



Community planning

Strengthening community-based frameworks to integrate environmental and development planning



Pacific Type II Partnership Initiative: Planning for sustainable community lifestyles

What is this Type II Initiative all about?

This Initiative will help governments and communities develop capacity to fully integrate environmental and development planning at the national and sub-national level. It will primarily focus on community based planning approaches and capacity to use tools, covering:

Integrated Legal Frameworks

Objectives

Legal frameworks that enable countries to equitably address land, development, resource access and environmental issues

Intended initiatives

Networks of environment and development planners;
Tool kits of model law structures, linkages and provisions

Institutional and Policy Frameworks

Objectives

Integrated policy platforms and institutional mechanisms for sustainable development

Intended Initiatives

Toolkits to guide choices to improve vertical and horizontal coordination
Support for national sustainable development strategies.
Establishing national sustainable development committees (or the like)

Integrated land use planning systems

Objectives

Integrated land use planning systems that bridge the gap between national planning and sub-national planning

Intended Initiatives

Toolkits of model approaches and choices in land, resource use and environmental planning systems
Toolkits of planning methods, techniques and approaches, to include project based and strategic EIA, as well as participatory mechanisms
Networks of professional associations in the region covering social, environmental & development assessment planning

Information Enhancement and Management

Objectives

Integrated use of environment and development information and knowledge in decision-making

Intended Initiatives

Actions to fill the spatial and tabular data gaps
Models and assistance to agree on indicators and benchmarks for state of the environment monitoring
Development of GIS capacities for environmental assessment and planning
Enhance training opportunities in GIS, remote sensing, state of the environment monitoring

Who can be partners?

- ▣ Pacific island countries and territories
- ▣ Government agencies, NGOs and civil society
- ▣ CROP agencies and research institutes
- ▣ UN organs: UNDP, UNEP, UNDESA, UNESCAP, UNCTAD
- ▣ Private sector and professional associations

Who are the current or intended partners?

- ▣ UNEP and UNESCAP, Bangkok
- ▣ International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)
- ▣ World Wide Fund for Nature - New Zealand and Pacific (WWF)
- ▣ Asian Development Bank (ADB) and NZAID
- ▣ The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)
- ▣ The Foundation for Development Cooperation (FDC)
- ▣ The International Association of Impact Assessments (IAIA)
- ▣ The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

What are the intended outcomes?

- ▣ Collaboration and coordination in environmental and development planning
- ▣ Improved interface between indigenous and western information, science and management models
- ▣ Improved understanding of land use systems and the role in balancing environment and development
- ▣ Links between national economic planning and sub-national planning
- ▣ Confidence and certainty in addressing competing demands and exposing opportunities
- ▣ Networks of practitioners and knowledge systems to advance understanding and avail know-how

Key Achievements?

- ▣ Support of the Pacific Network of Planners, Planning Institute of Australia (Qld branch) and the Commonwealth Association of Planners
- ▣ Environmental Planning Case Study - Vanuatu, 2003
- ▣ Links provided to the Asia-Pacific Sustainable Cities initiative (ESCAP)
- ▣ Support by NZAID for environmental monitoring and reporting (SPREP)

How is this Initiative coordinated?

- ▣ All interested partners register their participation or their initiatives with the facilitators
- ▣ Facilitators arrange regular communication among partners and client countries and territories
- ▣ Facilitators provide updates to the CROP Sustainable Development Working Group and UNDESA on progress.

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