

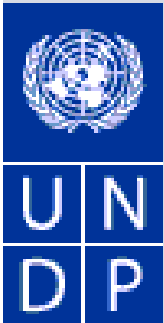


Climate Change Capacity Building: the UNDP Samoa experience

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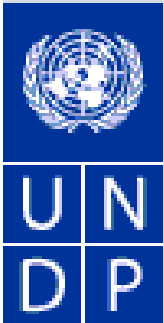
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Presentation Overview

- UNDP Adaptation to Climate Change Strategy
- UNDP Samoa Multi-Country Office
- Capacity Building Needs in our Countries
- Our Response: Capacity Building Programs
- The Way Forward: Capitalizing on Lessons Learned



UNDP Adaptation to Climate Change Strategy: Background

Climate change is a priority issue for UNDP because of its impacts on poverty and sustainable development. UNDP is committed to support its client countries in implementing the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol.

UNDP's climate change adaptation activities aim to strengthen the in country capacity for national priorities of sustainable development and improving the quality of life of the poorest while reducing GHG emission.

Interventions focus on creating an enabling policy environment and strengthening institutional and human capacity for an effective response to adapt to and combat climate change.





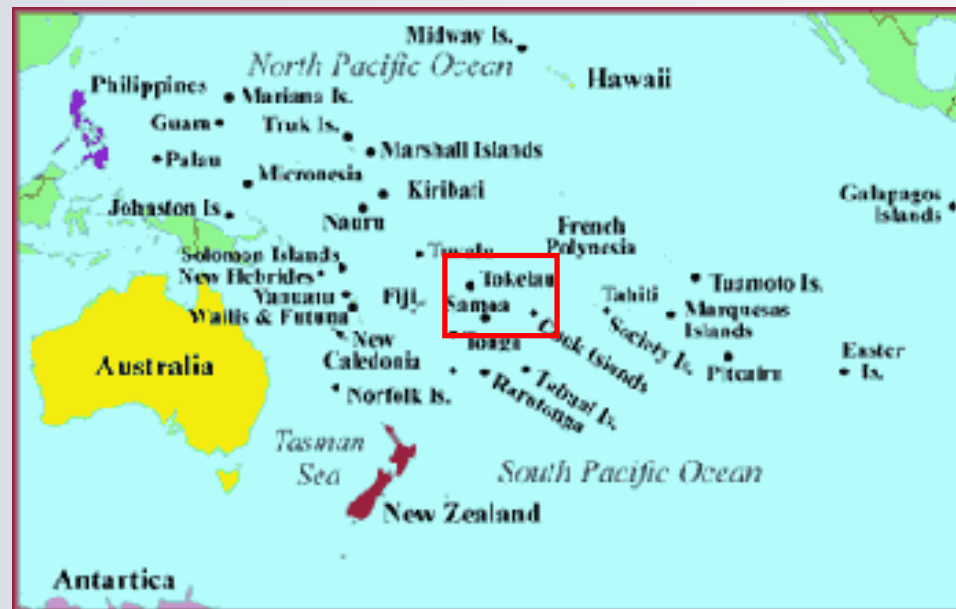
UNDP Adaptation to Climate Change Strategy: the Approach

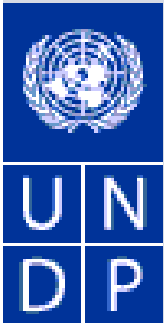
- Four phased approach:
 - ✓ Methods Development for Adaptation Guidelines: the Adaptation Policy Framework
 - ✓ Regionally-focused Adaptation Assessments
ex: preventing and recovering from natural disaster in Asia and the Pacific (under development)
 - ✓ Nationally-focused Adaptation Assessments: SNCs, NAPAs, NCSAs
 - ✓ Implementation of Adaptation Policies and Projects: with priorities for countries that made progress on their vulnerability and adaptation assessments



UNDP Samoa Multi-Country Office

- UNDP Samoa countries: one LDC (Samoa) and three developing countries Niue, Tokelau and Cook Islands.





Capacity building needs in our countries: what areas?

- Identification of adaptive capacity
- Strengthening of adaptive capacity
- Gaps to adaptation implementation and solutions on how to address them
- Implementation of adaptation activities





Capacity building needs in our countries: key issues

- Climate change adaptation policies are more and more cross sectoral => need to develop cross-cutting capacity
- Adaptation is more and more linked to mitigation => need to develop multidisciplinary capacity
- Small islands states have small capacity => need for a greater capacity development as compared to other countries





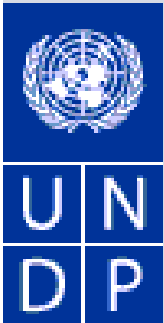
Our Response: capacity building programs

- At the Regional level
 - ✓ PICCAP (Pacific Islands Climate Change Assistance Programme) executed by SPREP involving 10 PICs: capacity building for GHG inventory, evaluation of mitigation option, national vulnerability assessments, evaluation of adaptation options, formulation of national implementation plans for the INCs
 - ✓ Regional SNCs support mechanism in partnership with SPREP and others (in progress)



Our Response: capacity building programs

- Individual country programs
 - ✓ Adaptive capacity
 - Second National Communications
 - National Adaptation Plan of Actions
 - National Capacity Self-Assessments provide countries with the opportunity to identify priority capacity needs in order to effectively address cross-cutting global environmental issues



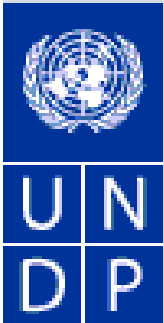
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✓ Adaptation implementation

Implementation of national adaptation priorities: Integrated Coastal Resources Management in Samoa: enhancing coastal adaptation to climate change (under formulation)

Implementation of community based adaptation activities via UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme





The way forward: WHERE

- Implementation of national adaptation priority projects
- Implementation of a regional adaptation project: Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (design started in 2003)
- Introduction of integrated climate change projects (climate change with other focal areas)
- Introduction of the carbon market concept and CDM projects





The way forward: HOW

Key words:

- Partnership
- Collaboration
- Exchange of experience



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