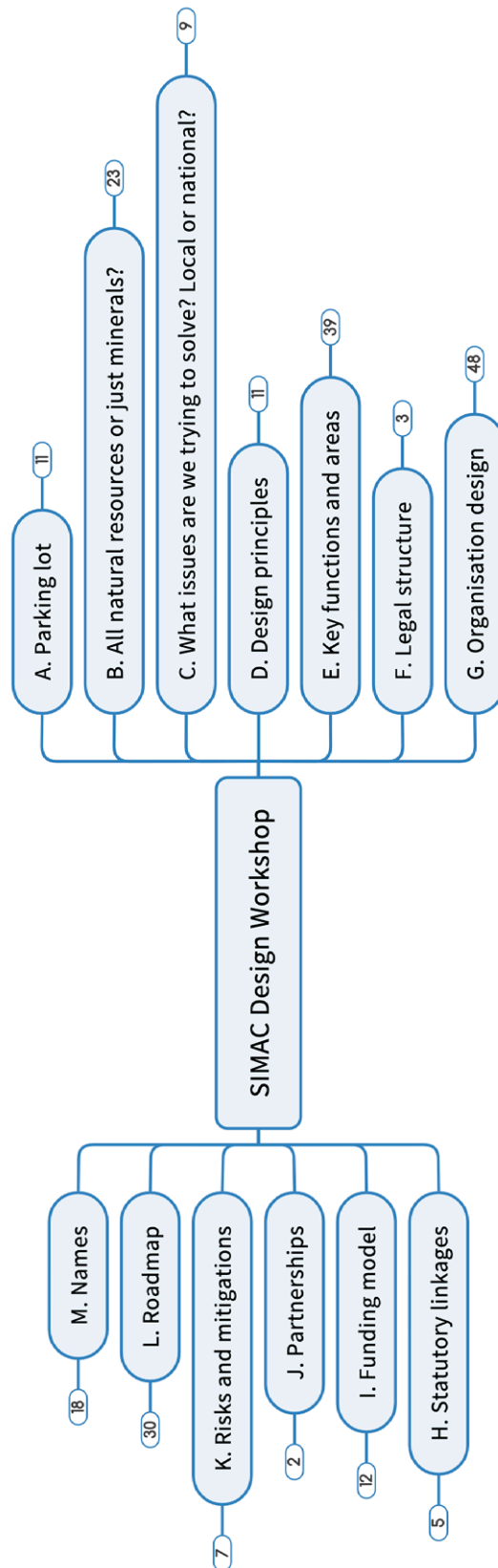
PILOT PHASE

16. //

Annex B: Participants

ATTENDEES		
No.	No.	
Date	Date	
NAME	ORGANIZATION	
1) Fiona Martin	GML	8228
14) Michelle Lam	Sulfish	74
2) Nicholas - BTLIKI	MMERE	
15) Mere Lexo	MPS	8828
3) Baoro L Kodana	Baoro Assoc	7
4) Sam Pitu	LO/Axiom	7
5) Dirk Heinz	LALSU	77
6) William Kachi	LALSU/PSO	
7) Ellison Vali	Island Sun (Media)	
8) Norin Donila	MU	782
9. ROBERTO MONTE TIENDA	BMC	716
10. JEREMIE TEAKENI	VOIS BLONCE MERE SOLOMON	742
1. CHRISTOPHER VRAE	MMERE	74
2. Vincent S. Obimae	Moff	79
3. BASIL MANELEKUA		74
14. KRISTA TATAPU	MMERE	
15. Rex SöuKG	745455	
16 ROTA AUGUSTINE	MMERE	
17 AMOS TEIKA	74739	
18 PHIL TAGINI	AXIOM	
19 Francis M B Sade A		
20 Adrian Waleilia	Bintan	
21 Ishmael Khograspa	MM	
22, Maverick Seda	FSII	
23, Violet Tara	FSII	
24, Darren Kilua	FSII	
Francis Sade francissad		

Annex C: Mind-map meeting notes



Annex D: Press



Annex E: Photos from Workshop



