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In its on-going efforts to prepare for the ratification and implementation of the MSG-Free Trade Agreement, the MSG Secretariat have received support from the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) under the 2015 ACP-EU Migration Actions in the form of two Technical Assistance (TA).

The first TA is for the formulation of an MSG Remittances Policy that will commence as soon as necessary preparations are completed.

The second TA is on the development of a harmonized MSG Labour Mobility Policy for the Implementation of the Labour Mobility Regime (Chapter 7) under the MSG Free Trade Agreement. This particular intervention will assist MSG Member Countries in the development of a harmonized MSG Labour Mobility Policy to implement and operationalize Chapter 7 of the MSGFTA. As such, it will ensure that MSG Member Countries are in a better position to capitalize on the opportunities presented by the MSGFTA.

Today, the MSG DG, Ambassador Amena Yauvoli, met with Mr Henry Tamashiro- ACP-EU Regional Coordinator for the Pacific based in Port Vila, Vanuatu, and Mr Ross Norton- Consultant- who has been appointed to progress this particular intervention going forward.

With the facilitations by the MSG Secretariat, Mr Norton will travel and consult with MSG Member Countries in the next two to three months to develop this important policy for our members.

“On behalf of our Member Countries, I am thankful to IOM for responding positively to our request for technical assistance on these two important policy developments- remittances and labour mobility. These policies once completed and approved aims at ensuring that our Member Countries are able to realize the many benefits of the MSGFTA once it becomes operational”, says Ambassador Yauvoli.

Further follow up consultations with Members who have yet to sign the MSGFTA will also be undertaken soon

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