Framework for Pacific Regionalism (2014)

PACIFIC LEADERS VISION
A region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity, so that all Pacific people can lead free, healthy and productive lives.

OBJECTIVE 1
Sustainable development that combines economic, social and cultural development in ways that improves livelihoods and well-being and use the environment sustainably.

OBJECTIVE 2
Economic growth that is inclusive and equitable.

OBJECTIVE 3
Security that ensures stable and safe human, environmental and political conditions for all.

OBJECTIVE 4
Strengthened Governance, Legal, Financial and Administrative Systems.

PACIFIC VALUES
- Depend on integrity of our vast oceans, Cultures, tradition and religious beliefs
- Good gov., democratic values, rule of law, promotion of human rights, gender equality and just societies/ Peaceful, safe, security, well-being, inclusivity, equity, equality/ Effective, open honest relationships, inclusive/ enduring partnerships based on mutual accountability and respect.

➢ Pooling/sharing resources
➢ Regional Cooperation
➢ Regional Collaboration
➢ Working Together,
➢ Thinking Alike
➢ Common Standards/ Norms
➢ Regional Integration
Political commitment to integrated implementation & reporting

2015 – committed to SDGs, called for integrated implementation & reporting on global & regional sustainable development commitments

2017 – endorsed the Pacific Roadmap for sustainable Development

2018 – endorsed the 1st Quadrennial Pacific Sustainable Development Report

- Contextualise
- Integrate implementation & reporting
- Reduce reporting
The theme of the draft 2020 report is “Ensuring Pacific People’s well-being through the Blue Pacific identity, the proposed 2050 Strategy and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.


a) Impact of COVID-19
b) Addressing sustainable development progress since 2018
c) Reflecting on the Voluntary National Review (VNR) Process and Advocacy and Engagement for the SDGs in the Pacific
d) Reviewing Progress under the Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration (PLGED).

Overall, this draft 2020 Biennial report contain useful information, we learn from our past to maintain our forward momentum. It is our opportunity to rebuild better, our opportunity to bounce forward, our opportunity to be decisive, proactive and maintain our ability to work as a Blue Pacific collective.
1. Theme of people, blue pacific identity, 2050 strategy & 2030 achievement

   - addressing vulnerability and increasing inequality;
   - tackling gender gaps and high youth unemployment;
   - continuing to promote sustainable and equitable economic growth;
   - intensifying multi-sector efforts with increased finance to address non-communicable diseases;
   - strengthening efforts to tackle the dual threats of climate change and disasters;
   - addressing the consequences of population growth and poor waste management practices;
   - continuing to address de-risking issues and the high cost of sending remittances;
   - More effective use of existing and new finance and stronger coordination; and
   - increasing investment in the collection and use of timely and accurate disaggregated data.

3. Continue work on Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration
Key message of the Report

1. **COVID19’s** impact on the capacity of PICTs to achieve the 2030 Agenda

2. The future of **tourism** and level of **remittances** remains uncertain and the need for social protection has intensified

3. A significant gap between men and **women’s economic participation** remains, with women under-represented in formal employment across the region

4. Need for accelerated action at the national level to reform economic and **labour policies** that target key growth sectors remains.

5. Some PICTs need to elevate **waste management** in their development agenda, by increasing the resources required to address waste management issues.

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6. On **Non-communicable disease**, substantial effort is required to strengthen leadership, governance and financing to accelerate national action to halt or reverse the crisis.

7. More than 1 million persons with **disabilities** in the Pacific still face deep inequalities and multiple barriers.

8. On **data**, there is a need for additional resources for national & regional statistical stakeholders to ensure production of high-quality data to guide & monitor economic/social development.

9. **VNR** process is an opportunity to build capacity and address measures to enhance national planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and reporting systems and processes.
VNR challenges

- Human and institutional **capacity constraints**;
- Lack of **ownership and political will** to effectively respond to the cross-sectoral nature of sustainable development;
- Lack of **awareness and engagement** of stakeholders both within government agencies, civil society and the private sector;
- Lack of **alignment** at national level with global and regional commitments, including the importance of localising global goals, targets and indicators;
- Insufficient **financial resources** and capacity for resource mobilisation;
- Paucity of **data** and limited capacity to collect and analyse data.
PLGED Next steps

• Constraints and **lack of financial investments** in national gender budgets. On average, budgets for national women’s officers are less than one percent of national appropriations and only a few sector ministries make specific budget allocations to address gender issues.

• Design/implement **evidence-based policies** aimed at transforming social/cultural norms that condone violence and work to counteract attitudes by which women/girls regarded as subordinate to men/boys.

• **Review/implement legislative** measures to address all forms of sexual/gender-based violence in all areas of life

• Collect, analyse/disseminate gender **data** and statistics to inform and effect policy changes.

• Ensure equitable and **universal access** to good quality and gender-responsive health services and preventative health information for all women/girls throughout the life cycle.
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