



# Experiences in Adaptation Planning in the Pacific

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# Introduction

- Experiences in Adaptation Planning
- Accessing Adaptation Funding
- Additional Challenges faced by Pacific SIDS
- Good practices & Lessons learned



# Experiences in Adaptation Planning

- Pacific Islands Climate Change Assistance Project (PICCAP)
- CBDAMPIC – pilot adaptation projects in four countries
- PACC – implemented in 14 Pacific Island Countries
- Joint National Action Plans (JNAPs) – brings together CCA and DRM communities



# Accessing Adaptation Funding

- Main funding source to date - GEF
- PACC is funded through the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF)
- Biggest challenge was co-financing – particularly with the timing, ie hard to match the GEF and co-finance donor schedules
- Regional project has additional challenges – ie 80% disbursement rules, as slower countries hold faster ones back



# Accessing Adaptation Funds

- Bilateral funding has been more flexible
- Best practice with bilateral has been to build upon existing national adaptation processes (ie PACC), using existing institutional structures and capacity
- Adaptation Fund – capacity challenges, SPREP applying to be an MIE (upon request of countries)



# Additional Challenges of Pacific SIDS

- Small populations - limited capacity available
- Regional agencies provide technical back stopping, but cant service all countries at once (which leads to implementation delays) – need to build a larger pool of expertise (and budget for regional services)
- National level mandates – many PIC’s are undergoing institutional restructuring, so as to place climate change offices more centrally
- Reporting requirements are complex, and new to results based reporting
- Funding for the Pacific Island territories is more restrictive



# Good practices & Lessons learned

- Important to build upon existing structures and capacity in country
- Important to get the institutional structures right, up front
- Need to budget resources and time into capacity building for project management skills (technical and financial reporting, M&E)