



Adaptation to
Climate Change in the
Pacific Island Region

Project Brief

The new Pacific-German regional climate change project aims to build and strengthen the capacities of Pacific member countries and regional organizations, to adapt to, and mitigate climate change, as a fundamental element for the sustainable management of land-based resources. The project will be based with the SPC Land Resources Division in Suva, Fiji and will focus activities in three countries, namely, Fiji, Vanuatu, and Tonga.

At the regional level, the project aligns with the Pacific Island Framework for Action on Climate Change 2006-2015 (PIFACC). The project supports Vanuatu in implementing its National Adaptation Program for Action (NAPA) and contributes to the fulfillment of the National Communications to UNFCCC of Fiji and Tonga.

Thus, the overall objective of the programme is as follows:

“The capacities of member countries of the SPC to cope with the adverse effects of climate change and to avoid deforestation are strengthened, as a fundamental element for sustainable management of land based natural resources”

In achieving its main objective, the following outcomes (or indicators) are expected:

1. The sector programmes and working teams of SPC Land Resources Division systematically integrate climate change adaptation and mitigation concerns into its strategic approach and advisory services
2. At least 3 member countries access and utilize the new services and knowledge provided by SPC-LRD as a regional knowledge hub to develop and subsequently implement (at least 1 member country) efficient and effective national adaptation strategies
3. Existing strategies, planning documents and related processes on land use planning in Tonga and Vanuatu integrate climate change issues, with gender aspects taken into consideration, and the subsequent first steps in implementing these land use plans are carried out
4. Fiji signs at least one contract using international carbon market instruments on certificates for avoided deforestation

The project has a 4-year duration starting January 2009, with a German contribution of up to 4.2 million Euro.

