

Barriers to Adaptation in Socially Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups: Insights from the Pacific Region



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Context



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Barriers to Adaptation

- Limited information, knowledge and awareness
- Weak institutions
- Poor stakeholder inclusion
- Limited incentives and financing
- Implications of gender issues

Addressing the Barriers

Information, education, and communication

- Raise public awareness and understanding of climate change issues and implications
- Foster effective partnerships with local communities to adapt to (or mitigate) climate change



Addressing the Barriers

Institutional capacity development in-country

- Oversee coordination and efficiently implement climate change adaptation programs and initiatives
- Draw on knowledge, technology, and extension services from development partners



Pacific Islands Framework for Action on
Climate Change 2006-2015



Office of Climate Change
and Development

Corporate Plan

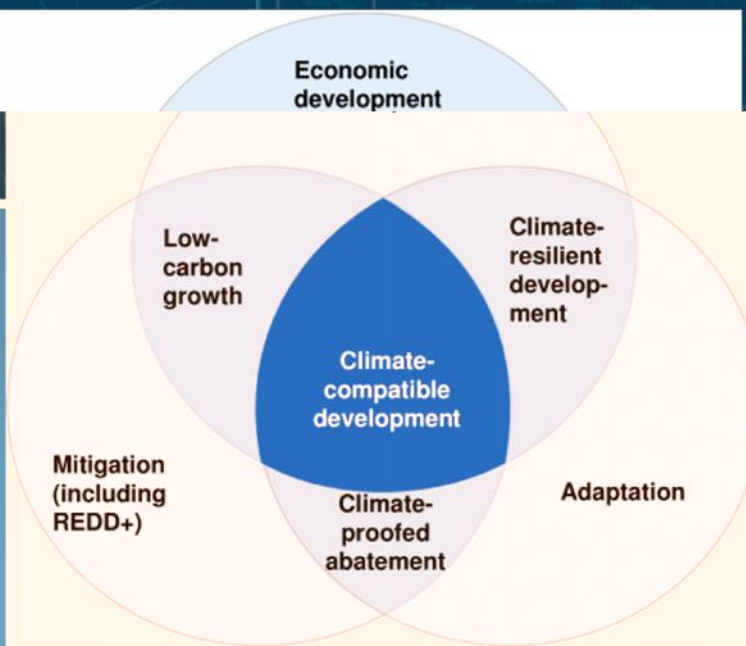


Government of Papua New Guinea
August 2010

An Investment for Sustainable Development in the Pacific Island Countries
Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management

A Framework for Action 2005 - 2015

Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters



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Addressing the Barriers

Stakeholder inclusion and consultation

- Pacific countries, key regional organizations, CSOs, NGOs, and development partners
- Private sector engagement in national programs
- Climate resilient cross-sectoral infrastructure development

Stakeholder Inclusion



Addressing the Barriers

Effective stakeholder coordination

- Close collaboration and teamwork on climate change activities
- Coordinated responses to countries' requests for technical support, including for strategic approaches to access climate financing
- Regular and sustained climate change coordination dialogues

Addressing the Barriers

Incentives and development finance

- Enhance adaptive capacities and ensure appropriate adaptation actions
- Facilitate CCA and DRR integration
- Leverage maximum adaptation results within existing development activities and investments
- Most appropriate and efficient regional aid delivery modality for climate change

PNG Strategic Program for Climate Resilience

- Building climate resilient communities
 - pilot community climate change vulnerability mapping and adaptation planning
 - small grants scheme for communities to implement adaptation plans and early warning systems
 - pilot activities to address CC health risks
 - scholarships opportunities for district & provincial government
- Addressing climate change risks to food security in vulnerable communities

Pacific Regional Strategic Program for Climate Resilience

Mainly to mainstream CCA and DRR into national/
sectoral/local development programs

- Transfer best practices through knowledge platforms
- Provide regionally-based technical assistance
- Facilitate access to climate financing
- Strengthen stakeholder coordination

