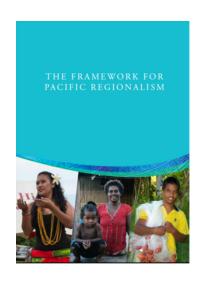
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# **Collective Action for Climate Change and Environmental Protection**

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#### **Shared Regional Political Will**

❖ Pacific Leaders recently reaffirmed the Framework for Pacific Regionalism as their platform for collective action towards a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity.

\* The Blue Pacific is the core driver for regionalism by Pacific countries.

PACIFIC ISLANDS

FORUM SECRETARIAT



Working together as one Blue Continent
Harness shared Ocean identity, geography and resources
Platform to promote collective action for the good of all
Working together as the architects of our own future

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# Regional Frameworks – the foundation for collective action for climate change and environmental protection

- Climate Change is a global good but the regional approaches to addressing this global good are crucial as they reflect the context in which climate change impacts the region.
- Collective action and regional approaches provide opportunities for the Pacific Island countries to benefit from:
  - economies of scale
  - shared capacity, information and experiences
  - strengthened and more coordinated partnerships
  - opportunities to leverage, as a group.



## **Pacific Regional Policies**

#### Ocean

- 2002 Pacific Islands Regional Ocean Policy (PIROP)
- 2010 Framework for a Pacific Oceanscape (FPO)

#### **Climate Change and Disaster Risk Resilience**

2016 Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific

#### **Sustainable Development**

- 2017 Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development
- Cleaner Pacific 2025 (prepared by SPREP & JICA)



#### Ocean governance, management and conservation

#### 2002 Pacific Islands Regional Ocean Policy (PIROP)

Improved ocean governance through effective implementation guided by the following principles:

- 1. Improving our understanding of the Oceans
- 2. Sustainably developing and managing the use of ocean resources
- 3. Maintaining the health of the ocean
- 4. Promoting the peaceful use of the ocean
- 5. Creating partnerships and promoting cooperation.

#### 2010 Framework for a Pacific Oceanscape (FPO)

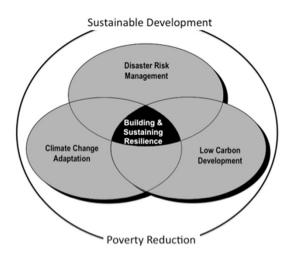
- a catalyst for implementation of ocean policy
  - Establishment of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner
  - Launch of the Pacific Ocean Alliance (POA)
  - POA support to P-SIDS in relation to the BBNJ Preparatory Process
  - Regional preparatory meetings for the UN Ocean Conference (SDG14)
  - Ocean/Climate nexus



Cleaner Pacific 2025 (SPREP & JICA)







#### **FRDP Goals**

- 1. Strengthened integrated adaption and risk reduction to enhance resilience to climate change and disasters.
- 2. Low carbon development.
- 3. Strengthened disaster preparedness, response and recovery.



#### Pacific Resilience Partnership for implementation of the FRDP



#### Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development (2017)

- Highlights key priorities for regional attention, action and reporting, including <u>Climate Change</u>, <u>Disaster Risk Management</u> and <u>Oceans Management</u>
- Recognises the indivisibility of the three pillars of sustainable development and the 17 SDGs
- \* Recognises that <u>climate change presents unprecedented opportunities</u> for the way we approach development
- \* Provides the opportunity also for either establishing or building on existing partnerships
- Climate Change and enhancing Environmental Protection are an integral part of Sustainable and Resilient Development for the Pacific region



### Key Challenges - Regional and National

- Streamlined implementation
- Ensuring that climate and disaster risk are embedded in development
  - Use a <u>development first</u> lens
- Moving the conversation beyond the usual suspects
  - Connecting communicating, collaborating, coordinating with national and sub national level actors
  - Helping national level to better connect
- Energy and momentum
  - Countries
  - Donors
  - Development partners



#### Building on common and collective ground

- Regional Resilient Fund

An integrated regional financing solution for Forum Island Countries that would address, to the extent possible:

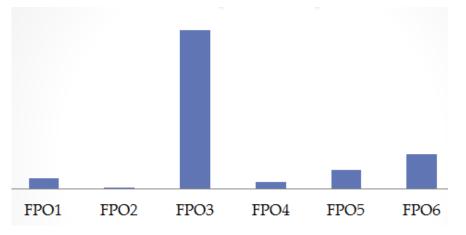
- Ease of accessibility to finance for climate action and resilient development
- Fragmented nature of sector based financing flows in the region
- The mobilisation of international private and public finance to leverage additional financing for Forum island countries



#### Ocean Financing

- Development cooperation and commitments towards a sustainable Pacific Ocean are being analysed.
- UNOC Voluntary Commitments 123 relevant to Oceania PIF countries across range of SDG 14 / FPO targets.
- Development cooperation (multilateral and bilateral) USD \$2
  billion over last 10 years directed at coastal and marine projects
  with main focus on FP03:

USD 2 billion development finance against FPO objectives



FP01 Jurisdictional Rights and Responsibilities

FP02 Good Ocean Governance

FP03 Sustainable development, management and conservation

FP04 Listening, Learning, Liaising and Leading

FP05 Sustaining Action

FP06 Adapting to a rapidly changing environment

#### ADB is a solid and dependable Regional Partner...

- PCRAFI (and other disaster financing initiatives)
- Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific
  - Pacific Resilience Partnership Working Group
- access to Climate Finance
  - GCF, CIF, AF
  - Regional programmatic approach GCF



#### Key Messages

- Collective action for Climate Change and Environmental Protection is recognized by our Leaders and people's as a means to support and facilitate national efforts towards achieving sustainable and resilient development
- Support from development partners including ADB is crucial and should be founded on:
  - Genuine and durable partnerships
  - Coordinated and complementary approaches
  - Supporting country ownership and country driven solutions



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