

Loss and Damage Working Group

Updates & Achievements since 2013

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1. Key Issues & Actions Discussed in last WG

- Establishment of a new working group to address issues related to Loss and Damage from the adverse impacts of climate change
- Main purpose – to provide an information sharing platform for the Pacific, to consider issues related to Loss and Damage
- Coordinated by Brian Philips (Vanuatu) and Malia Talakai (Nauru), with support from SRPEP
- Pacific mailing list established
- Working Group Terms of Reference developed (draft)



2. Progress Update

- Working Group established in 2013
- USAID/NZ/SPREP/SPC Ocean Acidification workshop in 2014 – now developing a regional concept and strategy to address OA (slow onset event)
- GIZ/SPREP Project on Loss and Damage commenced in March 2015 – pilot project to assess national capacity to address loss and damage (Samoa, Vanuatu and Kiribati)
- UNFCCC – Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage established, with SIDS representation on the Executive Committee. Currently looking at ensuring that Loss and Damage is addressed under the Paris Agreement (to be adopted in Dec 2015)



3. Challenges & Lessons Learnt (emerging issues)

- Loss and Damage is a new issue to the Pacific
- A need to develop both national and regional capacity in this area
- Need more information on slow onset events (ie ocean acidification, coral bleaching)
- How will loss and damage be dealt with in the SDRP in a way that is coherent with the UNFCCC?



Thank you

