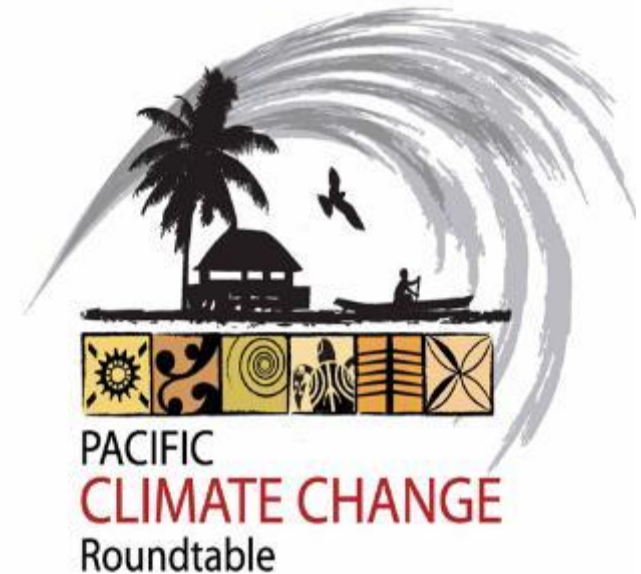


# Resources Working Group *Updates & achievements since 2013*



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# Overview

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# Key Objectives of the RWG

- To ensure that a coordinated, cooperative and strategic approach is taken by Regional, International Organisations and Donor Agencies when assisting PICs with financial and technical support in areas relating to climate change financing and regional coordination.
- Provide a link from the PCCR to the discourse and development of options to improve access to and management of climate change resources, particularly at the national, regional and international levels.



# 1. Key Issues & Actions Discussed in last WG

- Build and strengthen the region's ability to access climate change resources.
- Improve the availability and use of information, knowledge and expertise on funding opportunities to the climate change portal.
- Input to regional climate change finance studies and initiatives.
- Training to enhance access to Climate Change Finance.
- Resource development (reports, events calendar and briefings)





## 2. Progress Update on Climate Change Financing and support that exists in the region

- Six PICs have undertaken national climate change finance assessments to strengthen their ability to access and manage climate change resources
  - PCCFAF: Nauru, RMI & Tonga (SI in the pipeline)
  - CPEIR: Samoa, Vanuatu & Fiji (Tuvalu in the pipeline)
  - Budget assessment: Kiribati
  - NIE rapid assessments: Nauru & Vanuatu
- The region has attained regional implementing entity status to the Adaptation Fund and the Green Climate Fund
  - GCF: SPREP RIE status
  - Adaptation Fund: SPREP RIE status, Cook Islands submitted NIE application end of 2014
  - GEF: SPREP is applying to be an IE



## 2. Progress Update on Climate Change Financing and support that exists in the region

- GEF 6 replenishment – GEF Support Adviser for PICs available
- Trainings completed on improving access to climate change finance
  - Proposal writing to the Adaptation Fund training, Apia in Sept 2014 jointly convened by SPREP, PIFS, SPC and partners. Pacific Guide developed.
  - A range of climate finance trainings were also conducted by UNDP, GIZ, ADB and others over the past two years.
  - Finance negotiations training and support provided to PICs under the UNFCCC process.
- Documentation of Pacific experiences with modalities relevant to climate change financing & donor database publicly accessible.
- Reports regularly updated on the PCCP, events calendar listed in monthly CC Matters newsletter & briefings requested on a regular basis by PICs.
- Active coordination mechanisms in place: CROP Exec Sub-Committee on CC and DRR, WARD & DPCC



### 3. Challenges & Lessons Learnt

- Challenges:
  - Access hindered by complex international climate financing architecture
  - Improving development effectiveness and donor harmonisation
  - Enabling environment – policy and institutional
  - Capacity constraints in PICs



# 3. Challenges & Lessons Learnt

- Lessons learnt:

- Countries **are accessing** climate change finance, but **tracking is difficult** and funds are **fragmented** at the national level.
- Most climate change related **funds accessed** have been **project based**.
- For RMI and Nauru, most funding comes from **bilateral** channels, whereas for Tonga it was significantly from multilateral sources.
- Although there is an opportunity to diversify funding sources by pursuing multilateral funds, in the short term this is likely to require considerably **more effort** than **building on existing bilateral relationships**.
- Funds channelled through the national budget (direct budget support) have only been used to a limited extent to address climate change objectives & a significant portion of climate related funds **fall outside** of the purview of **national systems**.
- Funds dedicated to addressing climate change objectives have been directed to both mitigation and adaptation measures, though more towards adaptation in line with Pacific priority need for adaptation.





## 4. Summary

- Significant progress has been made by PICTs themselves, CROP, civil society and private sector and development partners to ensure the region's improved access to climate change finance.
- Consideration must be given to complexities at the source as well as to country systems and absorptive capacity to implement.
- The ability to harness and effectively use climate finance will benefit from strengthened national systems and increased use of those systems by development partners/private sector.
- Capacity constraints in the Pacific region present a significant challenge which we must collectively try to address.
- Donors are likely to continue to use a range of modalities to deliver climate change resources. PICs will therefore need to draw on a range of options to improve access to and management of these resources.



Thank you

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