



# Regional Centres, CC Related Networks and Tools – Pacific focus



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- Issues and key questions & some answers
- Regional context
- IUCN – ORO and its role & learning from global experiences
- MESCAL – a practical example of collaborative action
- Concluding remarks



# Issues, answers and challenges

- Many MEA based opportunities – similar concepts but differences
- Many global players, many tools, many lessons learnt
- Many networks, many portals
  
- Key Q: for Suppliers
  1. How can suppliers collaborate
  2. What incentive agencies have to collaborate – clarity in comparative advantage
  3. How to provide a single/ harmonised/ coordinated set of support to suit country needs

Key Q : for countries - How can countries cost effectively access these

- What to look for?
- Where to look?
- How to access the information & tools etc?
- Challenges of MEAs and regional frameworks of action

## Regional Context: Regional architecture

- Pacific Plan – PI Forum Leaders mandated ‘Plan that is not a Plan’
- CROP – Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific
  - SPREP – climate change; Biodiversity - CBD
  - SOPAC – DRR&DM - Hyogo
  - SPC – natural resources – forestry, fisheries, health etc
  - USP – capacity development
- BINGOS – CI, WWF, IUCN
- UN agencies - UNDP, UNEP, FAO, etc
- World Bank & ADB
- Development partners – AusAID, NZAid, EU, USAid, GTZ/ BMU

## Examples of networks and partnerships – CROP agencies , WB, ADB, Development partners & countries

- Nature Conservation Roundtable – CBD – **IUCN**
- Pacific Islands CC Roundtable – PIFACC & UNFCC - **SPREP**
- Pacific Disaster Partnership – DRR&DM Framework & HFA - **SOPAC**
- Agriculture & Forestry Networks, etc – **SPC**
- Role of networks & partnerships – **information sharing, some coordination; some joint programming efforts**

## IUCN Oceania ...

- Covers Pacific Islands Countries, Australia & NZ
- Focusing on:
  - Harnessing global networks, tools partnerships to support countries – **ELA N (NWP pledges)**
  - Convening regional partnership for action – eg Nature Roundtable
  - Facilitating local to global links – **GLISPA – a loose network**
  - Disseminating conservation standards and practices – eg Red List
- Supporting countries build capacity in:
  - Applying various MEAs and Regional Plans of Action to real problems and issues
  - Traditional knowledge and science based governance
  - Building capacity through ‘learning by doing’



## GLISPA – information exchange platform

A Platform for -

- Exchanging scientific and policy related information on conservation, climate change and adaptation, sustainable livelihoods for island communities
- announcing new projects and initiatives
- seeking expertise and collaborations

[glispa-discuss@googlegroups.com](mailto:glispa-discuss@googlegroups.com)



# IUCN's Country Focus – country needs & challenges

- **WHO** to:
  - adopt/ operationalise and implement different principles, concepts requirements harmonise MEAs
  - coordinate donor interests – Paris Declaration
- Country needs/ demand driven
  - NSDS linked NAPAs, NAPs, NBSAPs
  - Priority driven tackling real area specific needs
- Information – baseline scientific & traditional knowledge
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- Capacity - to know and do **WHAT?**
- **HOW?**

## MESCAL goal

- **To increase resilience to climate change for the peoples of Pacific through adaptive co-management of mangroves and associated ecosystems in each of the selected countries**
  - Livelihoods and biodiversity
  - Community empowerment to make informed decisions.
  - Risk based actions across all levels - community to government and other stakeholders
  - Awareness and advocacy at all levels
  - Institutional and technical capacity



# MESCAL's guiding philosophy...

- Country driven & country focused
- Empowerment of key stakeholders
- Project staff & subject experts playing a supportive role
- Multidimensional partnership
  - Across and between government agencies
  - Between government – communities
  - Between disciplinary experts
  - Between policy makers and scientists and communities
- Targeted individual and Institutional capacity enhancement

## **MESCAL OUTCOMES**

### **1. National Baseline Information:**

- Governance arrangements**
- CC scenarios**
- Ecological, economic, social and cultural status and values**

### **2. Co-management / governance of mangrove considering CC risks, DRR and biodiversity focus**

### **3. Improved conservation & restoration of mangroves at demonstration site (s)**

### **4. In-country, regional and international awareness and advocacy and capacity development**

## Conclusion – Key Messages

- Networks in country - partnerships
- Regional Networks to play the bridge between National and Global
  - reflect country policies, & needs
  - facilitate appropriate support to suit local needs
- To be effective in delivering outcomes
  - focus on country needs
  - need country specific information & knowledge sets
  - tools, guidelines etc adapted to the local / regional context
- Suppliers to come together for specific country programs
- Suppliers to do ‘joint programming’ BEFORE developing their projects – MESCAL

A scenic view of a beach with a wooden pier extending into the ocean, framed by lush green trees in the foreground. The pier is made of dark wood and extends from the sandy shore into the blue water. The sky is clear and blue, and the water is a deep blue-green color. The foreground is filled with the branches and leaves of various trees, including a prominent palm tree on the left.

**Thank You**

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