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Country Background



Fiji comprises of more than 332 islands of which 110 are permanently inhabited. The total land area is about 18,300 square kilometres. The two main islands are Viti Levu and Vanua Levu. These two islands account for 87% of the population of 0.9m. The main industries of the country are Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail, Tourism, Transport & Storage and Financial & Insurance. We have grown over the years due to the abundance of resources such as forest, mineral and fish.



National Strategy

The Prime Minister of the country Hon. Voreqe Bainimarama made a commitment three years ago to support the decision made at the Rio Plus 20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Brazil that Fiji will embark on a process to develop a National Green Growth Initiative. In his speech while presenting the draft framework after two years, he emphasized that developments have come to us with the cost of our environment. He also stressed the need to reshape our development strategies away from the conventional growth model of exploiting particular resources. We need to refine our existing approaches and build new development model - one that is more holistic, integrated, inclusive and above all sustainable.

Green Growth Framework for Fiji

Fiji's International Commitments

Rio (1992)

Barbados Programme
of Action
(1994)

Rio +10
(2002)

Mauritius Strategy,
2005

Rio +20, 2012

Fiji's Regional Commitments

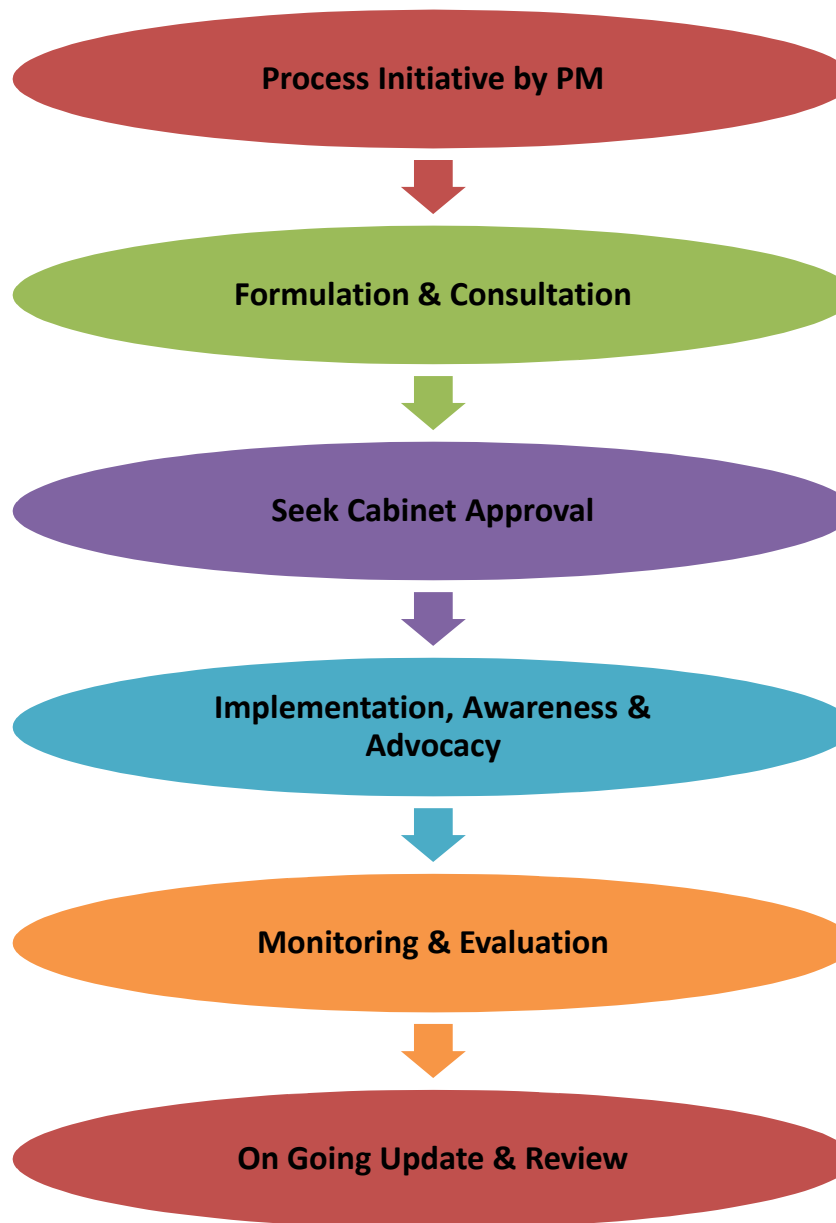
Melanesia Spearhead
Group Leaders Meeting
(2012)

Pacific Small Islands
Developing States
Regional Preparatory
Meeting
(2013)

Inaugural Pacific Islands
Development Forum

These international and regional commitments provided the political platform for Fiji to initiate work and develop its Green Growth Framework.

Green Growth Framework for Fiji



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“Restoring the Balance in Development that is Sustainable for Our Future”



Green Growth Framework for Fiji

1. Introduction;
2. Vision and Guiding Principles;
3. Overview of Socio-Economic and Environmental Development Progress;
4. Developing and Strengthening the National Enabling Environment;
5. Key Thematic Areas; and
6. Implementation and Monitoring Arrangements.

Green Growth Framework for Fiji

Environment	Social	Economic
1. Building Resilience to Climate Change and Disasters	4. Inclusive Social Development	7. Energy Security
2. Waste Management	5. Food Security	8. Sustainable Transportation
3. Sustainable Island and Ocean Resources	6. Freshwater Resources and Sanitation Management	9. Technology Innovation and Development
		10. Greening Tourism and Manufacturing Industries



Green Growth Framework for Fiji

- Reducing carbon footprints at all levels.
- Improving resource productivity (doing more with less).
- Socio-cultural education of responsible environmental stewardship and civic responsibility.
- Increasing adoption of environmental auditing.
- Structural reform to encourage fair competition and efficiency.
- Incentivizing investment in efficient use of natural resources.
- Macroeconomic indicators.
- Environmental concerns – waste management, climate change and freshwater resources.



Plans already in place

- Environment Data is available for Thematic areas such as Management of Waste: Waste Generation/household, tonnages of waste collected and disposed at the landfill.
- Recycling Programs in place and data on recycling rate is available.
- Waste Management Plan for Municipal Councils.
- Plastic Bags Incentive, National Waste Oil Stewardship System (Levy).
- Environmental Tax such as water resource tax.
- Green Town Program - Competition for Municipal Councils.



Future Plans

- Meaningful participation is needed from all national stakeholders. Genuine partnerships between Government, the private sector, civil society, development partners, and communities at large are key to success.
- The processes for the compilation, analysis and use of data, to support informed decision-making, needs to be strengthened across the three pillars of sustainable development.
- Human resource development is needed.
- Internal governance mechanisms need strengthening. Well-designed, transparent regulations and compliance mechanisms are needed.
- Support for technology innovation.



Any Questions?

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