

# Policies for facilitating Adaptation in Solomon Islands

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## Brief Introduction

- ✦ Land mass about 28,336 sq.kms
- ✦ Over 400,000 people (1996) with annual growth rate of about 3.5%
- ✦ 95% are Melanesians, 4% Polynesians and 1% Micronesians
- ✦ Natural Resources: Fisheries, Forest, Minerals and Agriculture
- ✦ Annual Rainfall from 3000mm to 5000 mm
- ✦ Cyclo-genesis region
- ✦ English and Pidgin (lingua franca) widely spoken
- ✦ 65 different languages
- ✦ One of the Pacific LDCs

## Legislations and Policy Development

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- ✦ Sector Strategies and Acts (Environment - NEMS, 1993, Health, Agriculture, Disaster Management (1987), Forestry Management Act, etc)
- ✦ UNFCCC Ratifications (28 Dec 1994), Kyoto Protocol (signed Sept 1998 and ratifications March 2003)
- ✦ Initial National Communications (recently submitted to UNFCCC Secretariat)
- ✦ Draft National Implementation Strategy (NIS) on Climate Change

## Current and New Policy Initiatives

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- ✦ NAPAs (GEF Secretariat)
- ✦ PIREP (currently implemented)
- ✦ 2<sup>nd</sup> National Communications
- ✦ other UN Conventions (CBD and CCD)
- ✦ Other related projects – AusAID SLR&CM project

## A Way Forward

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- ✦ Development of a Climate Change Policy
- ✦ Currently: Draft National Implementation Strategy
- ✦ Climate policy – includes the following measures:
  - a national policy framework
  - institutional strengthening
  - Capacity building and
  - Public awareness and education
- ✦ All these will be carried out in an integrated manner both country and community driven

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