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# **Sustainable Financing for Waste Management**



**July 28 2022  
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# WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

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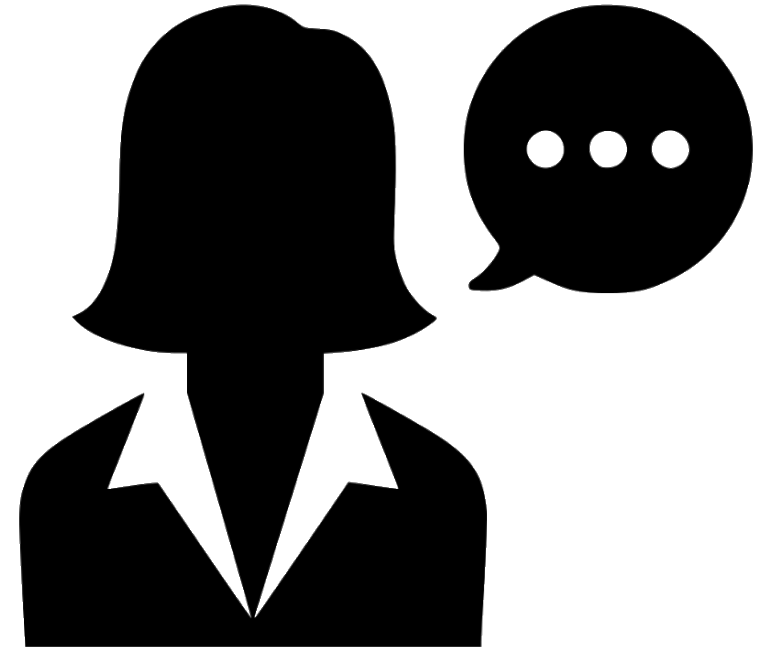
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# UNEP REMARKS

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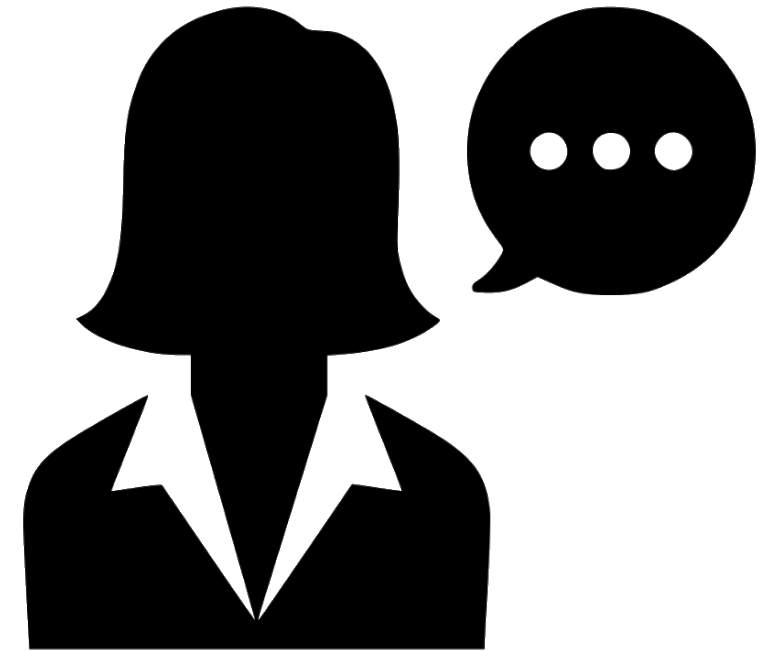


# EVENT OVERVIEW

1. Peer-to-peer learning platform
2. Spotlight on steps on the 21-step pathway:
  - **Political Support:** *Gaining Political Support / Using a Multi-agency Approach - Cook Islands*
  - **Working Group:** *Establishing and Managing a Working Group - Vanuatu*
  - **Legislative Guidance:** *Process to develop a policy and legislative framework for Sustainable Financing*
3. Open question & answers session
4. Introduce resources available
5. Introduce Sustainable Financing for Waste Management in the Pacific communities of practice on the Green Forum



# INTRODUCTION TO THE 21-STEP PATHWAY AND SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS



Presenter: Ms Hilary Boyes,  
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# 21 STEP PATHWAY

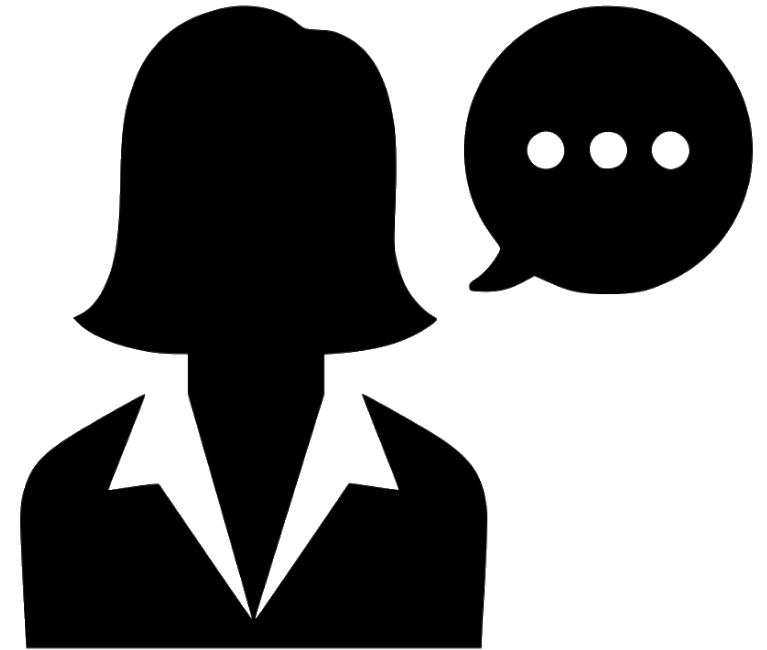


- Legend:**
- Feasibility
  - Legislative / political
  - Communication
  - System Creation



# SPOTLIGHT SESSION 1

## Gaining Political Support / Using a Multi-agency Approach



Presenter: Ms. Jaime Short  
Infrastructure Cook Islands

# SPOTLIGHT SESSION 2

## Establishing and Managing a Working Group



Presenter: Ms. Ionie Bolenga,  
Department of Environmental  
Protection and Conservation,  
Vanuatu



# Establishing and Managing a Working Group – Case Study from Vanuatu

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## Background

- CDS (later called PSS) viewed as beneficial to Vanuatu since 2017
- Pre-feasibility complete and Council Paper submitted in 2019
- Recommendation was to form Working Group of Public and Private Sector Stakeholders
- Linked with existing Waste Management and Recycling Association

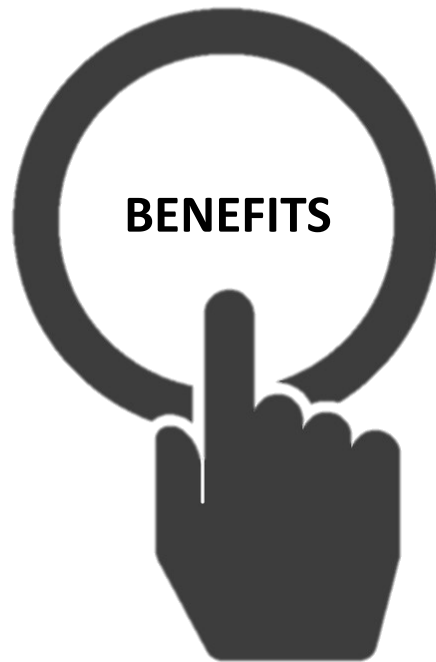


## Members

DEPC  
J-PRISM II  
Recycler  
Beverage  
Manufactures  
Importer  
Custom  
Finance  
NGO/Civil Service

# Establishing and Managing a Working Group – Case Study from Vanuatu

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## Benefits

- Good forum to communicate and understand perspectives
- Not previously a priority by Department
- Helped design scheme
- Waste Management and Recycling Association

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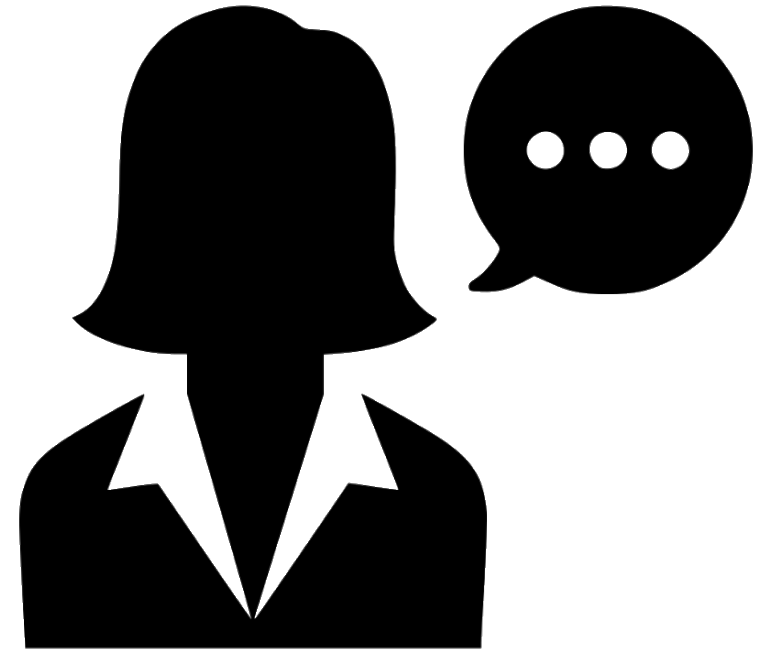
## Learnings

- No TOR developed at formation of Working Group
- Disconnect on mandate, resulting in disagreements
- Working Group pressured department
- Key partners not always engaged
- One main importer was on Working Group, concern from other importers
- Conflict of interest



# SPOTLIGHT SESSION 3

## Undertaking a Legislative Assessment



Presenters: Annika Lane and Charlie  
Hanna, BECA, New Zealand



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# SUSTAINABLE FINANCING

## Process to Develop A Policy and Legislative Framework for ARFD



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# Define the Problem

## Pacific Island Countries – Common Waste Problem

- Reliant on imports of various consumer items – however limited financially viable options for their end-of-life management and export
- Recyclable materials end up in landfill, burnt, or in stockpiles



# Define the Problem

## Pacific Island Countries – Common Legislative Problem

- See value in a Sustainable Financing (ARFD) system
- Unsure how or whether scheme can fit in existing legislation, for example:
  - ✓ Is there sufficient powers in existing acts to provide for a scheme?
  - ✓ Is there need for new act or regulation? ***and what one most suitable?***
  - ✓ How to provide for scheme operation to achieve desired purpose?



# Articulate the outcomes being sought

## Outcomes could include:

- Long-term financial sustainability of recycling and recovery activities
- Community taking responsibility for waste management
- Litter management
- Opportunities for:
  - Job creation
  - Circular Economy initiatives





# Identify the Key Issues

**Scheme design considerations** can include:

- Scope of items to be included
- Point of obligation & balance between price and convenience
- Managing funds and fraud (and powers to collect information, monitor and enforce)
- Provision for ensuring end-market recycling or recovery – i.e., Identifying markets for materials collected and ensuring diversion from landfill

**Other issues** can include:

- Achieving desired recycling targets
- Managing inequality across countries/communities.



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# Identify key stakeholders & champions



# Identify Gaps in the Current System

Issue topic	Environment Bill 2019	MMR Bill 2019	Marae Moana Act 2017	Prevention of Marine Pollution Act 1998	Seabed & Minerals Bill 2019
<p><b>General Application-Jurisdiction</b></p> <p><b>Issues:</b> The intended extent of the application of the Environment Act 2003 to marine areas is unclear. Policy issues to decide include application to all islands, and where responsibilities of MMR, MOT, Marae Moana and SBM begin and end in relation to NES.</p> <p>There is an opportunity to align definitions across legislation e.g. What we mean by non-living resources; subsoil for land and sea.</p>	<p>Covers Cook Island Waters (inland waters, territorial sea, EEZ), airspace and seabed. Adds airspace. Adds bioprospecting Expands inland waters to include internal waters. Adds express duty to protect biodiversity. Include subsoil – needs to have same definition as Marae Moana - look for suitable definition of subsoil for land and sea. NES proposes to extend application to all islands. If so Boundary options could include the following: IEA manages matters up to the extent of territorial sea limit (12nm) and NEC manages all matters beyond. Alternatively IEA manages matters up to island baseline (on land or inland waters) or up to a 3nm limit to cover coastal and foreshore matters and NEC manages matters beyond.</p>	<p>Covers internal waters, territorial sea, EEZ and any other waters over which the government has fisheries jurisdiction.</p> <p>MMR has principal function and authority for the conservation, management and development of the living and non-living resources in the fisheries waters. Note fisheries waters = waters of territorial sea, internal waters and EEZ and any other waters over which the govt has fisheries jurisdiction.</p> <p>If MMR is taking on living and non-living then this could include marine invasives not covered under Biosecurity Act – is this what they want? NES ok with this – MMR has the technical expertise.</p>	<p>Covers internal waters, territorial sea, EEZ. Includes seabed and subsoils plus airspace.</p> <p>Responsible for preparing a schedule of marine based activities and monitoring implementation by others (MOT, NES, MMR etc).</p> <p>Mandate to prepare national marine spatial plan and a marine spatial plans for Suvarrow. To assist with marine spatial plans for Rarotonga and island governments.</p>	<p>Covers territorial sea and EEZ</p> <p>Provides MOT with statutory responsibility for vessel-source pollution but there is ambiguity when read alongside Environment Act 2003 which also requires environment authorities to give permits to discharges into the territorial sea and EEZ. This gives rise to regulatory overlap. Plus there are different definitions for pollution, waste etc. The draft Environment Bill provides a section to clarify this regulatory overlap.</p>	<p>Covers territorial sea, EEZ, continental shelf. Seabed and ocean floor.</p> <p>Remains subject to the Environment Act and Marae Moana Act. Very specific focus on seabed minerals.</p>



# Assess your Policy & Legislation

## Two key steps:

1. Develop a Policy to underpin your Legislative Framework
2. Confirm whether ARFD can an ARFD be progressed under **existing legislation**, OR will **new legislation** be required ?
  - New Zealand example: **Container Return Scheme**

# New Legislation vs. Existing Legislation

## Existing Legislation

- An ARFD will require specific **regulations** to be developed under existing **legislation**.
- Developing regulations will be **faster** than developing new legislation.

## New legislation

- As for existing **legislation**, **regulations** will be needed to give effect to an ARFD.
- Developing new legislation may allow a **more complete under-pinning framework**.



### Legislation

Contains the fundamental principles and policies of the law.

### Regulations

Typically deals with matters of detail or implementation (rather than fundamental policy), matters of a technical nature, or matters likely to require frequent updating.

# Recap-Summary

- Define the problem
- Identify the outcome you are looking for
- Identify the issues
- Provide the evidence
- Identify gaps in the current system
- Decide what tools to address the gaps – policy, regulation, legislation
- Identify key stakeholders & champions and define their roles – engage early
- The solution needs to be proportionate to the problem



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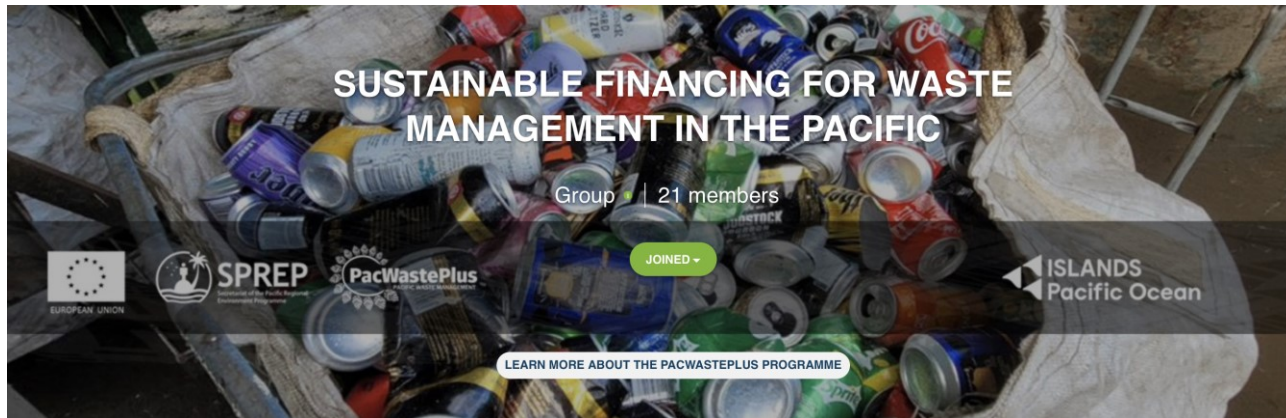
- An interactive platform for online community engagement
- The place where the Sustainable Financing for Waste Management in the Pacific community of practice is hosted

Visit <https://www.thegreenforum.org>



Presenter: Ms Clara Mottura  
/ Ms Melanie Ashton, Green  
Growth Knowledge  
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The **Sustainable Financing for Waste Management in the Pacific** community

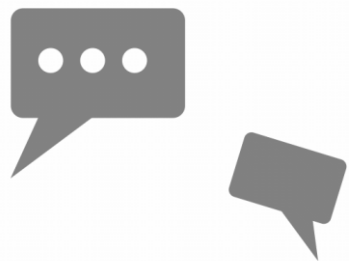
- A learning space for decision makers to share resources and ask questions on sustainable financing schemes and find out more about the 21-step pathways
- The digital home of the Sustainable Financing Study Tour in Australia



# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## Open discussion and feedback

### 20 Minutes



Please feel free to use the Zoom chat feature to provide your valuable comments, feedback or to raise your questions while we discuss!



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# CLOSING REFLECTIONS



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