

Recent trends in Pacific regionalism: PIDF's innovative leadership for inclusive sustainable development

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Background

- UNCED (1992)
 - involvement of social groups in decision making
- RIO+20 (2012) the Future We Want
 - strengthen multi-stakeholder bodies and processes
- Governments don't have monopoly over SD
- RO are Intergovernmental and sector specific
- Emergence of PSIDS and S-S groupings
- Engaging with the Pacific conference



Mandate

- Approved by 2012 EWTP:
 - *"Endorsed the convening of the Pacific Islands Development Forum for the purpose of engaging leaders from key sectors in implementing green economic policies in PSIDS..."* (Source: Official Communiqué)
- Leaders Present:
 - Papua New Guinea
 - Federated States of Micronesia
 - Fiji
 - French Polynesia
 - Kiribati
 - Marshall Islands
 - Nauru
 - New Caledonia
 - Cook Islands
 - Solomon Islands
 - Timor Leste
 - Tonga
 - Tuvalu
 - Vanuatu



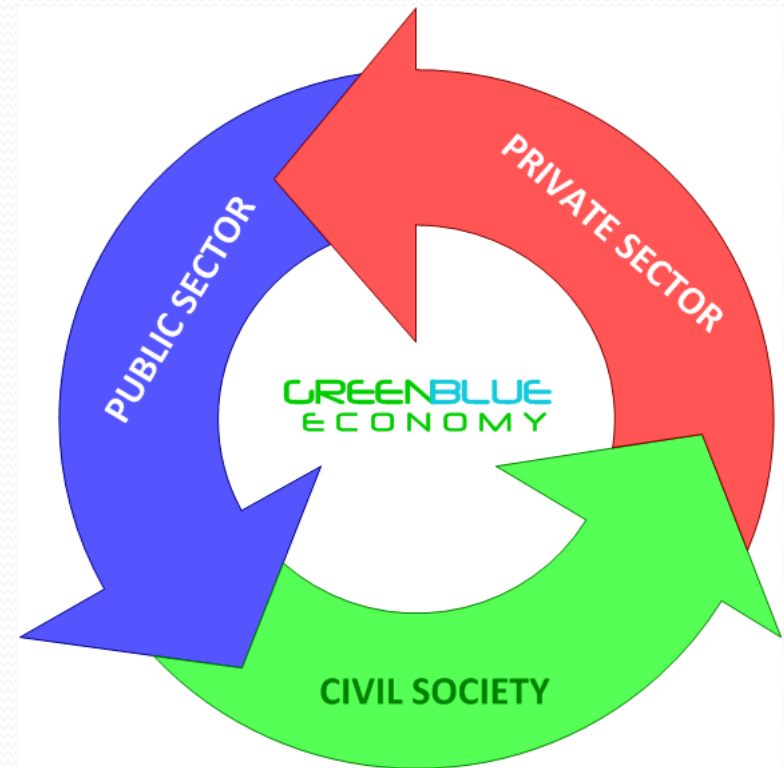
Why PIDF

- Absence of a regional multi-stakeholder platform
- Absence of a genuine “PSIDS space”
- Absence of a regional counterpoints for South-South groupings
- Absence of a dedicated regional platform for Pacific green-blue economies



What is the PIDF

- Pacific only regional multi-stakeholder platform (HLPF)
- Regional counterpoint to PSIDS UN Missions
- Pacific counterpoint for South-South groupings (G77 plus China, AOSIS)
- Pacific regional platform for green-blue economies



Strategic Profile



PIDF Vision

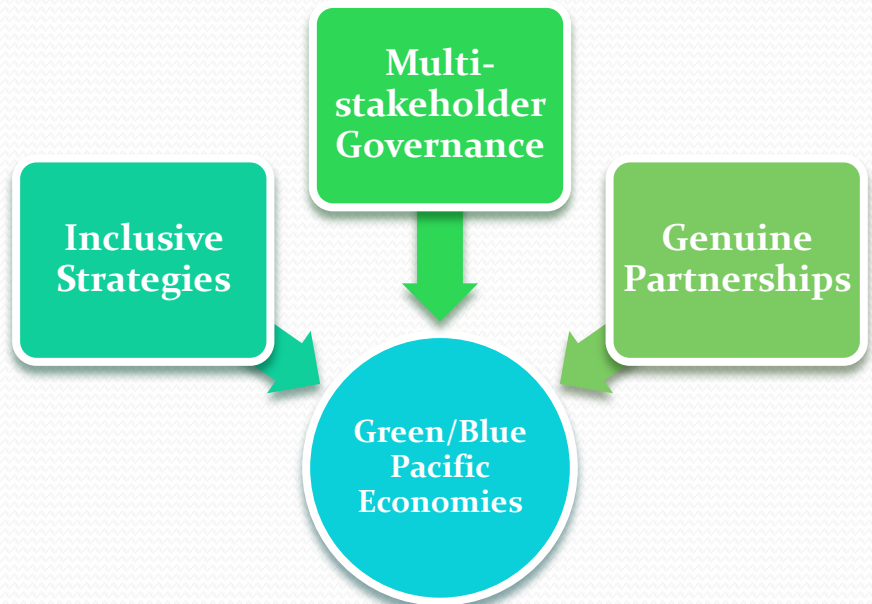
“A United, Distinctive and Sustainable Pacific Society”

- ***United*** – All Pacific People.
- ***Distinctive*** – Only Pacific People
- ***Sustainable*** – A Pacific Society that has re-balanced the three pillars of development.



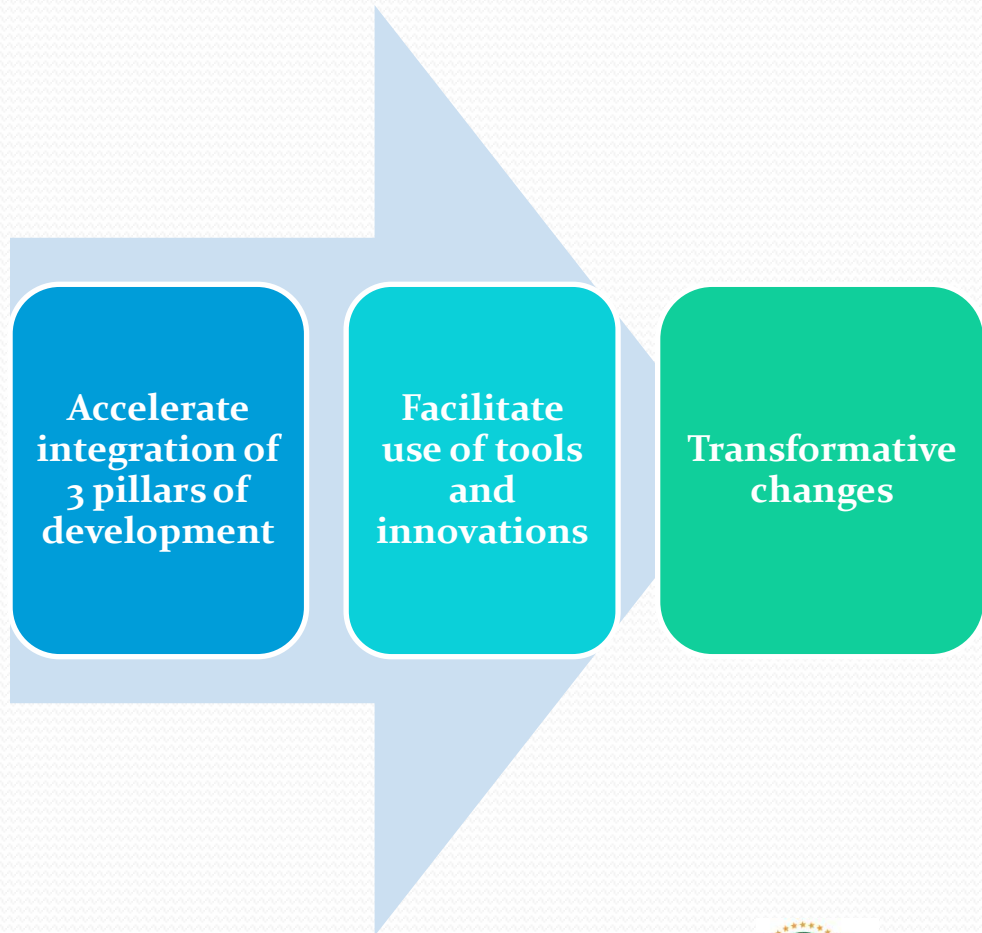
PIDF Mission

- Enabling Green–Blue Pacific Economies through
 - Inclusive Strategies,
 - Multi-stakeholder Governance, and
 - Genuine Partnerships.



PIDF Purpose

To drive, through regional and national frameworks, transformative changes by focusing exclusively on the sustainable and inclusive development of the PICs by:



PIDF Function

Serve as a dynamic regional partnership platform where leaders and representatives of PICs take ownership of their decisions and actions to address their special development needs

Provide for an inclusive regional multi-stakeholder forum for leaders of governments, private sector and civil society

Serve as the Pacific regional counterpart for the south-south groupings and other regional and international arrangements that focus exclusively on the sustainable development of SIDS



Institutional arrangements

- Transitional arrangements
- PIDF Agreement
- Governance arrangements
- Coverage under *Fiji Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1971*
- Host Country Agreement signed 20/6/14
- Secretariat office opening: 26 April 2014
- Guiding Principle: “*Less is more and more for less*”
- Staff: 8



Stewardship Leadership

Annual Summit

Leaders Council

Executive Board

Senior Officials Committee

Secretariat



2014 Leaders Council



PIDF Work Program 2014-2017



Outputs

Inclusive and stewardship leadership at all levels for transformative change in support of green-blue Pacific economies

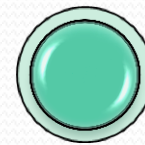
The public sector, private sector and civil society in PIDF countries have access to innovative practices and approaches that support green-blue economies

Genuine, equitable and durable partnerships in place that support green-blue economies



Outcome

Regional and national frameworks implementing effective transformation of unsustainable development practices through the use of innovative tools such as green-blue economy, adaptive leadership, and genuine partnerships for Pacific communities



Impact

Enabling green-blue Pacific economies through inclusive strategies, multi-stakeholder governance, and genuine partnerships



Our Ten Priorities

Leadership

**Recognition of
Role of Healthy
People**

**Value of the
Pacific Common
and Collective**

**Long Term
Financing –
Support To
Communities**

**Rigor in
Implementation
of Key National
and Regional
Commitments**

**Reform of
Financial System**

**Education and
Capacity Building**

**Sustainable
Transport**

Food Security

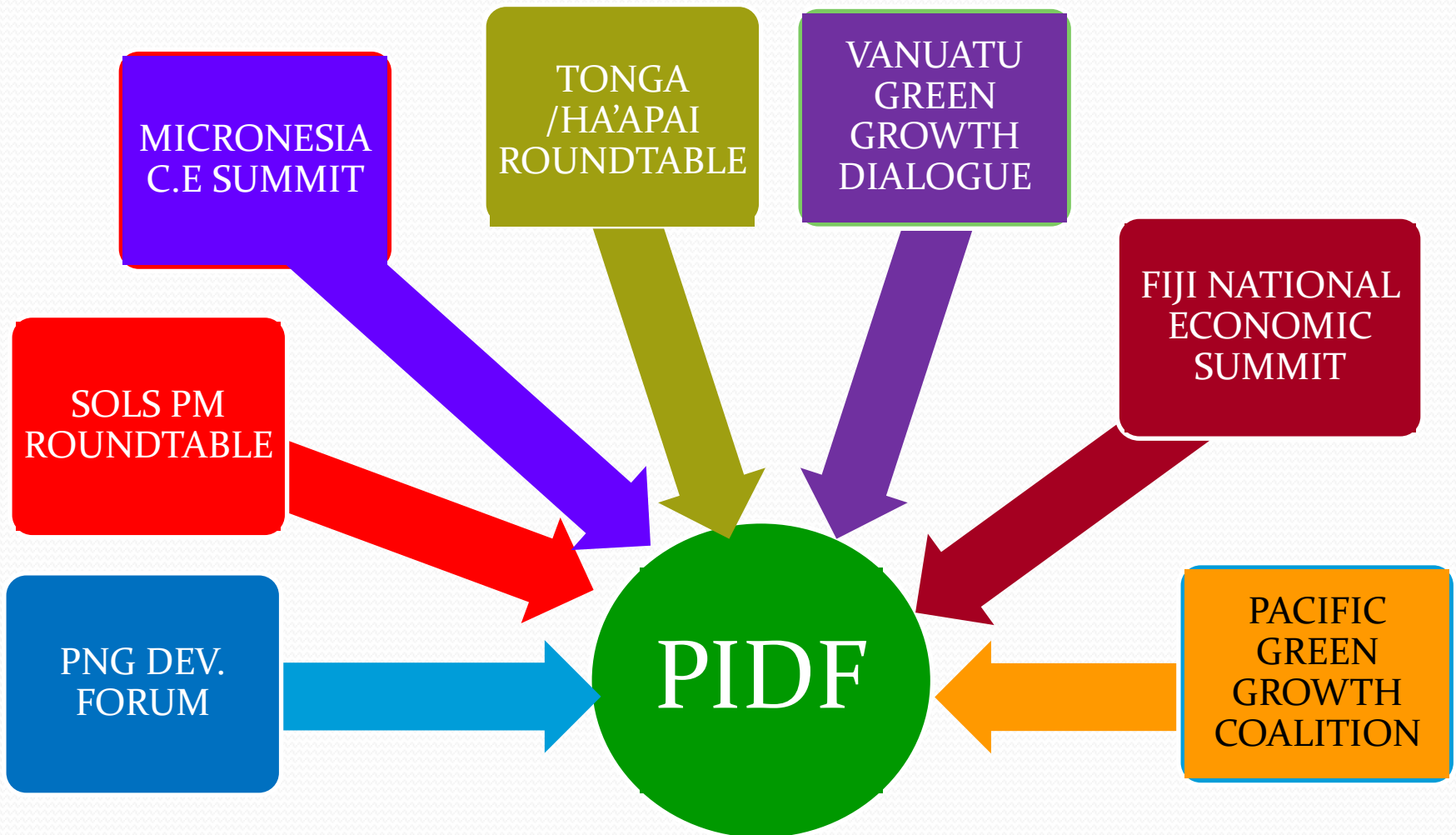
**Re-Energizing The
Pacific**



Genuine Partnerships



Pacific green growth initiatives



Relationships with other ROs

- Complimentary
- Fill the void in the regional architecture
- Focus exclusively on green-blue economies
- PIDF – PIF can co-exist



Conclusion

- Genuine regional PSIDS space – Pacific people taking ownership of their development needs, challenges and solutions.
- Pacific's first and truly representative and participatory regional platform on green growth (multi-stakeholder).
- Pacific counterpart for regional and global South–South groupings.



Thank you

Questions

