IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY OF MARITIME TRANSPORT IN THE PACIFIC

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Outlines:

- PICs on the map
- Maritime Snapshots
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- Challenges
- Way Forward
Maritime Snapshots

- **Samoa** – redevelopment of Matautu Wharf
- **Fiji** – upgraded King’s Wharf in Suva – strengthening the deck and reorientation of container yards
- **New Caledonia** – Port Master Plan 2003-2014 – several extensions and modernization works
- **Cook Islands** – redevelopment of Avatiu Harbour in Rarotonga
International Vessels to Apia Port, 2010-2012

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Current Container services to Apia by Origin, are:

- North & East Asia – every 20 days
- New Zealand (Consortium Lines) – twice per month
- New Zealand (Independent Line) – monthly
- US West Coast – every 15 days
- US & China (PFL) – every month
Issues:

- Lack of affordable and reliable shipping services limits access.
- Distance between Islands & International Market
- High Cost to and from the PICs
- Freight Rates too high
- Imbalance cargo flows and low units values of exports
- Safety and Security
- Affordability to purchase new ships
Challenges:

- Service speed
- Ports capacity with low and often irregular traffic volumes
- Enhance the resilience of port infrastructure to extreme events and climate change
- Availability of Database system
- Optimising dredging arrangements
- Funding assistance
- Upgrade skills
The issues addresses through the following projects. Eg. Samoa

- SEA/MARITIME
  - Reconfigure channel/breakwater Apia
  - Prepare National Port Plan
  - Implementation of National Ports Plan
  - Improve access to Manono Island
  - Renovate inter-island passenger terminals
  - Rehabilitate Old Wharf + new container yard etc
Where do we want to go from here – long term plan?

- These were some of the longer term projects
  - SPA – Vaiusu Bay New Port – Recommend feasibility study
Way Forward:

- Building Capacity to meet inter islands shipping needs in the Pacific
- Sharing resources
- Promote exports products
Matautu Wharf
Thank you!