

REGIONAL INITIATIVE TEMPLATE

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2. Name of Initiative

e-Pacific

3. Background and Rationale

You may consider: *What is the issue being addressed by this initiative? What are the causes of this issue? Are there relevant studies that have been carried out to support the issue? Are there links to national, regional or international goals/policies?*

Please limit your response to no more than 750 words.

The Pacific Islands Forum (PIFS) was set up with a simple goal to help member countries with their social and economic development, thus improving the standard of living in the Pacific countries.

The Pacific Islands countries are isolated and spread across a vast ocean where distance and reach is always a challenge in operating a regional organisation trying its best to achieve its mission and realise the vision it like to see. The focus should remain to help the member countries, not for PIFS to help itself. The level of bureaucracy at PIFS need to be in the right balance to be able to provide direct assistance to member countries effectively. The assistance provided must also go as far as making real happenings on the ground, including but not limited to supply of equipment and construction of infrastructure and not just technical assistance.

Improving reach and faster access to information at all levels 24/7, from the grassroots at people's level up to the Forum Leaders level, is very important in helping create and spread clear and deeper understanding on all matters, allowing for faster sharing and exchanging of information and knowledge, encouraging better decision making and delivery of services and benefits to all the people of the Pacific region.

Data, statistics, information and knowledge is the most important need for any organisation to survive and operate effectively to deliver its services to its customers - the people of the Pacific countries it serves.

e-Pacific takes a holistic adoption of technology, serious commitment on technology transfer and this will also help strengthen economic integration and other important goals in the region.

4. Description

Please provide a brief overview of this initiative. Try to address the following: Does this initiative contribute to a positive change to the region? What makes this initiative of importance to the Pacific region as a whole? Who would implement this initiative? Who are the main beneficiaries? Are regulatory or legislative changes required at the national level to implement this initiative? How would the initiative be funded? Has this initiative been carried out previously? What are the key risks in implementing this initiative? Are there any complementary projects and programmes currently active? What is the proposed timeframe for this initiative? How would the initiative be sustained over the proposed timeframe?

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e-Pacific will contribute to a positive change to the region and it will always help complement other areas of national development that have the same need in order to function effectively - " faster access to information at all levels 24/7"

This initiative is important to the Pacific region as a whole because it is looking at the collective approach in connecting and integrating our countries, thus improving collaboration and co-operation at all levels thus promoting the democratic values and principles enshrine in the Constitutions of most our Pacific countries..

The main beneficiaries are the members countries in the region.

Legislative changes may not be required, but depending on the level of data and information that will be shared and exchanged. The use of the latest technology offering different levels of security and protection on data and information as required by national laws.

The initiative can be funded by a donor agency or donor agencies, the project itself offer an opportunity for technology savvy companies, organisations and government to demonstrate to the World supremacy and leader in technological advancement.

This initiative is e-Government at the national level, this is taking it to the regional level.

The risks includes, as information is power and control whom some mechanisms may need to be build into the system to minimise and bring this under control.

This need proper planning for implementation over a suitable time frame, with the necessary preparation and ongoing support as needed at all levels.

PIFS and national governments to sustain over time including ongoing research and development for improvement etc.

5. Alignment to Regional Vision, Values and Objectives

Briefly describe how your initiative supports the vision, values and objectives set out in the Framework for Pacific Regionalism. These can be found in the Framework for Pacific Regionalism document or in the submissions guideline document.

Please limit your response to no more than 500 words

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6. Additional Information

Please provide or attach additional information in support of this initiative.

Please limit your response to no more than 5 pages.

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