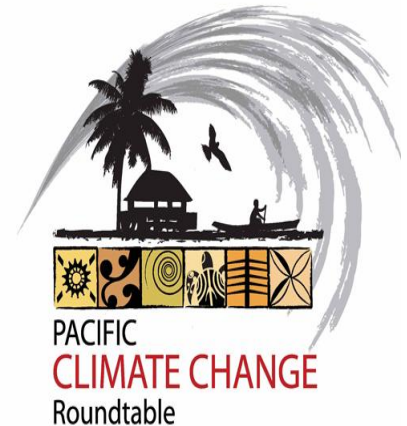


# Cook Islands: Getting Accreditation as an NIE to the Adaptation Fund



Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM)

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# Our Accreditation Process

- ✓ Endorsement from Delegated Authority – completed in 2012 (MFAI)
- ✓ Ministry of Finance & Economic Management confirmed as nominated NIE
- ✓ UNDP Initial Assessment of NIE capability to understand gaps – early 2012
- ✓ Funds received to employ TA (**EU-SPC-GCCA-PSIS**)
- ✓ Successfully recruited TA to complete application to the AF panel (Frankfurt School of Finance and Management)
- ✓ Final Inception and Analysis Report Completed
- ✓ Roadmap to build systems and capability where required
- ✓ Submitted an application in December 2014
- ✓ Received panel feedback on March 2015 (interactive)



# Roadmap to build systems and capability

- Gaps were identified in the documentation and/or capacity
- Included training to familiarise our role of a NIE if accredited
- To build long-term climate finance readiness of the Cook Islands to secure domestically and international additional sources of finance for carrying out climate adaptation activities and projects
- TA support to build capacity in areas of Anti-corruption, Activity Management, Procurement, and Transparency



# Challenges

- Resource/Capacity constraints – realistic timeframes
- Capability – Utilise Finance Ministries and TA resource
- Timing – a lot of processes underway, but not fully implemented or have evidence of “history”
- Complexity of the process
- Difficulty of others in attaining RIE/NIE





# Way Forward

- Encourage more training and capacity building in the Pacific on the accreditation process
- The accreditation process has provided an opportunity in strengthening our country systems to ensure development partners have confidence in our systems
- Challenges can be overcome, and NIE is worth the pursuit as we continue to build on our systems and capability in the process leading to a stronger Cook Islands

