

# What Fiji Needs and Expects from the Pacific Cost-Benefit Analysis Initiative

## Fiji Country Presentation

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#### COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

- Frequent Natural Disasters
- Impact on GDP
- Extreme Weather Events
- Disaster Risk Management
- Adaptation
- Resources Constraints Finance/ HR etc

#### BASELINE SITUATION

- A1) Conduct CBA on Capital Projects.
- 2) Budget Process
- i. ODA Process
- ii. Design List
- iii. Projects for BACC

#### CONTINUED...

- B) Climate Change Project Proposals
- Planning
- Alignment to National Climate Policy
- Priority Vulnerability Index

- C) Disaster Risk and Resilience
- Planning and Preparedness
- Disaster
- Post Disaster

#### CURRENT CAPACITIES IN GOVERNMENT

- Climate Change Division implementation of the National Climate Change Policy.
- National Disaster Management Office Implementation of the Disaster Risk Management Programme.
- Ministry of Strategic Planning Roadmap for Democracy & Sustainable Socio Economic Devt 2010 -2014
- Fiji Meteorological Services Climatology services and weather forecasting.
- Ministry of Finance coordination of Official
  Development Assistance

#### TRAINING PROGRAMMES

- Cost benefit analysis of Flood mitigation in Ba Catchment, Fiji.
- Budget
- Disaster Risk Reduction

### **COUNTRY NEEDS**

#### Practices

- i. Proper coordination amongst relevant agencies.
- ii. Accountability and Transparency mechanisms in terms of managing climate change funds.

#### Capacities

- i. Adequate climate change policies
- ii. Climate change expertise
- iii. Institutional strengthening
- iv. Strategic plan

#### Trainings

- i. Climate Financing
- ii. Awareness
- iii. Process of accessing climate change funds
- iv. Reporting Mechanisms
- v. Monitoring and Evaluation Techniques.

#### **EXPECTATIONS**

- Activities-
- Build Capacity of Officials
- Actual Cost-Benefit analysis examples are cited
- Demonstrate usefulness
- Sectoral examples
- SIDS examples
- Results
- Officials with expertise in conducting CBA
- Each key sector is covered.
- CBA to give a holistic view in support of prioritized projects.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Our major interest here are:
- Application
- Encourage knowledge sharing
- Aligning CBA Results with potential projects
- Ensuring that donor funded projects have undergone a CBA
- Building our CBA Capacity within Govt