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Annex 4: Stakeholder Engagement Plan

This project was developed in full consultation with all the experts, government staff, policymakers and NGOs who participated in the TNC and previous exercises. Their views and needs were integrated into the design of this new enabling activity.

Stakeholder involvement and consultation processes will be critical to the success of the project, particularly moving beyond the production of documentary outputs and towards effective policy implementation. An effective engagement of key stakeholders is envisaged during project preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation to enhance ownership of the BTR1/NC4 processes to make these reports more responsive to national needs. The project intends to strengthen stakeholder's participation in collectively addressing climate change issues and challenges. The stakeholders of the project are expected to come from a wide range of backgrounds, including ministries, state owned entities, local communities, NGOs, private sector, civil society, churches and traditional leaders with particular emphasis on gender and marginalized communities. The engagement plan includes identification and assessment of traditional and non-traditional stakeholders with consensus of their interest to participate in the BTR1/NC4, furthermore, a forward-looking analysis of those who may benefit more directly from climate action. The strategy will seek to identify agents of change and those who can act as opinion leaders (champions) and early adopters for various technologies. Particular attention will be paid to ensuring women and youth are actively engaged, by organizing specific forums targeted to their specific interests, and ensuring their active participation in learning by doing workshops and project activities. A private sector climate change forum will be organized, such as working with the Business Trade and Investment Board of the Cook Islands, Chamber of Commerce and indigenous businesses to raise awareness and garner additional participation in climate planning.

A preliminary Stakeholder engagement plan envisages the following meetings:

- Inception workshop to discuss conceptual framework and design for each chapter; and to highlight any prevailing challenges to data acquisition and sharing, monitoring assessment and reporting
- Validation workshops to discuss results and validate accuracy of the analyses
- Individual meetings with sector representatives
- Group discussions to solicit ideas, create synergies and opportunities for networking, knowledge sharing and joint actions
- Final dissemination workshop to discuss findings, raise awareness and reinforce collaboration and networking

Stakeholders identified include the following: In the inception phase of the project, the list will be revised and further expanded if needed.

Institution/Agency	Role in Climate Change activities	Role in BTR1/NC4
The Climate Change and DRM Platform (formerly the National Climate Change Country Team)	The Platform is a forum for climate change stakeholders to meet and present projects and activities being implemented in the climate change area. Meetings are normally held on a quarterly basis.	The Platform does not have a decision-making role, stakeholders can discuss and give suggestions to the respective agencies carrying out the projects. CCCI office is the secretariat.
Climate Change Cook Islands (CCCI)	The CCCI office is a division of the OPM and is now the organisation responsible for coordinating the country's response to the impacts of climate change. The CCCI office is responsible for meeting the Cook Islands obligations under the UNFCCC.	Implementing agency and technical advice.

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Renewable Energy Development Division (REDD)	REDD are responsible for achieving the targets in the Renewable Energy Chart (REC) and the consequential decrease in the Cook Islands emission levels. The present focus is on electricity generation. The next will be on transport powered by renewable energy.	Supporting role provide data and information
National Environment Service (NES)	NES has the mandate to protect, manage and conserve the environment of the Cook Islands. NES was initially responsible for climate change activities until a functional review in 2010 led to the creation of the CCCI office within the OPM.	Supporting role provide information
Emergency Management Cook Islands (EMCI)	EMCI is another office of the OPM and works closely with the CCCI. The EMCI focus is on DRM and reduction, but there has been a regional initiative to combine disaster management activities with climate change activities. This approach is being applied in the Joint National Action Plan (JNAP) and the Strengthening the Resilience of Our Islands and Our Communities to Climate Change (SRIC-CC) project and is supported in the <i>Kaveinga Tapapa</i> policy framework.	Supporting role provide data and information
Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (MFEM)	The Development Coordination Division (DCD) of MFEM is responsible for managing the flow of funds into the Cook Islands from international donors.	Responsible for managing the flow of funds into the BTR1/NC4
Cook Islands Meteorological Office (MET)	MET is the Cook Islands main climate-science organisation and is the country's representative on the IPCC. MET work with EMCI and is a significant player in emergency management. MET is the chair of the Climate Change and DRM Platform.	Supporting agency and provide data
Ministry of Health (MoH)	MoH is the main provider of health services in the Cook Islands and maintains the public hospital on Rarotonga and smaller clinics throughout the <i>Pa Enua</i> . MoH is responsible for building resilience through health, food and water security, building resilient livelihoods of people and communities.	Supporting role and provide data
Infrastructure Cook Islands (ICI)	ICI has a broad range of responsibilities and maintains roads, water supply and waste management on Rarotonga. ICI supports the <i>Pa Enua</i> Councils to maintain roads, water supply and waste management infrastructure on their respective islands.	Supporting role and provide data and information
Ministry of Marine Resources (MMR)	MMR is responsible for conservation, management and development of living and non-living marine resources of the Cook Islands. MMR is responsible for the	Supporting role and provide information

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	resources found in the EEZ lagoon waters and inland waters.	
Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)	MoA is responsible for the development of agriculture in the Cook Islands. Agriculture development is a key component of climate change to find and develop crops that are resistant to the impacts of climate change.	Supporting role and provide data on LULUCF
Ministry Internal Affairs (INTAFF)	Amongst INTAFF's roles is mainstreaming gender and ensuring vulnerable groups are considered in climate change plans and policies.	Supporting role and provide data on fuel
Business Trade and Investment Board	BTIB is responsible for business development and investment in the Cook Islands including providing small soft loans and technical support to small startup businesses.	Supporting role
Non-Government Organisations: Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) are often involved as implementing agencies for climate change activities. They sometimes work with the Cook Islands Government or directly with regional or international organisations.		
Cook Islands Red Cross (CIRC)	CIRC serves as the National Hosting Institution (NHI) for the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP).	Platform member
The Cook Islands National Council of Women (CINCW)	The CINCW works closely with INTAFF to improve the capacity of women to contribute to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction strategies. The CINCW assisted NES and CCCI with the V&A assessments in the Northern group of Cook Islands when they were completed. Also work with CCCI with the GCCA+supa.	Platform member
Te Ipukarea Society (TIS)	TIS has increased its environmental focus by adding climate change as a thematic area in its strategic plan.	Platform member
Kōrero o te `Ōrau	Amongst other activities, <i>Kōrero o te `Ōrau</i> focuses significantly on youth and participates in the delivery and advocacy of climate change activities to assist in educating, capacity building and adaptation to climate change and traditional knowledge and practices.	Platform member
Aronga Mana (traditional leaders)	The <i>Aronga Mana</i> is the collective of traditional leaders that are often engaged in implementing projects. They are particularly important for their local knowledge and observation of climate and environmental changes and traditional knowledge and practices. The Cook Islands policy on climate change acknowledges the importance of the role of the <i>Aronga Mana</i> (traditional	Platform member and needs based

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	leaders) in national climate change response.	
Private Sector		
Bank of the Cook Islands	A state-owned national entity that operates commercially in competition with other financial institutions.	Provide data on vehicles
Chamber of Commerce	Made up of local businesses big and small and advocates and liaises on their behalf.	Needs based
Regional and International Organisations: Regional and international organisations are an essential part of the Cook Islands climate change response. By providing funding, materials or technical expertise, these organisations have helped to implement adaptation and mitigation activities, develop policy and procedures and build capacity within the country. They are listed below:		
New Zealand government under development assistance programmes and agencies		Supporting role
Australian governments under development assistance programmes and agencies		Supporting role
Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)		Supporting role
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)		Responsible for managing the project and providing technical support. Development partner
Adaptation Fund		Supporting role
Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)		Supporting role and providing data
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)		Supporting role and providing data
University of the South Pacific (USP)		Supporting role
Asian Development Bank (ADB)		Supporting role
European Union (EU)		Supporting role
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)		Supporting role and providing data