

**Pacific Umbrella Initiative: “Pacific Islands Information and Communication Technology for Development: 2002- 2012” (Pacific I4D Initiative)**

**Proposed Partners (Further consultation required to confirm partners at all levels)**

**Governments**

Pacific island countries and territories (American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Republic of Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Is, Republic of Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn, Samoa, Saipan, Solomon Is, Tokelau Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Wallis & Futuna), and Australia, New Zealand, France, UK, USA

**Intergovernmental Organisations**

Forum Fisheries Agency [FFA], Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP), Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA), Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC), South Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP), South Pacific Tourism Organization (SPTO) and the University of the South Pacific (USP).

**Potential Major Groups/NGOs**

NGOs including, Greenpeace, Pacific Concerns Resource Centre (PCRC), World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

**Possible donor/partners**

Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Australia, European Union (EU), France, International Telecommunications Union (ITU), Japan, New Zealand, Taiwan (PRC), United Kingdom, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific (ESCAP), United Nations Education and Scientific Organisation (UNESCO), United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United States of America, World Bank

**Leading Partner (To be determined through consultation)**

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**Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative:**

To provide access to information and communication technology in support of sustainable development for every Pacific islander.

**Expected results to be determined by countries on the basis of national assessments and stakeholder consultations undertaken for WSSD. These could include:**

- Pacific Tele-health Project, bringing remote medical diagnosis and consultation to remote areas through information and communication technologies, headed by the Fiji School of Medicine
- Community Telecentres Project, providing access telecommunications and information services to rural villages of the Pacific and improving access for women and youth, headed by the CROP ICT Working Group and supported by the International Telecommunications Union
- Human Resources Capacity Building to provide adequate skilled personnel for ICT development, headed by the University of the South Pacific and supported by all members of the CROP ICT Working Group
- National Strategy Development, improving capacity to plan and manage sectoral development, headed by UNDP with support from ITU and the CROP ICT Working Group

**Specific Targets of the Partnership/Initiative and Timeframe for their Achievement:**

2002	Consultations with stakeholders [Pacific island countries, regional organisations and partners, NGOs, international development partners] to agree on strategies and implementation plans
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2002 – 2003	Development of national policy frameworks and strategic plans
2003 – 2005	Development of funding opportunities and mobilisation of stakeholder support
2003 – 2012	Implementation of action plans

#### Coordination and Implementation Mechanism:

National level coordination and implementation to be determined through consultation. At the Regional level the **Pacific I4D Initiative** will be coordinated by the CROP ICT Working Group through the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. Implementation of initiative components will be by the members of the Working Group and partner organisations in accordance with their respective mandates and Country consultation.

#### Arrangements for Funding:

The **Pacific I4D Initiative** will be a multi year initiative and it will be programme-based. Funding is expected to be in varying modalities; bi-lateral, multi-lateral, direct loans from banks and from people's own pockets. The activities of planned and current projects in the ICT sector within the Pacific will be harnessed to the **Pacific I4D Initiative**, co-ordinated through a regional strategic planning framework. It is estimated that the **Pacific I4D Initiative** will require resources on the order of US\$25 million over the first 5 years for implementation in all 22 Pacific island countries and territories. Although some of this amount is already committed by initiative stakeholders, most will require mobilisation of new resources.

#### Arrangements for Capacity Building and Technology Transfer:

The implementation of the **Pacific I4D Initiative** will involve training of various forms including tertiary training to short term training courses and workshops to hands-on on-the-job training. Training will cover the broad range of stakeholders from policy makers, to technicians to the recipients at the grass root level. The transfer of the technology is planned to follow the training and the establishment of the **Pacific I4D Initiative** policy framework.

#### Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities:

The **Pacific I4D Initiative** will have linkages to the following major past, current and future related regional initiatives:

- ICT Development Project in the Pacific, executed by UNDP and UNOPS (current)
- Pacific Islands ICT Policy and Plan, co-ordinated by the CROP ICT Working Group (current)
- USPNet, distance education by the University of the South Pacific (current)
- Pilot Telehealth Project, executed by the Fiji School of Medicine and PITA (current)
- Pacific Islands Telecentre project, executed by ITU (proposed)

#### Monitoring Arrangements:

Monitoring and reporting on the initiative at the national level will be determined through consultation. The **Pacific I4D Initiative** will report to the CROP ICT Working Group through the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. Progress reports will be circulated among the Working Group for its approval before being disseminated to other project stakeholders. There will be at least an annual meeting of the Working Group to approve work programme activities, budget and annual plans.

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