



Tonga's Report on 3R Initiatives

Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC)



Outline

- TSDf and MEIDECC Corporate Plan
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TSDF and MEIDECC CP

The outcome objective in TSDF relevant to Environment is Outcome Object 7 *“Cultural awareness, environmental sustainability, disaster risk management and climate change adaptation, integrated into all planning and implementation of programmes, by establishing and adhering to appropriate procedures and consultation mechanisms.”*

To support the outcome objective mentioned above, Environment has the following output to deliver:

Output 1 (Environment): *Effective system to assist conservation and sustainable development of the natural environment while maintaining biodiversity and ecosystems services.*



Legal Mandates

Environmental Acts	International Obligations
Environment Management Act 2010	Waigani Convention, Basel Convention, Stockholm Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UN Convention on Biological Diversity, UN Convention to Combat Desertification and Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
Environment Impact Assessment Act 2003	
Environment Impact Assessment Regulation 2010	
Biosafety Act 2010	
Hazardous Wastes and Chemicals Act 2010	
Waste Management Act 2005	
Litter Control Regulation 2016	
Public Health Act 1992	



Policies and Plans

- Draft Waste Management Strategy
- Tonga Energy Road Map
- Climate Change Policy
- Water Policy
- Energy Policy
- National Implementation Plan
- National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan
- Tonga National Communications



Current & On going 3R Programmes

Programme	Activities	Budget 16/17	Status
1. Landscaping and Beautification Activities	- Up-keeping of Nuku'alofa Waterfron and Public Reserves	Staff time USD\$50,000 (Gov't funded)	On going
2. GEF/PAS uPOPs Reduction Clean School Initiatives	- Promoting of waste minimization in the school (Primary and Secondary level)	Staff time USD \$10,000 (Donor funded)	45% complete
3. Third National Communication (Waste Sector)	- Promoting of waste minimization in the communities (Composting)	Staff time USD \$10,000 (Donor funded)	On going
4. National Implementation Plan on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)	- to coordinate pollution control measures and to coordinate to control of hazardous wastes and chemicals	Staff time USD\$60,000 (Donor funded)	On going
5. Clean, Green Tonga	- Public Awareness and Education	Staff time USD \$10,000 (Gov't funded)	On going
5. PacWaste	- E-waste, Healthcare waste and Asbestos	Staff time USD \$300,000 (Donor funded)	On going
6. Renewable Energy	- Biomass and Biogas	Staff time USD \$100,000 (Donor funded)	On going
7. J-PRISM Phase 2	- Capacity Building	Staff time USD \$50,000 (Gov't funded)	On going



Challenges

- Limited number of human and financial resources
- Weak political support and commitment
- Limited institutional capacity

Thank You

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