M&E of multi-sector approaches to climate change adaptation

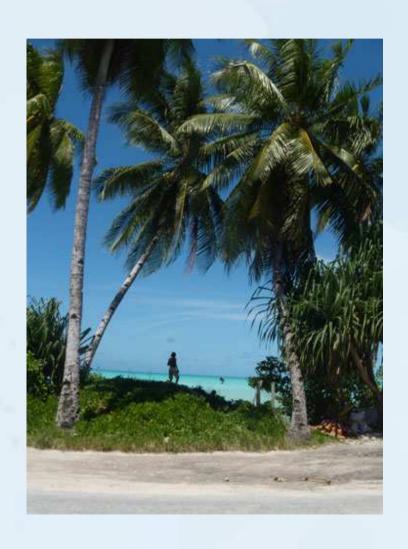
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Outline

- Overview of key issues and challenges in M&E of adaptation projects
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Key issues and challenges in M&E of adaptation projects

- 1. M&E essential for accountability for results and improving future CC work
- 2. M&E in Pacific to date:
 - Mainly: Is the project implementation on track?
 - Not enough: Is the project worthwhile? Meet intended objectives? Sustainability?
 - Very little follow-up after project completion (2-5 years) to ensure activities are effective & sustainable



Why lack of M&E of effectiveness & sustainability?

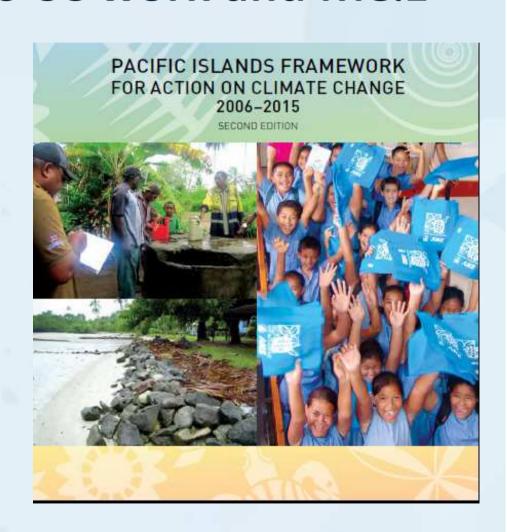
- > Lack of emphasis and resources
- Focus more on size of CC funding/activities
- Complexity?
 - need to assess results at more programmatic/national level, not just individual ad hoc projects
 - meaningful standardized indicators of adaptation success and resilience?
 - attribution of project's impact?
 Influence of many external factors
 - Time lag of longer-term impacts
 - adaptation work should be seen in wider context of development outcomes





Overview of SPC's CC work and M&E

- Pacific Islands
 Framework for Action
 on Climate Change
 2006-2015 (PIFACC)
 - the overarching framework for the region





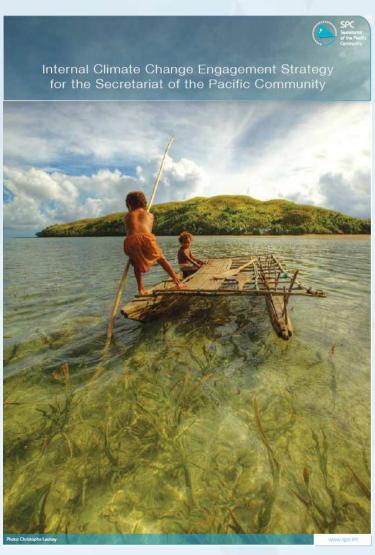
SPC's multi-sector approach to CC



- Largest technical support provider in the region - 22 PICTs
- Covers all key sectors
- Multi-sector approach to CC and DRM



SPC Internal CC Engagement Strategy

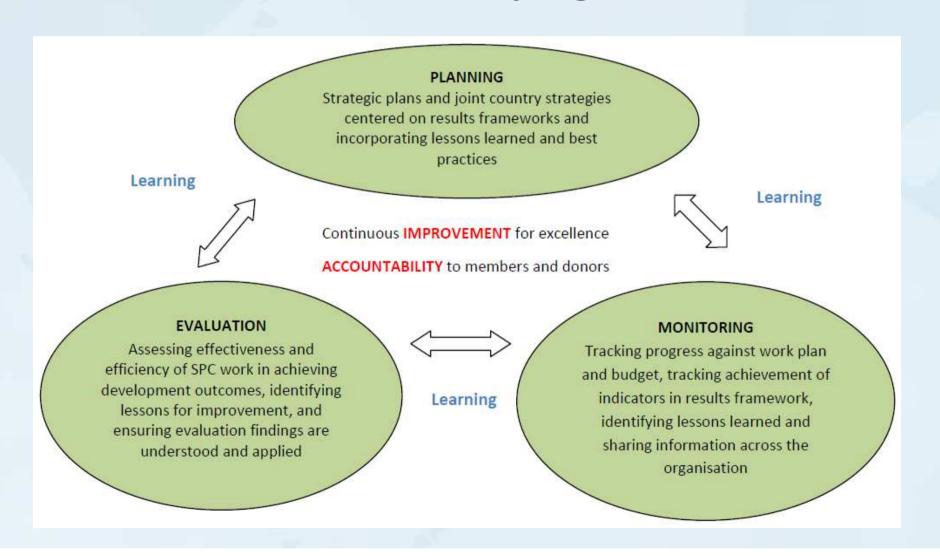


 Guides multi-sector approach at regional & national level

- Key targeted outcomes:
 - Strengthened capacity of Pacific communities to respond effectively to climate change
 - Climate change integrated into SPC programmes and operations
 - Strengthened partnerships at the regional and international level



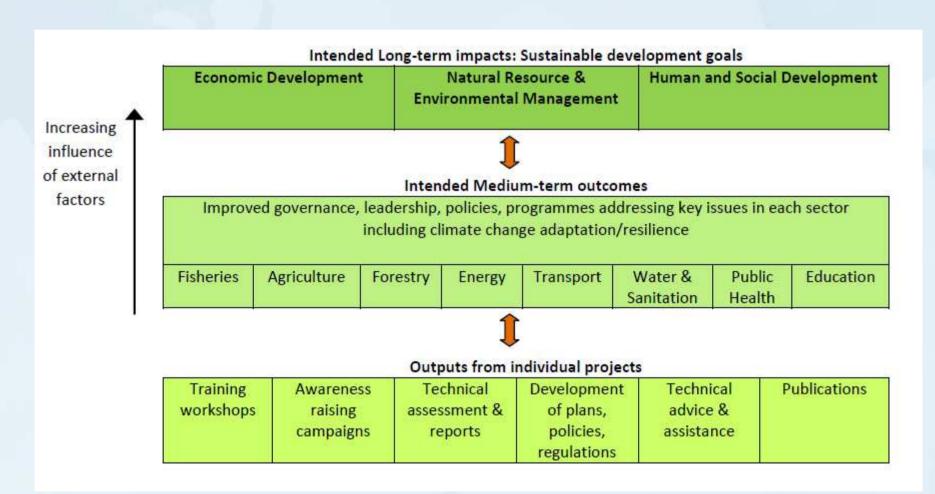
Developing meaningful M&E for CC programme: Work still in progress





Some methodological considerations for M&E:

1. Evaluating CC adaptation in context of development outcomes





Some methodological considerations for M&E (cont'd)



- 2. Difficulty of assessing attribution due to complex interaction of external factors:
 - Mix of quantitative and qualitative methods needed
- 3. Participatory approach:
 - involving key stakeholders in identifying appropriate indicators based on vulnerability assessments & in evaluation of results
 - enhances ownership and sustainability



Some methodological considerations for M&E (cont'd)

- 4. Where relevant, use existing indicators to reduce data collection burden (e.g. NMDIs)
- 5. M&E of longer term impacts: needed beyond life of project
- 6. M&E plan: what key indicators should be measured, how, when, by whom, baseline & target
- 7. Unanticipated results





Conclusion

- Importance of climate change adaptation to Pacific Islands whose livelihoods and food security depend on fisheries, agriculture, etc.
- Critical to improve M&E to ensure CC work effective in achieving sustainable results which contribute to wider development outcomes

