

UNFCCC ARTICLE 6 – EDUCATION, TRAINING, PUBLIC AWARENESS

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A. KEY CLIMATE CHANGE-RELATED ISSUES - IN FIJI

1. Agriculture Sector

- Land Desertification
- Sea Water Inundation
- Soil Fertility
- Soil Erosion
- Biodiversity

2. Coastal Zone

- Coastal Erosion
- Sea Level Rise
- High waves
- Storm Surge
- Mangrove

3. Public Health & Nutrition

- outbreak of disease (flu), vector borne diseases
- decreased access to food and malnutrition.

4. Water Resources

- Droughts and floods

5. Tourism & Climate Change & Energy

6. Urban Planning and Infrastructure Development

2. COUNTRY'S RESPONSE TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE THREAT

- (i) (Legislation) Environment Management Act (EMA) 2005 and other laws**
- (ii) Climate Change Policy Framework**
- (iii) Climate Change Country Team**
- (iv) Support – Existing Donor Funded projects**
- (v) Climate Change Unit and Budget Allocation**
- (vi) Sustainable Development Plan - Mainstreaming Climate Change in Ministries**
- (vii) Road Map to Sustainability**
- (viii) NGOs and Institutions Commitment**
- (ix) NDMO**

SCOPE OF WORKS PROGRAM

1. Existing Cooperation

- Permanent Secretary is the UNFCCC Focal Point
- Pacific Island Forums Secretariat (PIFS)
- Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG)
- Member to the Secretariat Pacific Regional Environment Program
- Member to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- South Pacific Commission (SPC)
- Ratified International Conventions such as Biodiversity, UNFCCC, Stockholm, Montreal, CITIES, RAMSAR and a few others.
- Set Up Embassies in????

SCOPE OF WORKS

2. Education, Training, Public Access to Information

- Ministry of Information
- Ministry of Education
- Information & Technology (IT) Unit
- Institutions (USP, FNU, University of Fiji)
- Database Development in Ministries
- Awareness Unit and Climate Change Unit in DOE
- DOE and DTCP Webpage
- Provincial Meetings and Community Public Awareness Campaign.
- Oratory Contest during Awareness Week, ODS Week, International Year of Biodiversity, etc.
- Partnership with NGOs, in Public Awareness Campaign
- Partners with Donor agencies and Countries in existing projects.

SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Cabinet Endorsed Climate Change Country Team**
- **Establishment of Climate Change Unit with Budget from Government.**
- **Establishment of environment awareness unit with budget.**
- **Mainstreaming of CC into the Sustainable Development Plan of Ministries and also in Fiji's Road Map to Sustainability**
- **Ratification of Conventions such as the Kyoto Protocol, Biodiversity, Montreal etc.**
- **Network with NGOs, Institutions, Regional Organizations and donor agencies on existing Climate Change projects in Fiji.**
- **Commitment by Media groups on CC media releases**
- **Endorsement of Environment Laws such as Environment Management Act, Ozone Depletion Substances Act, Endangered & protected Species Act.**

Development Areas

- **Baseline Survey & Coordination**
- **Climate Change Policy & CC Strategic Plan**
- **Strategy on National Awareness on CC**
- **Modeling Climate Change & Urban Development Planning**
- **Research and Data Interpretation**
- **Coordination and Capacity Building/Mainstreaming**
- **Implementation of domestic policies in line with international instruments**
- **Communication Strategy**
- **Specific Budget and production of more materials**
- **Localizing information materials and special CC media unit set up**

THANK YOU