

Adaptation activities in the Pacific Region

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Overview

- Current and future adaptation related activities and directions in adaptation in the Pacific
- Issues relating to SIDS-SIDS cooperation
- An AOSIS wide adaptation program

Current adaptation related activities

- Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change 2006-2015 endorsed by Leaders
- Establishes sets of priorities for action on climate change in the region
- Adaptation is focused on: multi-stakeholder, risk management, no regrets, improving safe secure livelihoods, focus on most vulnerable areas and integrate in NSDS and other strategies

Issues relating to SIDS-SIDS cooperation

- Pacific has long history of productive cooperation with other SIDS regions, including early support to formulation of an AIMS cooperation mechanism
- Benefits of sharing of experiences between regions is well accepted
- Scope for cooperation in adaptation to replicate projects on basis of lessons learned and utilizing expertise gained

An AOSIS-wide adaptation programme?

- Mauritius Strategy has called for greater SIDS-SIDS cooperation on climate change, in particular adaptation
- Potential benefits through additional funding to cover gaps in PACCC – covering all 3 themes for all the Pacific SIDS, and include activities in other sectors such as health and tourism

What would Pacific seek?

- Would require detailed regional consultation, but... we need
- Technical and financial assistance to complete priorities in Pacific Framework, particularly on adaptation and climate change science relating to adaptation
- Improved opportunities for training and awareness – specialized skills, exchanges, training, communications strategies
- Networking for information sharing and exchanges
- Streamlined reporting, databases, etc.