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Building Capacity in Water Management Across the Pacific

WHO IS BEHIND IT?

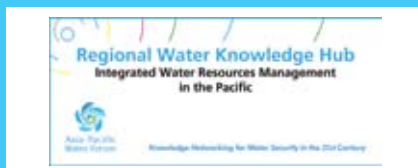
The Pacific IWRM Resource Centre is hosted by SOPAC as the Coordination Unit of the Pacific Partnership Initiative on Sustainable Water Management (the Pacific Water Partnership) and is being initially supported by the European Union (EU), Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The Resource Centre is also the Regional Water Knowledge Hub for the Asia Pacific Water Forum.



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PACIFIC IWRM RESOURCE CENTRE



WHO IS IT FOR?

The Pacific Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) Resource Centre provides assistance to Pacific Island Countries in the development and implementation of National IWRM and Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Plans, and assists in the coordination of regional water sector support programmes implemented with partner organisations. The Centre includes resources to assist government and other actors with processes and partnerships for IWRM on the National, catchment and community levels.

WHAT IS IT FOR?

- ❁ To support the development of IWRM planning processes on the national, catchment and community level
- ❁ To develop and disseminate best practice for building national and local capacity for IWRM
- ❁ To facilitate transfer of IWRM regional practice from one island to another
- ❁ To identify and document existing small island IWRM practice at different scales
- ❁ To facilitate regional coordination on IWRM issues
- ❁ To support IWRM issue identification and analysis
- ❁ To monitor progress in achieving Millennium Development Goal (MDG) targets for IWRM in the Pacific
- ❁ To demonstrate the economic, social and environmental benefits of IWRM
- ❁ To support multi stakeholder and multi sectoral partnerships (e.g. national water advisory boards, catchment partnerships, community water committees, etc) in IWRM planning and implementation
- ❁ To advocate for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) IWRM issues at the global level
- ❁ To promote IWRM as a sustainable tool for addressing immediate political and public priorities in water management

FEATURES

The Pacific IWRM Resource Centre will fulfil the functions outlined above through a set of key features. These features will be constantly updated and adapted to changing needs and situations. The following features are being developed in the coming two years (2009-2010):

• Technical Support

The Resource Centre will provide support in areas related to water resources management through a wide range of programmes and expertise (water safety planning, water and sanitation and hygiene, water quality, hydrology, governance, IWRM, Water Use Efficiency, etc). The Resource Centre will also facilitate and source expertise from members of the Pacific Water Partnership and from other organisations and institutions globally that are working on water resources management issues.

• Toolkit

Consists of a compilation of selected resource materials on specific themes relating to IWRM and is available online from the Pacific Water webpage (www.pacificwater.org). The following topics are included in the toolkit.

- Introduction to IWRM
- National Water Advisory Boards
- IWRM Planning Process
- Monitoring and Evaluation for IWRM
- High Level Engagement for IWRM
- Water Resources Policy and Legislation
- Institutional Reform Processes for IWRM
- Stakeholder Engagement for IWRM
- Water Use Efficiency Planning
- Financing IWRM
- Engaging Media for IWRM
- Engaging Youth for IWRM
- IWRM and Gender
- IWRM Information Management

• Pacific Water Action Matrix

The Pacific Water Action Matrix provides an overview of progress and actions supporting the implementation of the Pacific Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Water Management. It includes a search mechanism for actions, institutions and initiatives on water management in the Pacific.

• South-South Partnership

The South-South Partnership refers to the collaboration between the GEF Pacific IWRM and GEF Caribbean IWCAM (www.iwcam.org) projects. The partnership will strengthen information sharing regarding demonstration project design, implementation, indicator development and communication activities. The global SIDS network will be instrumental in the development of SIDS IWRM guidelines and exchange of best practices and appropriate technologies.

• Pacific Island Country Water Profiles

The Pacific Island Country profiles provides overviews, including situation analyses, IWRM diagnostic reports and links to key documents and resources.

• Links and Resources Search Facility

An online directory and search mechanism is available on the Pacific Water webpage (www.pacificwater.org) which can be used to search for publications, institutions and resources working on water resources management issues, focussing on SIDS and the Pacific region.

• News and Events

A quarterly newsletter and calendar of events for water resources management in Pacific Island Countries, supported through the Pacific Water Partnership. The newsletter receives contributions from, and is distributed to, a growing list of water management practitioners in the region (ca. 850 receivers in early 2008)

