An aerial photograph of a tropical atoll, likely in the Pacific Ocean. The image shows a small, lush green island with a sandy beach, surrounded by shallow turquoise water with visible coral reefs. The water transitions to a deep blue as it extends into the distance. The overall scene is serene and highlights the natural beauty of the Pacific region.

# **Coordination of adaptation policies and plans in the Pacific**

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## Outline

- Context – coordination challenges in the Pacific
- Institutions for coordination – Vanuatu's National Advisory Board
- Policy frameworks for coordination – Joint National Action Plans for CC and DRM – Tonga, Tuvalu, Nauru, Kiribati
- National – local government coordination  
Choiseul Province, Solomon Islands



South  
China

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- High cost of transport
- High cost of communications
- Challenges for national and regional coordination
- Small administrations – big portfolios
- Relatively high ODA per capita





## Climate change coordination

- Historically, departments of environment responsible for coordination
- Move to centralise coordination functions in central ministries (Foreign Affairs, Office of the President etc)
- Challenges in terms of definition of roles, bureaucratic bottlenecks, boundaries of coordination vs implementation, working with technical expertise at sector level



# Vanuatu's National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction

Primary purpose is to:

“Act as Vanuatu’s supreme policy making and advisory body for all disaster risk reduction and climate change programs, projects, initiatives and activities”.



## Why?

- Many areas of overlap CCA and DRR
- To improve efficiency, coordination, governance and strategic direction





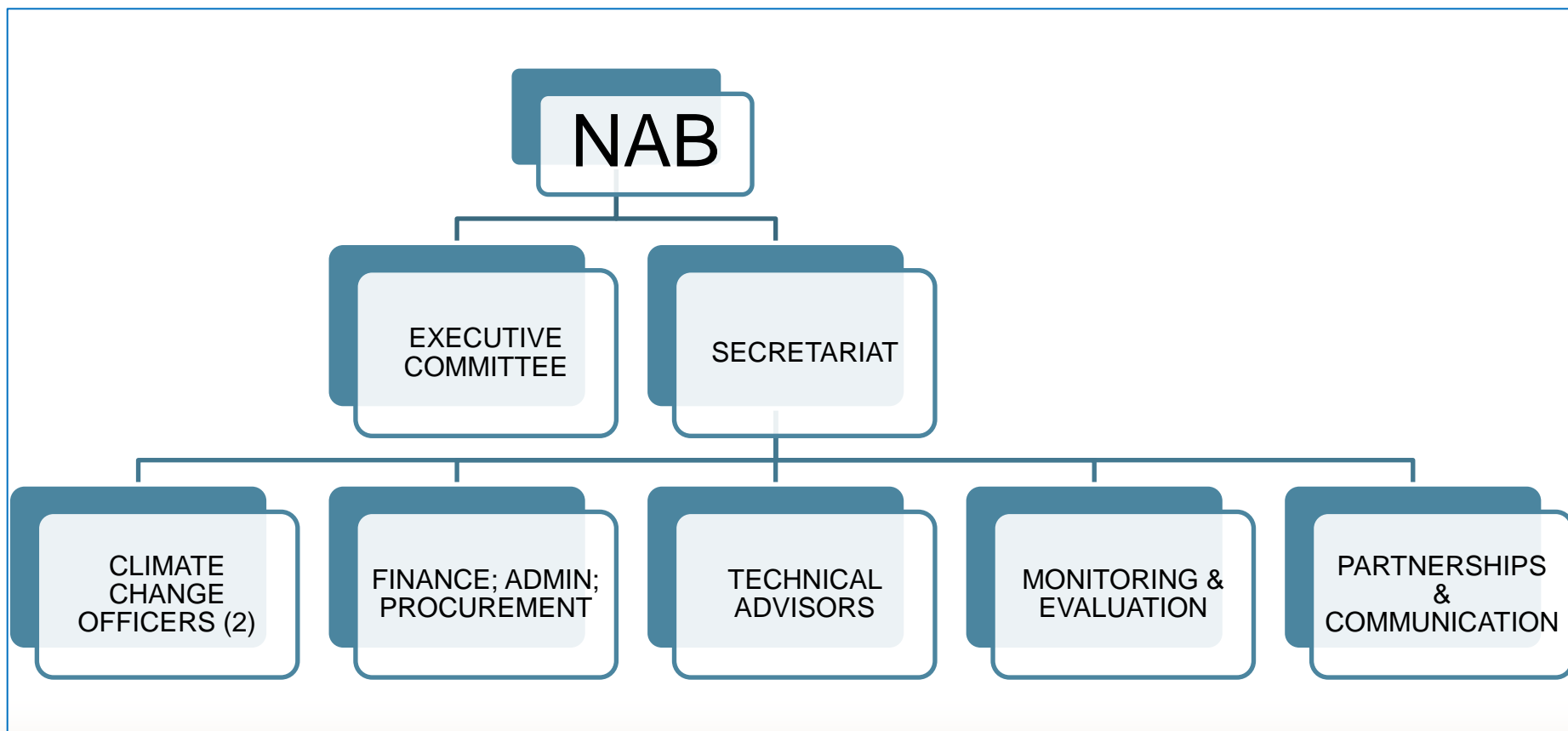
## Six main duties

1. **Policy making and advisory body** for all DRR and CC, projects, initiatives and activities.
2. Develop **policies, guidelines and positions**.
3. Advise on **international, regional and national obligations**
4. Advise, facilitate and endorse the **development** of new DRR & CC programs, projects, initiatives and activities – including **mainstreaming** CC and DRR.
5. Act as a focal point for **information-sharing and coordination** on CC/DRR [www.nab.vu](http://www.nab.vu)
6. Advise, guide and coordinate the development of national CC & DRR **financing** processes.





# National Advisory Board on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction



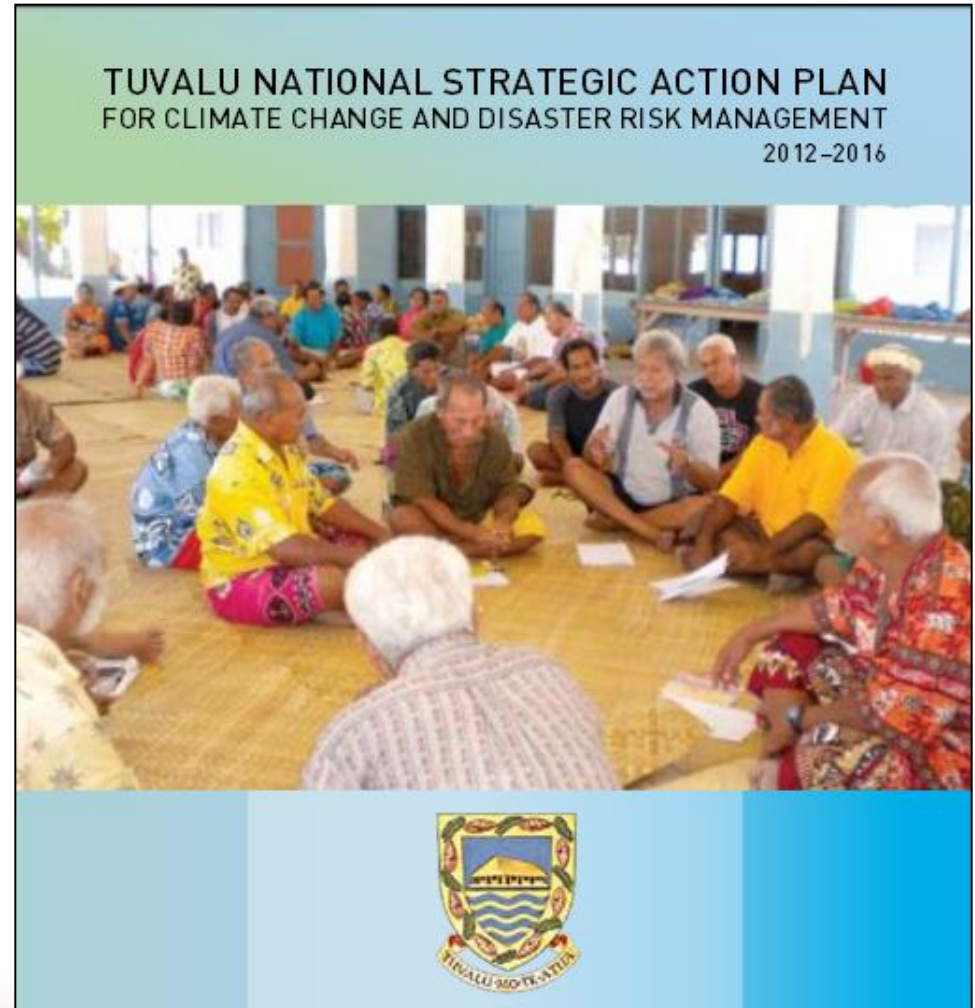
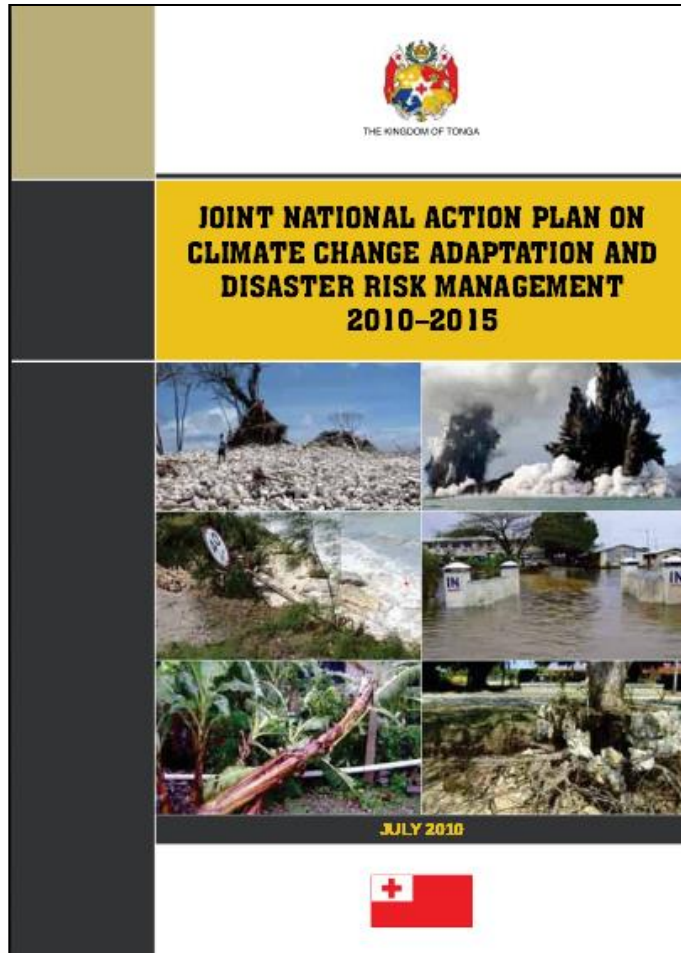


## Early results

- Improved processes - clear roles, responsibilities and guidelines and one channel for all CC and DRM projects
- Addressing bottlenecks - Executive Committee for urgent decisions
- Improved collaboration and learning - among CC and DRM practitioners, government and NGO partners
- More resources for core functions of coordination, information and knowledge management [www.nab.vu](http://www.nab.vu) monitoring and evaluation
- Scarce resources better utilised – promoting effective collaboration and minimising duplication of effort



# Joint CC and DRM planning





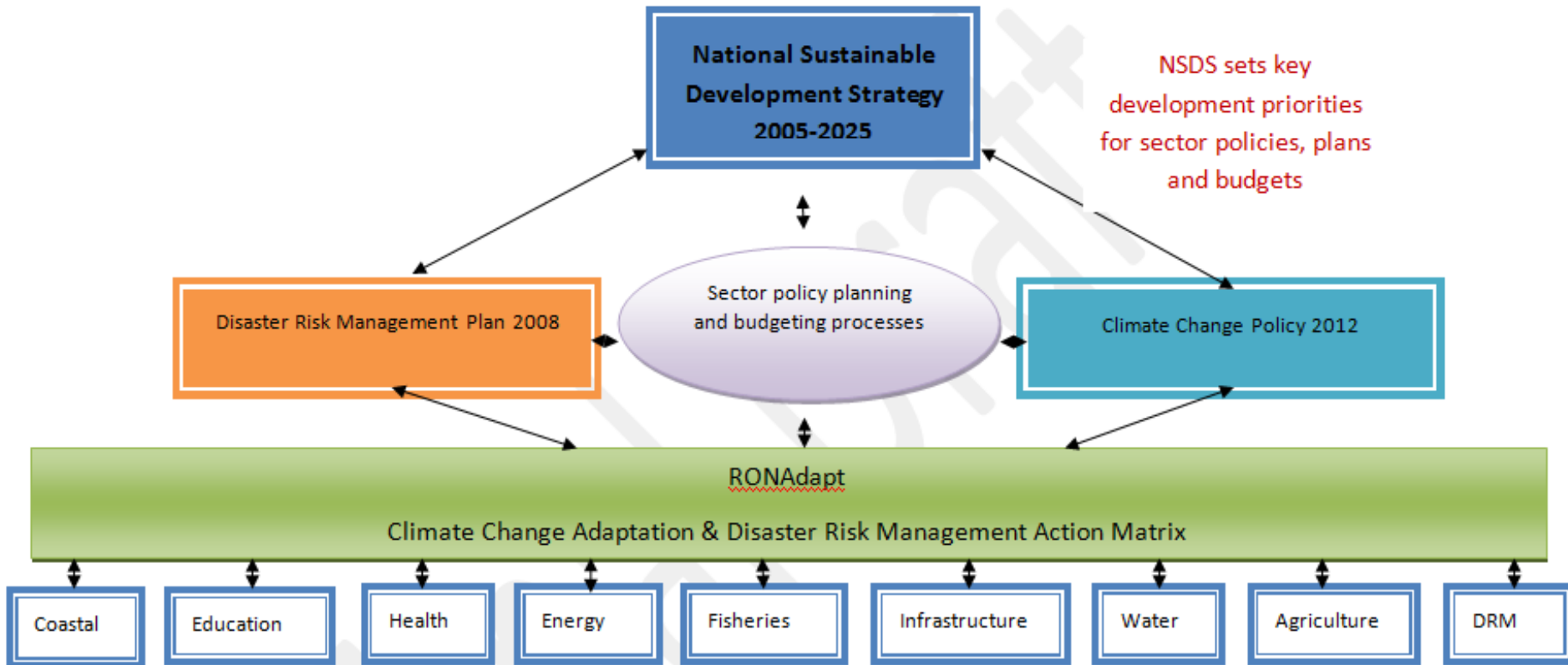
## Early results

- Recognises existing constraints and makes use of opportunities for synergies across government and NGOs
- Useful as a vehicle for increasing political will and promoting mainstreaming
- Can support leveraging funding



## Some challenges

- Important to avoid plan proliferation – useful in mainstreaming CC and DRM – shouldn't outlive its useful shelf life!
- Important to keep momentum going once process has started – avoid ten year old draft policies!
- Buy-in essential
- Good to recognise importance of coordination but also its limits – avoid blurring of implementation activities and leave to technical agencies
- How does it fit with the NAP process?





## Choiseul Province, Solomon Islands

- Province-wide integrated resource management approach driven by Choiseul Provincial Government
- Central government, external agencies (SPC, SPREP, GIZ, UNDP, AusAID, DCCEE, USAID) and NGOs (TNC)

collaboration to deliver a  
programmatic approach





## Early results

- Formal agreement between 6 institutions to collaborate on delivery assistance in an integrated way in one province based on a province-wide vulnerability assessment and draft implementation plan
- Driven by provincial and national government and development partners eager to support




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Resilient nations.



## Key messages

- Links between overall national sustainable development strategy – national CC and DRM strategies – sectoral strategies – local government strategies **are vital**
- Institutional structures / policies that outline clear roles and responsibilities and promote sharing and learning required
- Centralising coordination functions can assist but needs to be done with care....
- Crucial is that everyone has bought into the process – and the coordinators, coordinate!

A photograph of a young mangrove tree with green leaves and exposed roots, growing on a rocky, pebbly shore. The tree is positioned in the lower-left foreground. In the background, a calm body of water reflects the sky and distant mangrove forests. The sky is overcast with soft clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

**Vinaka vakalevu!**  
**Thank you!**

