

DTIS Action Matrix

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1	Macroeconomic framework						
1.1*	Expand the provision of financial services with a view to extending the formal monetary sector in the provinces. Continue development of rural development plans and MTDS.	✓	✓	✓	Various, including CBSI, MoFT, MFAET	Long-term	
1.2*	Plan for tax reform, including institutional measures for consultation.		✓	✓	MoFT, MFAET, MDPAC, MCILII, AG Chamber	Short-term	
1.3*	Support the work undertaken by AusAID with the Public Service Improvement Program which commenced in 2008	✓	✓	✓	Various, including AusAID, MDPAC	Short to long-term	
1.4	Rationalise the public sector workforce ensuring that the demand for additional staff is driven by competence rather than by reference to previous staff allocations	✓			Various, including MDPAC, MoFT	Short to medium-term	
1.5	Undertake a study on the current status of SOEs and their possible reform.			✓	MCILII and others	Short-term	
1.6	Effectively mainstream productive capacity strategy into national development planning.	✓			MoFT, MFAET, MDPAC, MCILII	Short to long-term	
2	Cross-cutting issues						
2.1*	Continue land reform efforts, including recording land rights; facilitating land dealings; establishing dispute resolution machinery; improving land administration services.	✓	✓	✓	MOLNR and others	Ongoing	
2.2*	Examine the possibility of creating a standard financial instrument representing logging access rights			✓	Consultation needed between AG, CBSI, banks, Ministry of Lands	Short-term	
2.3*	Conduct quantitative research, based on a household survey in Honiara, assessing the extent to which different salaries contribute to productive investment through remittances.			✓	CBSI, partner research institution	Short to medium-term	
2.4*	In order to improve geographical coverage of the CBSI guarantee scheme, subsidise the additional cost incurred by a partner commercial bank in assessing a loan application from a rural area compared to one from Honiara.		✓		CBSI, MoFT, commercial banks, donors	Short to medium-term	

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2.5*	Enable other telecommunication firms to enter the market by whatever means necessary, with the overall aim of increasing mobile and internet coverage	✓		✓	Donors, Ministry of Communication and Aviation, Solomon Telekom	Short-term
2.6	Lock in commitments to an open telecommunications sector in regional trade agreements		✓		DET, Ministry of Communication and Aviation	Medium-Term
2.7*	Support the establishment of an Information Communications Technology (ICT) policy to provide a framework for the expansion of ICT, including funding, research and development	✓			MCILI and various Govt. departments	Short to medium-term
2.8	Support the EU/ADB project for the establishment of a tenure/subsidy system for nonviable outer-island routes	✓		✓	MoFT, MDPAC, donors.	Medium-Term
2.9	Establish a renewable energy policy, with the overall aim of reducing dependence on imported fuel and reducing environmental despoliation		✓		MDPAC, Ministry of Mines and Energy, others	Short-term
2.10	Help the Government to develop a strategic plan to prepare the country for liberalisation of air transport		✓	✓	Donors, MAC	Short-term
3	Business environment					
3.1	Put in place a development-focused investment policy and better targeted investment incentives		✓		MCILI (FID), MDPAC, MoFT (IRD), AG, Chamber	Medium-Term
3.2	Identify an appropriate private-sector organisation with strong ties to the business community to establish a mentoring scheme with Government or donor support		✓	✓	MCIE, private-sector organisation, donors	Short to medium-term
3.3	Refocus the mandate of the co-operatives division in the Ministry of Commerce on liquidating the failing co-ops. Consider amending the Co-operatives Act		✓	✓	MCILI	Short to medium-term
4	Trade facilitation					
4.1*	Re-establish the National Trade Facilitation or Trade Policy Committee	✓		✓	DET and trade stakeholders	Short-term
4.2	Make full use of resources available under the Regional Trade Facilitation Program and other funding sources	✓			DET, IF-NSC, recipient agencies	Short to medium-term
4.3	Conceive a clearer, costed and sequenced customs modernisation program		✓		SICED	Medium-Term
4.4	Explore the possibility of adopting ASYCUDA, in line with other regional countries			✓	SICED, international agencies, possibly UNCTAD	Short to medium-term
4.5	Introduce an officer or unit within the Department of Customs responsible for training and implementation of a Human Resource Development plan		✓		SICED	Short-term

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4-6*	On SPS: execute (i) the request from DEH for strengthening the competent authority for fisheries exports and (ii) the request from CAD to resource the National Public Health Laboratory to carry out tests	✓			DEH, CAD	Short-term
4-7	Support the implementation of the new food safety regulation	✓		✓	DEH	Short to medium-term
4-8	Initiate a standards and conformance program, focusing mainly on metrology in the first instance	✓			DCIL	Short to medium-term
5	Trade Policy					
5-1	Conduct an inclusive, strategic and timely review of the country's tariff structure		✓		MoFT, MFAET (DET), MCIL, MDPAC	Short to medium-term
5-2	Review the duty exemption procedures and guidelines		✓		MoFT, MCIL, MDPAC	Short to medium-term
5-3	Rationalise the export incentives regime		✓		AG Chamber, MDPAC, MoFT, MCIL (FID), MFAET (DET)	Medium-Term
5-4*	Strengthen the trade and trade-related legislative framework		✓		MCIL, AG Chamber, MFAET	Medium-Term
5-5*	Relevant agencies should take the lead and responsibility in implementing trade agreements	✓			MoFT (C&E), MCIL, MFAET (DET), AG Chamber, MSG Secretariat, PIFS	Short-term
5-6*	Strengthen the Department of External Trade		✓	✓	MFAET (DET), IF-NIU, MCIL	Medium to long-term
5-7	Develop an inclusive and nationally owned framework to co-ordinate trade negotiations		✓		MFAET, MDPAC, MCIL, IF-NIU	Medium to long-term
6	Trade and human development					
6.1	Mainstream trade, poverty and human development policy		✓		MDPAC, IF-NSC, IF-NIU, All relevant ministries	Ongoing
6.2	Establish a close working relationship between the IF Unit and the national HIV/AIDS co-ordinating mechanism		✓		IF-NSC, IF-NIU, MHMS, national HIV/AIDS co-ordinating mechanism	Short-term
6.3	Promote policies and programs that aid in increasing rural productivity	✓		✓	IF-NSC, IF-NIU	Long-term
6.4	Strengthen the centre through decentralization	✓		✓	Various	Short to long-term

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6.5	Increase labour productivity through enhancing regional partnerships and usage of regional vocational training centres		✓	Various, possibly training institutes in Vanuatu, PNG and Fiji	Medium-Term
6.6	Promote policies that induce backward and forward linkages, particularly tax and investment policies		✓	MoFT, DET, MCLI	Medium to long-term
6.7	Link trade negotiations with human development		✓	DET, others.	Immediate, but long-term
6.8	Strengthen aid coordination through policy and expenditure harmonization	✓		Various	Medium-Term
6.9	Enact a policy commitment to developing the mining industry using international best practice and in an atmosphere of full transparency		✓	DET, IF, NIU, others.	Short to medium-term
6.10	Begin collecting detailed feedback from participants in the RSE scheme, (amongst other uses) to form the basis of analysis of the use of remittances as investment capital		✓	DET, with the support of the Divisions of Labour and Immigration in MCI	Analysis can begin short-term, but more useful analysis longer term
7	Sustainable forestry and logging				
7.1	Dialogue and planning for the imminent end of the logging industry should start now and be included as part of the budget planning process		✓	MF, MoT, Ministry of Public Service, Ministry of Environment, VATA, Development Partners	Short-term
7.2	Improve the capacity of the Ministry of Forestry in policy analysis and formulation	✓	✓	MF, SIFMP II, Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Women Youth and Children, private sector especially small sawmill operators, VATA, Development partners, NGOs	Immediate, but ongoing
7.3	Subject to further dialogue with stakeholders, sections of the Forestry Bill 2004 may be removed and turned into a separate legislation		✓	MF, Cabinet, Ministry of Prime Minister, Ministry of Environment, Attorney General's Office, Parliament, industry, Development Partners, NGOs	Short-term

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7.4	Undertake a value-chain study for logs and timber			✓	MF, Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Cabinet, Department of Customs, URS, overseas customs agencies, private sector, VATA	Short-term
7.5	Allocate financial resources to raising public awareness about the commercial sexual exploitation of children in logging areas		✓	✓	The Christian Care Centre, Ministry of Women, Children and Youth, NCW, MF, Police, NGOs, Development Partners	Short-term
7.6	Conduct a stocktake of the interactions between logging companies and the surrounding communities			✓	MF, Ministry of Lands, Provincial authorities, KFPL, EPPL, Development Partners, NGOs, Land-owning communities, Forest Industries, VATA	Short-term
7.7	Government, sawmill operators and local timber companies may wish to collaborate and strategise on ways to develop the downstream processing subsector		✓		MF, Industries in Honiara, VATA, Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Ministry of Planning, NGOs, Development partners, shipping companies	Short to medium-term
7.8	Undertake a nationwide awareness program to inform resource owners about the rationale of the programs of reforestation and plantation establishment		✓	✓	MF, Ministry of Lands, Provincial Authorities, Development Partners, Landowners, NGOs	Medium-Term
7.9	Help women and youth to participate in income-generation and employment opportunities in forestry and logging through access to land		✓		MF, Ministry of Women Youth and Children, Provincial Authorities, communities, NGOs, Development Partners	Medium-Term
7.10	Formulate a policy position on carbon finance		✓		MF, Cabinet, Ministry of Prime Minister, Ministry of Environment, Attorney General's Office, Parliament, industry, Development Partners, NGOs	Short-term
8	Agriculture, agro-processing and livestock					
8.1*	Set up a task force on examining credit access options for cocoa and copra licensed exporters, rural traders and primary processors		✓		Banks, DOT, MoF, TASP, Donors, Licensed commodity exporters, CEPA	Short-term

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8.2*	The TSAP, in collaboration with CEPA to initiate and implement a fair trade and organic cocoa certification program with FLO		✓	✓	TSAP, Agriculture, others	Medium-Term
8.3	Conduct an international feasibility study on the rehabilitation of the cattle industry	✓			Ministry of Agriculture, other agencies	Short-term
8.4	Implement a program, including overseas study tours and quality standards assurance, on knowledge and capacity-building of high value food processing and marketing techniques for entrepreneurs		✓		Ministry of Agriculture, TSAP, other agencies	Medium-Term
8.5*	Government may wish to cooperate with GPPOL to determine terms of reference on the formulation of a national oil palm strategy, including both international and local input		✓		Ministry of Agriculture, GPPOL, other agencies	Short to medium-term
8.6	Support the revival of coconut agro-processing through the appointment of an independent international panel of arbitrators to resolve the RIPEL dispute		✓		Ministry of Agriculture, other agencies	Short-term
9	Fisheries, aquaculture and fish products					
9.1	Support the capacity and governance improvements in MFMR being generated by the SIMROS project	✓		✓	MFMR, SIMROS	Ongoing
9.2	Develop consultative decision-making processes and strategies under the planned Fisheries Management Advisory Council		✓	✓	MFMR	Medium-Term
9.3	Improve the viability of tuna processing, using the measures outlined in the DTIS recommendations		✓		MFMR	Short-term/ ongoing.
9.4*	Support the MHMS to complete the requirements for the Competent Authority so that Solomon Islands can attain List I status as an exporter to the EU market	✓		✓	MHMS	Short to medium-term
9.5	Place rural fisheries and aquaculture developments within an integrated rural development strategy		✓		MFMR	Medium-Term
10	Tourism					
10.1	Improve access for local tourism enterprises to business start-up or expansion funding		✓		Ministry of Culture and Tourism, others	Medium-Term
10.2	Use the internet to tap into high-yield markets and make it a major focus for future marketing		✓		Ministry of Culture and Tourism, others	Short to medium-term
10.3	Involve local communities at all stages of the tourism development process		✓		Ministry of Culture and Tourism, others	Medium-Term

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10.4	Conduct research on linkage structures and leakage associated with the tourism sector		✓		Ministry of Culture and Tourism, others	Short-term
10.5	Increase the number of trained tourism staff		✓	✓	Ministry of Culture and Tourism, others	Medium-Term
10.6	Improve data on visitor characteristics, tourist spend, industry linkage structures and outer island travel		✓	✓	Multiple but with focus on Statistics and SIMCT	Short to medium-term
10.7	Any attempts to develop yield must be based on an understanding of environmental sustainability and climate change with reference to the tourism industry		✓		Ministry of Culture and Tourism, others	Medium-Term
10.8	The SIVB needs to show industry that it is providing real value for money		✓		SIVB	Short-term
10.9	Focus the future vision of the industry on yield, developing product and spend rather than the current focus on increasing visitor numbers at potentially unrealistic rates		✓		Ministry of Culture and Tourism, others	Medium-Term
10.10	Build the handicrafts trade		✓		Ministry of Culture and Tourism, others	Medium to long-term
11	Institutional framework for mainstreaming trade					
11.1*	Hire an experienced international technical assistant for at least one year to move the IF process forward and train officials		✓	✓	IF-NSC, IF-NIU	Short-term
11.2	Establish a unit or delegate responsibility to a person within the IF steering committee with responsibility for managing information, collating consultancy reports and establishing them in a library		✓		IF-NSC, IF-NIU	Short-term
11.3	Support an economic think tank and/or policy forum, bringing together prominent economists and public policy specialists		✓		IF-NSC, IF-NIU, others	Medium-Term
11.4*	In the near term, conduct a donor roundtable aimed at establishing donor commitments on the DTIS			✓	IF-NSC, IF-NIU, donors	Short-term
11.5*	Conduct a biannual review of donor activities, aimed at ensuring maximum coordination among donors			✓	IF-NSC, IF-NIU, donors	Medium-Term