Pacific Islands Forum Members are currently developing the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

Our vision is for a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity. A region where Pacific people can lead free, healthy, and productive lives.

The 2050 Strategy will refine this vision and outline how we can achieve it as a strong and united region.

Change is global, it is disruptive and as we build our Blue Pacific Continent, we need to understand what is shaping the future of our region. The key trends and uncertainties that will impact the Pacific’s future are our region’s drivers of change.

Climate change and new technologies are drivers of change. What other events and decisions have the potential to generate significant disruption? What is happening in health and education that will impact our social development? How will shifts in trade and tourism influence our economic future?

National and regional consultations are now being held to determine our region’s drivers of change. Led by the member countries of the Pacific Islands Forum, consultations involve civil society, private sector, academia and the Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific.

Key issues to be considered include climate change impacts, the future of our ocean and its resources, global power competition, our future economy, resilience, and COVID-19.

These consultations will inform the direction and focus of the 2050 Strategy.

**Steps in delivering the 2050 Strategy**

- Identify the drivers of change that will have the most significant impacts on the future of the region and our people.

- Collectively select the drivers that require joint political action and are best addressed at the regional level.

- Identify which drivers require concerted collective action (such as regional harmonisation or economic integration). These actions are the regional goods.

- Develop themes and levels of ambition for each theme, based around the drivers and goods.

- Build strategies to guide how we would achieve each ambition.

- Draft and finalise the 2050 Strategy (expected completion in 2021).

The Blue Pacific is about all Pacific people. People in an ocean of islands who recognise their needs and potential, who plan and own their development agenda, and who can act collectively for the good of all, rather than a few.

- Pacific Islands Forum Leaders.