

Press Release:

Financial Literacy training and physical assessment of Nonouti

The Ministry for Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development had officials departed Tarawa on the 24th February 2018 for Nonouti Island. The team members spent 9 days on the island to conduct awareness and training programs in relation with empowering Food security and Climate change)



The MCIC team had conducted workshops and training programs on the island with the participation of different levels of businesses such as NGO's, cooperatives and women groups. The team also delivered the training on processing the Virgin Coconut Oil and locally made handicrafts.



However, the women's group on the island requested for further trainings especially on local handicrafts. The team have had spent two days for workshop while the other 3 days was utilized by the team members to work further with the community, businesses and cooperatives to enforce the implementation of business regulations and also to continue trainings with the women groups on local handicrafts.



The MELAD team also conducted a survey on beach profiling in every village on Nonouti that are seen to have changes over time with the visual effects of beach erosion and beach accretion on site. They also undertake mangrove demarcation in every site on the island where they recorded the total coverage area of mangrove on the island, a very important data to get, mostly to support biodiversity and address adverse effects of climate change that will greatly affect food security.

This visit to Nonouti was funded from the Food Security project, also known as LDCF project, which is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through UNDP, and implemented by MELAD.

The team members left the island on Monday, 5th March, while the rest departed on 15 March, 2018.

The training with the business communities had been conducted on Abemama at the same time in February till March this year, while MELAD had undertaken these surveys at both Abemama and Maiana last year. These 3 islands are the only pilot islands to roll out the Food Security (LDCF) project.