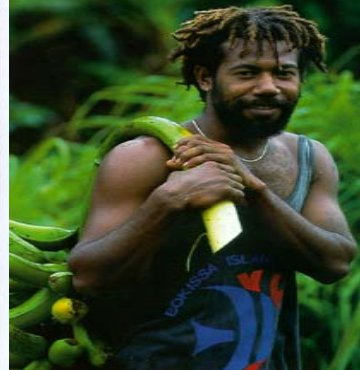


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**“Vanuatu’s Experience in Mainstreaming
Adaptation Issues”**

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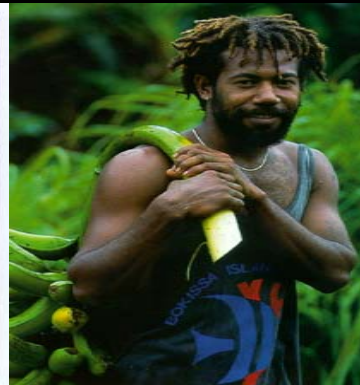
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Adaptation in PICs is an Urgent Need

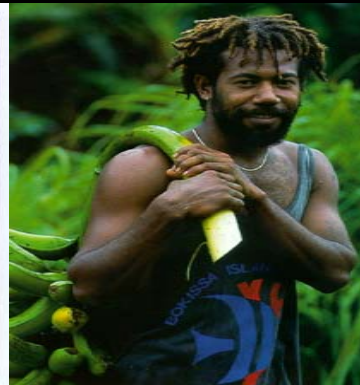
- **By acting now to reduce communities' vulnerability to current climate related risks should place us in a better position to cope with future climatic changes. (Studies on how changes in climate could impact the economy^[1] of Pacific Island countries noted that failure to adapt now could lead to high social and economic costs in the future.**
- **Failure to act now could also result in loss of opportunities to act in the future when the impacts may be greater and time to consider options limited.**

[1] World Bank Report 2000a. Cities, Seas and Storms: Managing Change in Pacific Islands Economies. Volume IV: Adapting to Climate Change. Papua New Guinea and Pacific Islands Unit. The World Bank. Washington, D.C. November 13, 2000.



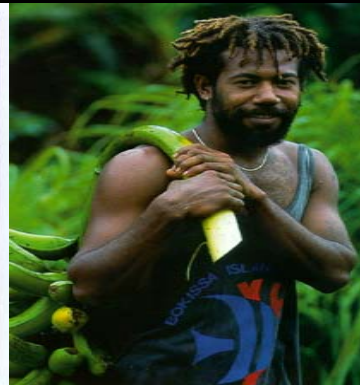
Mainstreaming

- Incorporation of climate change considerations into national planning and budget processes – NATIONAL LEVEL
- Community adaptation projects implemented to enhance resilience to climate related risks – COMMUNITY LEVEL



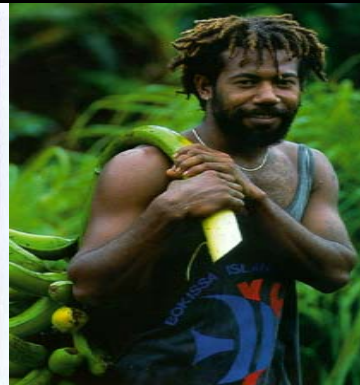
Mainstreaming at the National Level

- National and sectoral policies and plans addressing climate change and adaptation were lacking
- Key government institutions dealing with climate sensitive sectors and developments including Health, Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Public Works and the Department of Economic and Sector Planning (DESP) lacked policies and plans that cater for climate change and adaptation.



Mainstreaming at the National Level

- New instruments including the National Forest Policy, Fisheries Legislation and the newly passed Environment legislation do not refer specifically to climate change however mechanisms within these instruments may be utilized to address adaptation
- EIA & Coastal Zone Management





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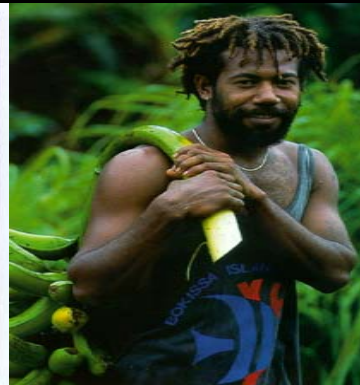


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- Gov. endorsement of assessment tool (CV&A) as one of the main tools to carry out V&As
- Establishment of a Multi-sectoral assessment team to carry out V&As and climate change awareness
- Incorporation of Climate Change considerations into EIA
- Establishment of Climate Change Unit within the Vanuatu Meteorological Services
- Climate Change Policy & Implementation Strategy (draft)

Climate Change Policy

- **1. is committed to mainstreaming climate change issues in all environmental, social, economic, planning structures and processes for sustainable development at the national and community level;**
- **2. promote understanding of climate change and raise awareness of the impacts, national vulnerability and possible adaptation measures;**
- **3. identify a national strategy to pursue sustainable development and to explore and utilize the opportunities under the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol including, but not limited to, the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol, for the purposes of pursuing sustainable development**



Mainstreaming at the Community Level

- Pilot adaptation project with communities
- Involvement of Gov. sectors, provincial government, NGOs, churches and communities
- Increases understanding of climate change issues
- Allows Gov. sectors, provincial gov., ngos and churches to absorb adaptation initiatives into their work programmes, planning processes and monitoring activities



Example of Community Level Mainstreaming

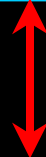
- Community relocation of Lateu village, Tegua Island, Torres Group, Vanuatu



**The National
Government**



National Advisory Committee on Climate Change



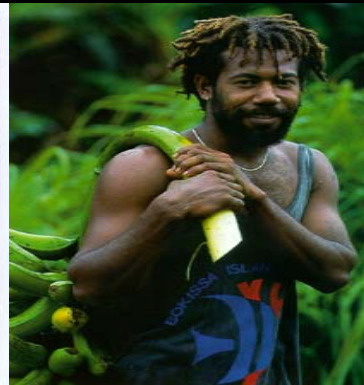
Core Multi-Sectoral Team

- Core CV&A Team:
- Agriculture
- Health
- Fisheries
- National Planning
- Meteorology
- NGOs etc.

**CARRY OUT CV&A & AWARENESS AT THE
COMMUNITY LEVEL**

Other Initiatives

- NAPA
- PIREP
- 2nd Nat. Com.
- NCSA



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