Localizing of SDGs in the Pacific:
Outline of Presentation

1. why local government is important and why its improvement matters in addressing the challenges of the current development environment in the Pacific;

2. highlighting the importance of localisation in ensuring the development is led by local people and reflects the needs and specific of local communities.
A sub-National & National Dialogue held in Vanuatu in 2015

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Aim-to identify and propose the “HOW & “WHAT” to make sure the SDG is implemented effectively at the local level
“there are no solutions that are not local solutions”

Says the Former Prime Minister of Tuvalu

Our unique vulnerabilities should be Localise to reflect the unique cultures and contexts of the Pacific countries
Current Challenges

• The serious consequences of the Covid 19 pandemic coupled with more natural and human-made disasters;

• the latest data indicated that vulnerability has increased, and huge gaps persist across different population groups;

• SDG progress in the region has slowed down, and some are dragging behind every year.

• For the Pacific, the SDG progress is serious because there are so many people whose lives are now being affected throughout the Pacific.

Local government need to be taken more seriously
Key recommendations from the Sub-National & National Dialogue in Vanuatu in 2015

1. ENGAGING COMMUNITIES & STAKEHOLDERS AT LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL LEVELS;

2. IMPROVE COORDINATED DONOR SUPPORT

3. IMPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENTS GOALS

4. THE PRIORITIES AND ACTION AGENDA SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH MORE BROADLY BASED NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLANS THAT LINKED TO THE PROPOSED SDGS;

5. STRENGTHEN THE SYSTEMS USED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES

6. THE PROGRAMMES ARE TO BE SPECIFICALLY TAILORED TO MEET THE DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS OF DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES;

7. LOCALISING PROCESSES AND MECHANISMS INCLUDING THE NETWORK OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ITS LINKAGES WITH TRADITIONAL GOVERNANCE
8. STRENGTHENING LOCAL AUTHORITIES

9. HIGHLIGHT THE LIMITED ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE ISSUES OF URBAN MANAGEMENT AND THE NEED TO IMPROVE STRATEGIC PLANNING, FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES;

10. IMPROVING LOCAL GOVERNMENT DATA GATHERING AND INFORMATION SHARING TO SUPPORT PLANNING, PRIORITY SETTING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION BY PROVIDING ADEQUATE RESOURCES: PUTTING IN PLACE AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND HAVING PLANS WITH CLEAR TARGETS AND DEFINED OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO STRENGTHEN ACCOUNTABILITY;

11. LASTLY, LOCALIZING THE POST 2015 AGENDA THROUGH PRACTICAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH DONORS AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS. D.
Why Local government is important and why its improvement matters to achieve SDGs?

- is the level of government that has the most direct relevance to people’s daily lives,
- delivers many basic services for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, New Urban Agenda, etc.
- Provides an accessible way for citizens to participate in the local decisions;
- is the ‘first help’ level of government;
- has the local knowledge and experience
- has a critical role to play in addressing the impact of global climate challenges at the local level
In summary, local problems must be addressed through local solutions supported by local institutions working with local communities.

Recommendations:

- Provide an enabling environment for local government;
- Capacity strengthening across a range of local government functional and leadership areas;
- Local governments and local communities are strengthened to be able to handle their own development.
- Building of a more bottom-up participatory system to increase local government and community involvement in sustainable development.
- Provide good support from National government and technical ministries:
Pacific Urban Partnership (PUP)
Aim: to accelerate the implementation of the Pacific New Urban Agenda by supporting the Pacific countries to achieve sustainable urban development
ANY QUESTION?