Commitment: A New Partnership for Action to Implement the New Urban Agenda and the Urban SDGs in the Pacific
Launching of the outcome of the PUF5 at WWF10
Introducing PP-NUA

The *Pacific Partnership for Implementing the New Urban Agenda (PP-NUA)* aims to accelerate the implementation of the Pacific New Urban Agenda by supporting the countries of the region to achieve sustainable urban development. It seeks to rally implementing partners, to mobilize resources for regional knowledge exchange and to foster more effective integration, coordination and synergies within the Pacific Development community.

The 4 Working Pillars of the Pacific New Urban Agenda are:

- **Social Equity and Urbanisation**
- **Environment, Resilience, Infrastructure and Urbanisation**
- **Urban Economy**
- **Urban Governance**

The partnership will prioritise actions in Pacific Island states and support *sustainable COVID-19 recovery and resilience-building* for Pacific cities. Partners currently working on 30 projects.
Members of the PP-NUA

The PP-NUA Steering Committee consists of 8 organisations active in the urban development space across the Pacific.
PP-NUA COMMITMENTS:

Modelled on Penang Platform for Sustainable Urbanization:

- A platform for brainstorming, pooling and mobilizing resources and driving policy;
- Support to urban stakeholders in implementing PUF5 commitments;
- Leveraging work programmes and integrating delivery of actions that support the overall purpose of the PP-NUA;
- Working towards the recognition of the Pacific Urban Forum as an official body.
Work done so far

1. Key Events
   - World Urban Forum 10 – launch of PUF5 outcomes

2. Institutional Set up
   - Establishing Governance Structure, Secretariat & Technical Working Group
   - UNDP Solevaka Community of Practice

3. Joint Programming
   - Support to Pacific countries on PUF5 commitments
   - A webinar on Local Economic Development in the Pacific held in October 2020.
   - Development of joint projects in support of the Pacific New Urban Agenda, e.g.:
     - LED in Tuvalu, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands and Cook Islands
     - Sustainable Urban Resource Management in Nasinu, Fiji.
   - A Virtual Pacific Urban Forum in August 2021 for discussion and knowledge sharing on the current state of progress and challenges towards sustainable urban development.
Key Urban Issues and Challenges

Pacific region - diverse socio-economic and urban development challenges

• Impacts of Covid 19 and accelerating climate change – significant economic impacts particularly from loss of international tourism

Key urban development challenges and identified actions:

1. Prioritise *Informal Settlements and Affordable Housing*
2. Promote *Gender Equality*
3. Invest in *Climate Adaptation and Resilience*
4. Incorporate *environmental considerations in COVID-19 recovery.*
5. *Closing the Digital Divide*
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7. Support *Small Medium Enterprises and Innovation*
9. Improved *Data Collection and Centralization*
10. Develop *National Urban Policies, Housing Policy and Building Codes*
11. Support *Cross-Ministry and Cross-Sector Collaboration*
12. Enhance *Local Governance Capacity*