

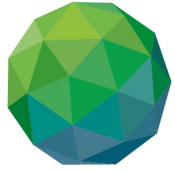
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# GCF REGIONAL DIALOGUE

with THE PACIFIC & ASIAN SIDS

**Rarotonga, Cook Islands**  
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# **SESSION 1-3:**

## **Regional Programming Initiatives under development**

- An opportunity to learn more about some of the emerging developments, coming from the wider region

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## **Objective:**

Showcase regional programming initiatives currently under development **across** Pacific and Asian SIDS, highlight opportunities for cross-country collaboration, and explore how such initiatives can scale impact, address systemic vulnerabilities, and align with GCF-2 priorities.

- **Cook Islands: Regional Programmatic Approach to Climate Action (RPACA)**
- **Maldives: SIDS Climate Smart Resilient Island / Water Concept**
- **SPREP: One Pacific Programme and Hydro Met Projects**

# REGIONAL PROGRAMMATIC APPROACH TO CLIMATE ACTION (RPACA)

**GCF Asia-Pacific SIDS Dialogue**

**6 May 2025**



**Government of the Cook Islands**



**Republic of Palau**



# A brief history

## The need to address:

- ad-hoc approaches to regional climate financing activities in PICs with duplication and no clear cohesion between and amongst countries and AEs
- Since inception of GCF Pacific region underfunded and least represented across programming
- Multiple AEs active in the region with little transparency or close collaboration
- Weak country drivenness for some projects and lack of innovation to address PICs priorities individually and collectively



# RPACA – an idea

Addressing the weaknesses and gaps requires innovation and willingness to be transparent and cooperate collectively with the objective to upscale climate financing into the region

Also to strengthen the country drivenness of the entire process from idea to fruition

Should be prepared ensuring no degradation to existing national and regional pipelines, but could include some as countries wish



# RPACA and its Working Group

RPACA was ignited by the Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) during the SB58 meetings in Bonn in June 2023

This momentum was further solidified through discussions with some AE's at the GCF Board Meeting in 2023, as well as two pivotal meetings held at the margins of the GCF Asia-Pacific Dialogue in Songdo, South Korea also in 2023.

A large comprehensive regional meeting and discussions (with PICs) was held in 2024 in Nadi, Fiji, as well as further discussions at the PCCR Meeting hosted by SPREP in Apia.

From this meeting a Working Group was established comprised of five PSIDS countries, two Direct Access Entities (DAEs), and three Pacific regional Accredited Entities (AEs).





# A Regional Partnership is established

The Working Group initiated the development of a regional proposal for the GCF and organised a meeting for PSIDS countries in Nadi from 8-12 April 2024.

At this meeting, the PSIDS countries identified their national priorities for inclusion in the RPACA and the five agencies formed a RPACA Accredited Entity Partnership.

The AE partnership is guided by the RPACA Partnership Charter of Principles, which aims to foster meaningful collaboration and coordination among international, regional, and national Direct Access Entities.

The goal of the AE Partnership is to scale-up effective and sustainable access to much-needed climate finance for PSIDS countries, enabling them to respond more effectively to the impacts of climate change.



# RPACA AE Partnership is unique

This unique partnership comprises two Direct Access Entities, two Regional Direct Access Entities, and one International Accredited Entity.

The RPACA Accredited Entity Partnership, supported by the 14 PSIDS countries, will work together to continue the development of the RPACA proposal to submit to the GCF.





# RPACA PROPOSAL SNAPSHOT

Participation by 14 PSIDS countries

Innovative modality of 3 AEs, 3 FPs.

Five components covering six thematic areas:

- Infrastructure
- Renewable Energy
- Water
- Waste Management
- Food Security
- Innovative Financing

Capacity development integral to RPACA approach

Proposed GCF Funding of approx. US\$400 million with co-financing of approx. US\$500-800 million



# RPACA Update and Current Status

The Concept Note was prepared by Regional Partnership with oversight by the country co-chairs

Submission of the CN to GCF took place in April 2025, after revisions

PICs were sent the CN under Circular by SPREP, as well as SPC and ADB for any initial feedback

GCF Review process is underway, and seeking views at this Dialog

An RPACA AE planning meeting was held on Sunday 4 May for 2hrs to discuss next steps beyond the CN into FP preparation

A consultation with PICs has been scheduled for Wed 7<sup>th</sup> May after GCF agenda to discuss planning going forward and engagement with PICs

# Meitaki Maata and Mesulang (Thank you very much)



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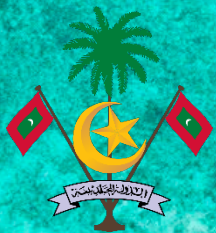
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# Regional Programming Initiatives

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Ministry of Tourism and Environment  
Republic of the Maldives



# Why regional approaches matter for the Maldives and other SIDS

- **Shared vulnerabilities:** sea level rise, coral bleaching, storm impacts, limited adaptive capacity etc
- **Blue economy at risk:** tourism, fisheries sectors are highly vulnerable
- **Economies of scale through pooled resources and knowledge**
- **Regional advantages:** Pathways for collective impacts and cross-country collaborations: shared early warning systems, joint renewable energy procurement, scaling blue carbon projects and greater donor visibility & leverage etc

## (Aligning with GCF-2 Priorities)

- Systemic vulnerabilities: water security, energy dependence, coastal erosion
- Scaling impact: through harmonized climate finance, region-wide capacity building, and technology transfer
- Private sector engagement: via sustainable tourism, marine innovation hubs, or climate-smart infrastructure

# **Strengthening the water sector for enhanced planning, programming and implementation of climate finance in the Republic of Maldives – Readiness**

**Delivery Partner:** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

**Fund amount:** EUR 948,588.00

## **How this initiative addresses Climate Risks:**

**Building community resilience to Climate Change: Water & Sewerage services**

- **NDA Support:** Strengthen medium and long-term climate planning (NDC, NAP, other sectoral policies)
- **Technical Expertise:** Enhance skills in water management across ministries & utilities
- **Policy Strengthening:** Build robust frameworks for water & sewerage services



- **Project Development:** Technical and pre-feasibility studies for future water projects
- **Community Focus:** Address remote communities' needs through peer learning & knowledge exchange

### ***Objective 5. Knowledge sharing and learning***

- Output 5.1.1. NDAs, DAEs, DPs have developed knowledge products containing information on LECRD, methodologies, lessons learned or best practices extracted from within the country and from other countries (South-South cooperation)

### **Purpose: Supporting Maldives' ambition on water security targets: CANCC forum and knowledge exchange**

- Knowledge exchange on best practices in water resource and sanitation management and technologies
- Foster **peer learning** and **capacity building** among water sector technical personnels

## Key Assumptions made from the implementation of the readiness activities:

- **Skilled personnels** will be trained to effectively manage climate finance and water projects
- The **GCF Liaison Officer** will be sufficiently trained and supported to undertake the functions of the role effectively, thereby improving **Maldives – GCF relationship**
- The commitment and knowledge to **effectively implement strategic frameworks** (e.g. water safety plans and emergency plan)
- The technical studies and pre-feasibility study will lead to the **development of a future concept note**
- **Active stakeholder engagement** in all Readiness activities
- **Effective collaboration among Atoll nations** to improve water management solutions in remote areas

# Scaling capacity regionally - Coalition of Atoll Nations for Climate Change

- The Coalition of Atoll Nations on Climate Change (CANCC) was established in 2014 and is a coalition of five low-laying atoll nations – **Kiribati, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Tokelau and Tuvalu**
- The Maldives took over the Chairmanship of CANCC in 2023. The CANCC is an important forum for these nations to come together to discuss climate change issues
- It provides for peer learnings on how atoll nations **are building resilience to climate change through adaptation processes**

## Peer Learning Cohorts with the NAP Global Network:

- **1st Cohort (May 2024 in the Maldives)** - Focus on coastal protection
- **2nd Cohort (April 2025 in the Maldives)** - Focus on nature-based solutions, and food security

***Discussions currently underway with NAP GN for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Cohort next year***



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THANK YOU

# ***Regional Programming Initiatives***

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# ONE PACIFIC PROGRAMME

## 14 Pacific SIDS

Regional modality

USD 162 million -  
SPREP/WRP  
STATUS - Concept  
Note under review  
(submitted 2024)

## CLIMATE RATIONALE

The One Pacific Programme addresses the heightened climate vulnerability of Pacific SIDS by strengthening climate and ocean information services and impact-based early warning systems, reducing disaster risks, enhancing adaptive capacity, and minimizing losses and damages across the region, with a strong focus on reaching the most vulnerable communities.

## IMPACT

Reduced vulnerability of Pacific Island communities to climate-related hazards





# ENHANCING HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT WATER SECURITY IN PACIFIC SIDS

## 6 Pacific SIDS

Multi-Country

USD 25 million  
(across 3 phases -  
SAP) SPREP & WMO  
STATUS - Planned  
Concept Note  
submission by mid  
2025

### CLIMATE RATIONALE

Pacific SIDS face intensifying climate and weather-related risks, making it critical to strengthen hydrological and meteorological services to safeguard water security, enhance disaster preparedness, and build resilience against droughts, floods, and extreme weather events

### IMPACT

Strengthened climate resilience and water security for Pacific SIDS





# STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

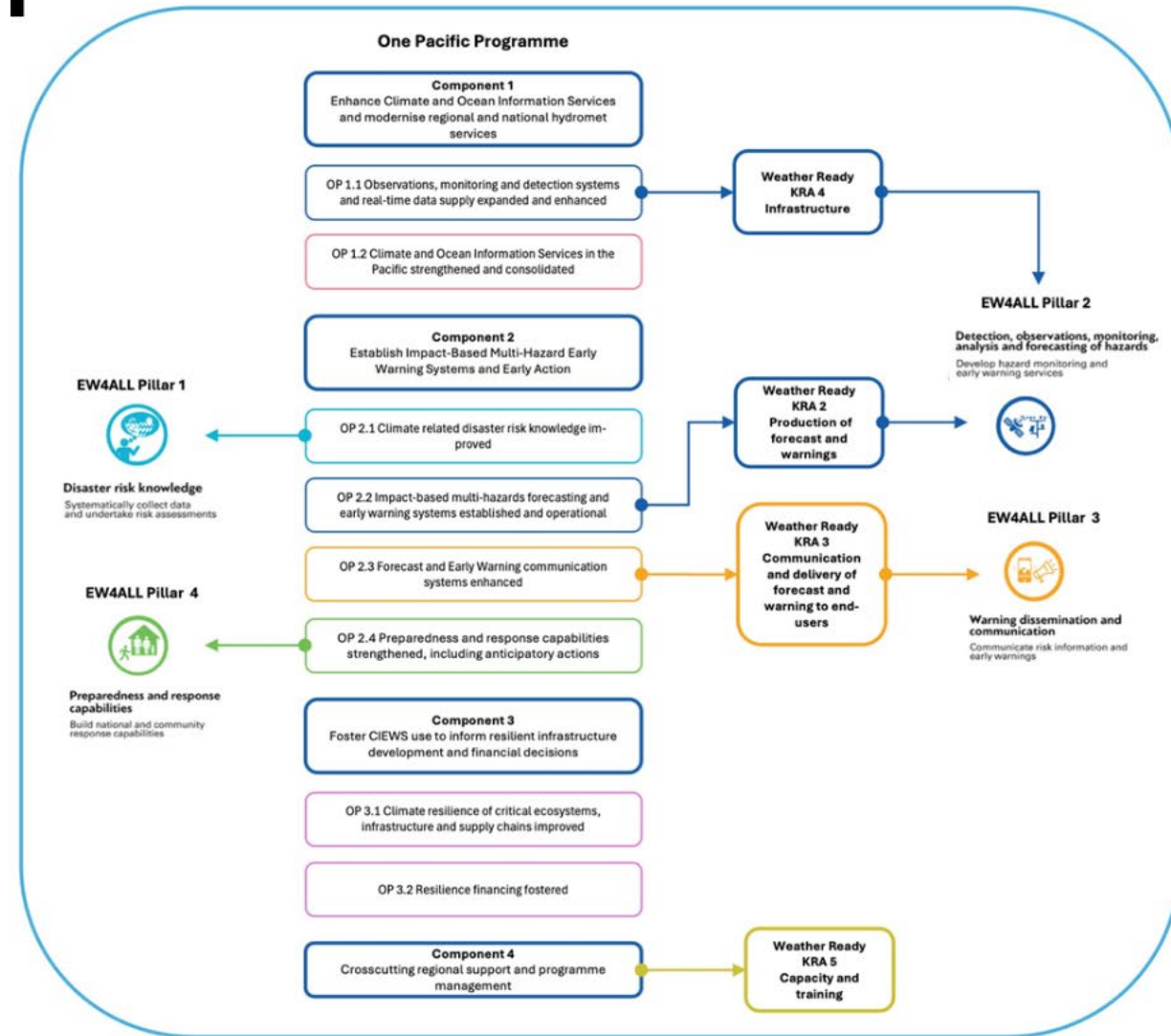
## GCF-2 and USP 2024-2027 programming priorities

### ADAPTATION focus:

- Strengthening resilience for vulnerable populations (SIDS)
- Improving access to climate data and risk-informed decisions
- Regional public goods (eg. EWS) and transboundary water/climate risk management

## Strategic Alignment

- **Building resilience to urgent climate threats** - global climate imperative, EW4ALL, integrated infrastructure and capacity development



# LESSONS LEARNED AND WAY FORWARD

## Based on prior experience with GCF Portfolio (FP035) - Climate Information Services in Vanuatu:

- Importance of regional systems and building on institutional partnerships
- Complexity of infrastructure implementation - need for adaptive delivery
- Necessity of early and ongoing community engagement (end-to-end delivery of CIEWS)

### Considerations for programming:

- Aligning with EW4ALL global roadmap (Pacific context through WRP)
- Securing co-financing or capitalising on existing programmatic approach under WRP and clear integration with CREWS Scale UP
- Establishing clear implementation partnerships and operational modalities
- Ensuring complementarity with both regional/multi-country and country pipelines





# Thank you