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#### **ICTs for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation - Tonga**

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### I. ICTs Implementing UN Global Agendas

2015 UN Global Agendas:

- UNISDR Sendai Declaration and Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-20130, adopted on 18 March 2015, Sendai, Japan
  - 4 Priority Actions with 7 Targets
- UNGA Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG), adopted on 25 September 2015, New York, U.S.A
  - 17 Goals with 169 Targets and 304 Indicators
- iii. UNFCCC Paris Agreement, adopted on 12 December 2015, Paris, France
  - 3 Aims with 29 Articles

2014 UNSIDS SAMOA Pathway



#### **II. Paris Agreement**

- a. AIMS to (Article 2):
  - Hold increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C with efforts to limit to 1.5°C above preindustrial level (by 2100) - Mitigation
  - ii. Increase ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience posing no threat to food security - Adaptation
  - iii. Making finance flows to support low GHGemissions and climate-resilient efforts C Finance
- b. Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs)
  - Ambitious targets to reduce GHG emissions and increase investment in climate resilience



#### **II. Paris Agreement**

- c. Background:
  - i. Kyoto Protocol in 1997 agreed for GHG reduction measures for 2008-2012 period
  - ii. Scope of protocol extended until 2020 under the Doha Amendment to the protocol in 2012
  - iii. In 2011 the Durban Platform (ADP) to negotiate a legal instrument on climate mitigation measures from 2020
  - iv. Paris Agreement will take effect from 2020 (and review of INDCs)
  - v. Agreement open for signature on 22 April 2016 and will enter into force when 55 countries out of 197 members ratify, accept, approve or accede to it



#### **III. ICT on CC Mitigation and Adaptation**

- a. Technology Development and Transfer framework (Article 10):
  - i. Needs assessment and enhanced implementation
  - ii. Provision of enhanced financial and technical support
  - iii. Assessment of technologies ready for transfer (deployment)
  - iv. Enhancing of enabling environment
- b. Capacity Building (Article 11)



#### **IV. CTCN and Related Agencies**

- a. CTCN Operational Arm serving:
  - i. Technical support on needs assessments on needs, barriers, types, efficiency, and even deployment
  - ii. Technical support for policy, legal and regulatory formulations
  - iii. Trainings
  - iv. Support on technology specifications
  - v. Implementation and deployment support
- b. Related Agencies include the ITU, WB, ADB (m-health), etc



### V. Tonga's Commitment

- Mitigation measures:
  - 50% renewable energy for generating electricity by 2020
  - > 70% renewable energy by 2030
- Adaptation measures:
  - Foreshores and Sea Walls projects
  - Protected Management Areas
- Climate Finance: National Emergency Fund, PACRAFI, International cooperation



## V. Tonga's Commitment cont'd

- Trainings:
  - CTCN conduct first Workshop for PICs next month in Tonga
  - Ongoing training and capacity building arranged and sponsored by related agencies
- Other Initiatives/Projects:
  - E-government project
  - Pre-positioning stockpile
  - m-health project
  - Early warning systems



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