

Pacific-SIDS Capacity Building Training Programme on the Implementation of the Jaipur Declaration on 3R & Circular Economy

Consultation on the new Cleaner Pacific 2035 Regional Waste &
Pollution Management Strategy,

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Introduction

- Policy measures taken
- Implementation elements
(laws, plans, programs, pilot
and demonstration projects)
- Key milestones achieved
- Indicators and targets
- Challenges and constraints
faced
- Case studies / best practices



Current Policy Measures

- Guided by the Environment Act 2015
- Water Act 2015
- EIA Regulations (Final Draft ESMS completed)
- Single Use Shopping bag Plastics Ban 2020
- Ozone Regulations 2007
- Building code & standards (2022)
- National Plan – National Integrated Strategic Plan 2016-2026 (current)
- National Plan – National Integrated Strategic Plan 2026-2036 (planned)
- Biodiversity-NBSAP 2015 with review & update in 2025
- Climate Change -NDC Completed Dec 2024

Implementation Elements

- Current Project Activities

(GEF-ISLANDS, PacWaste Plus, POLP, Ozone Project etc)

- Integrated waste Strategy (2015) reviewed and updated. Final Draft to be submitted for Approval
- ESMS (Environmental Social Safeguard Systems)
- Project based
- Negotiations, concepts and project developments
- Waste-Water/Sanitation/Sewage facility (new) fully funded by DFAT
- Cross-sectorial
- Health – waste incinerator
- DAFF – Biosecurity
- Customs – Asycuda system
- Private sector – Can recycling programme
- Private sector – Education & awareness on reusable shopping bags

Key Milestones achieved

- Environment Act 2015 & regulations
- Rubbish collection (2 x weekly)
- Recycling collection (Fortnightly)
- Inclusion in NDC (Climate Change)
- Inclusion in NBSAP (Biodiversity)
- Ozone Regulations
- Single Use Plastics Ban
- (Close to achievement) Draft Waste strategy
- (Close to achievement) ESMS
- (Close to achievement) ARDF
- Cabinet Approval for standalone Waste Management Bill



Indicators & Targets

- Consistent Rubbish & Recycling collection
- Inclusion, implementation, M&E in NDC (Climate Change)
- Inclusion, implementation, M&E in NBSAP (Biodiversity)
- Complete, implement, Monitor the Draft Waste management strategy
- Complete, implement, Monitor the ESMS
- Complete, implement, Monitor the ARDF
- Complete, develop, consult, implement, and Monitor the Cabinet Approval for standalone Waste Management Bill
- Alignment to Communities (Village Plans)

Challenges & Barriers

- Sustainable and consistent financing
- Understanding where all the funding is sitting and how to access
- Funding, reporting, M&E
- Capacity & capability
- Training programme for waste sector
- Technology transfer
- Access funding
- Markets, suppliers and networks in the waste sector
- Markets (Exporting), Paperwork, processes, procedures, standards, approvals, et al

Case study/ Best Practice

- PacWaste Plus project (Export of Asbestos & e-waste to NZ)
 - Education & awareness
 - Understanding the process
 - Experts involved in guiding officials

Thank you.

