

Capacity Building Programme related to the Implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries - ACP MEAs 2



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UN Environment Law Division

The Law Division at UN Environment contributes to:

- The development and implementation of environmental law – at international and national levels
- The facilitation of intergovernmental platforms for the development, promotion and implementation of multilateral environmental agreements
- The reform of the International Environmental Governance system
- Develop principles and guidelines aimed at addressing the global environmental issues



Key information on ACPMEAs

- A Programme initiated in **2009**, in its second phase
- **Coordinated by the Law Division at UN Environment**
- Financed through the 10th European Development Fund
- 11 million Euros for a period of 4 years (2014-2017, extended to 2018), of which Euro **6.47 million** budgeted for UN environment, and the other part for the FAO
- **79 of the African, Caribbean, and Pacific group of countries**
- **84 activities over 4 years**



Objective

Build capacities at the regional and national levels

Implementation, monitoring and compliance

Phase 2 focus on biodiversity and chemicals & waste clusters of MEAs

Exchange and cooperation between the regions



Biodiversity Cluster



Chemicals & Waste Cluster



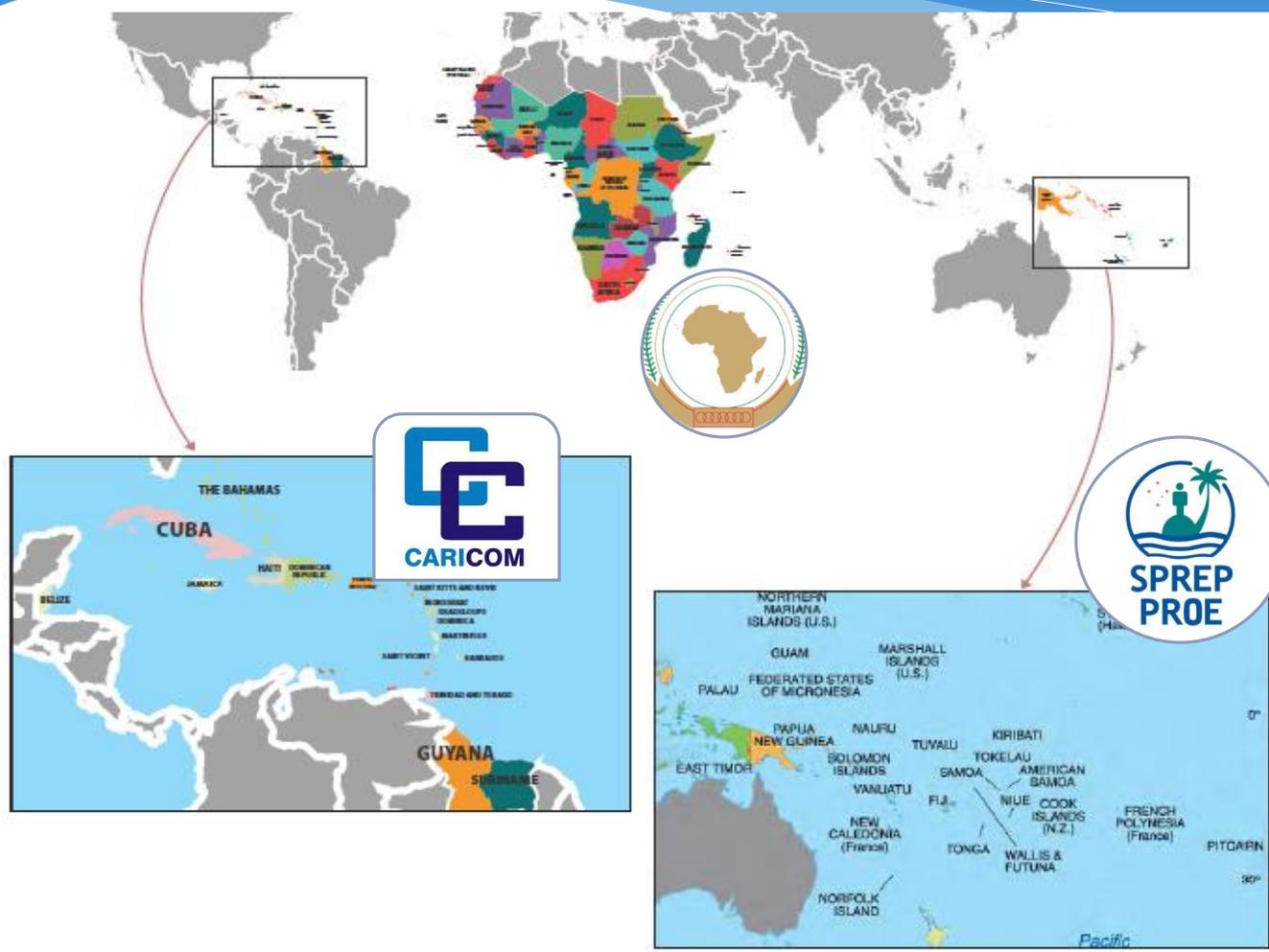
Linkages to the Sustainable Development Goals

10 goals and 48 targets that are directly and indirectly linked to the ACP MEAs' areas of work.



	SDG Goal and Target
Biodiversity MEAs cluster	<p>Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources</p> <p>Goal 15: Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss</p>
Chemicals & Waste MEAs cluster	<p>Target 12.4: By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment</p>

Our regional hubs or implementing partners



Did you know ?

In the Pacific,
the ACPMEAs Programme is Embedded within the Secretariat for the Regional Environment Programme, Environmental Monitoring and Governance Division

What do we do ?

- **Institutional capacity-building**

 - Support to negotiators for COP events

 - Review of regional environment strategies and roadmaps

 - Integration of Hubs into larger institutional structure

- **National capacity-building**

 - MEA mainstreaming : Integration into national planning processes

 - Support to ratification of MEAs

 - Enforcement and compliance, finance and resource mobilization trainings



What do we do ?

- **Synergistic implementation**

Training for MEA focal points and other stakeholders
(Environmental journalists, research centers, etc.)

Enhanced environmental information management for
harmonized reporting

Cooperation with other Hubs and organizations

Awareness-raising



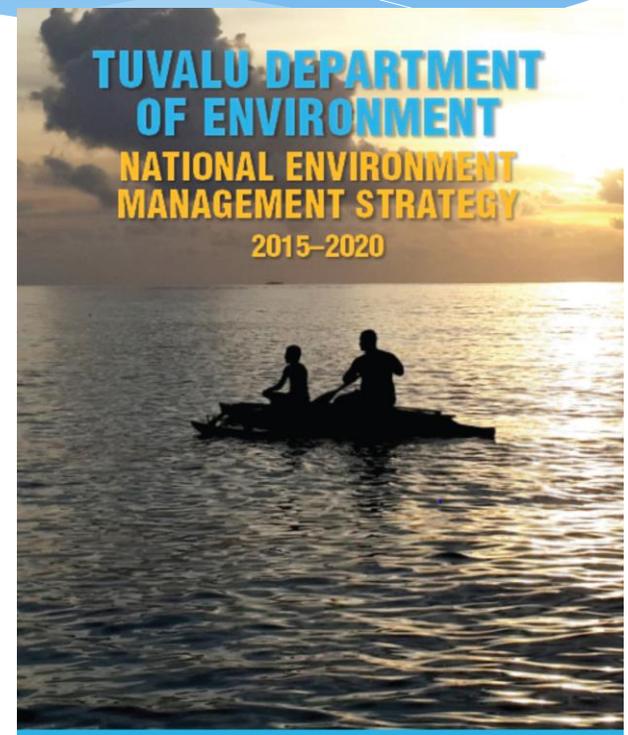
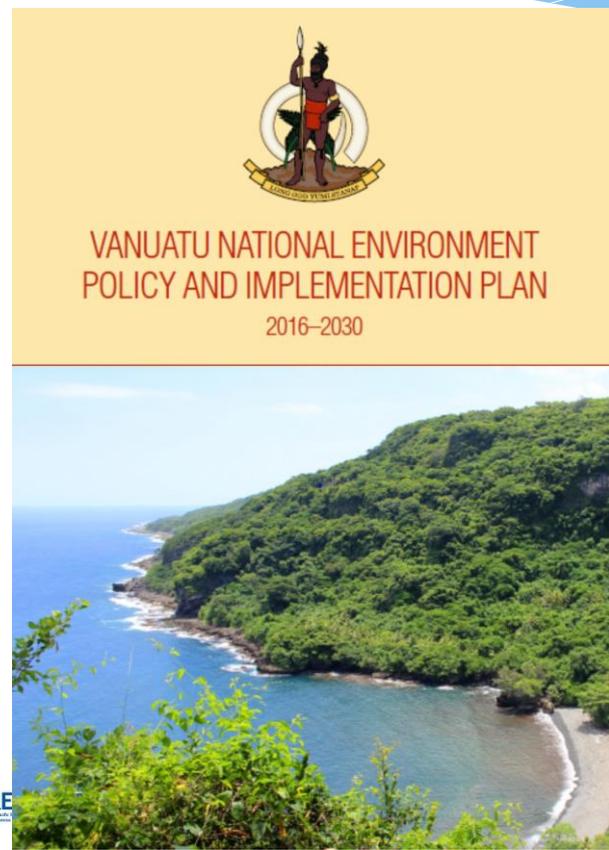
Some of our objectives in the Pacific

- Develop regional database of **National Minimum Environment Indicators (NMEI)** to assist selected Pacific ACP countries with MEA reporting;
- Support the process of facilitating Pacific ACP **countries to become parties to MEAs** – effective engagement at MEA COPs and other meetings.
- Support the revision of **National Environment Management Strategies (NEMS)** to fully integrate national implementation of MEAs
- Support **mainstreaming of MEAs objectives into national development planning process**



Pacific: MEAs and national planning processes, recent results

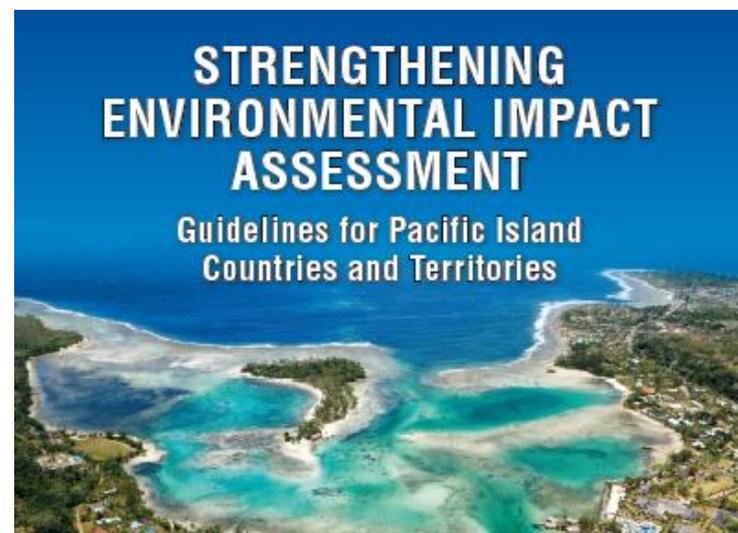
- Drafting of the National Environment Policy for Vanuatu, and NEMS for Tuvalu,
- Review of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) 1994 NEMS and development the new RMI NEMS following on from the RMI SOE (State Of Environment Report)
- Results: MEA commitments embedded in NEMS plans and policy and mainstreamed into national strategies and development plans



Pacific:

National Enforcement Activities 2017 / 2018

- Environmental Impact Assessment training – 2017: Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji (EIA refresher & SEA – strategic environmental Assessment intro), Nauru
- Revision of Compliance Manual and Development of Sand Mining Guidelines Sand Mining Guidelines will be a model for the region
- Publication and launch of French version of Regional EIA Guidelines
- Initiate development of EIA regulations in Nauru, Develop EIA Training Manual
- EIA Guidelines for Coastal Tourism
- Development
- FSM EIA guidelines, SEA guide



What's next ?

- A successful programme building on **9 years of experience at different levels of intervention**
- In the Pacific, ACPMEAs was critical in **co-funding a new GEF Programme** in the Pacific on capacity building which started this **year** : *Building National and Regional Capacity to Implement Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEA) by Strengthening Planning and State of Environment Assessment and Reporting in the Pacific*
- **Towards a new ACPMEAs Programme ?**
Continuity and focus on oceans' governance and regional seas conventions and action plans

