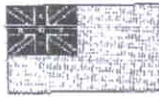


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Joyce Yu
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Dear Joyce,

**LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT FOR NIUE'S NATIONAL CAPACITY
SELF-ASSESSMENT PROJECT DOCUMENT**

I am pleased to advise your good office that the Niue Government in its important leading role to managing the environment and sustainable development in Niue jointly with key stakeholders, will be obliged to participate in the National Capacity Self Assessment Project for Niue.

Further, in this respect, the Focal Points for the three relevant Conventions namely:

1. Convention on Biodiversity (CBD)
2. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
3. Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

were fully consulted during the process for developing the NCSA proposal and are supportive of the NCSA project and the work program it is expected to perform.

Given the importance of the NCSA project to Niue in enhancing capacity building for managing the environment I offer full support of the NCSA Project for GEF funding.

I look forward to your favourable response.

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Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Crossley Tatui', written in a cursive style.

Crossley Tatui
GEF Operational Focal Point