
Pacific NDCs in the GST Context: A Regional Analysis

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ABOUT THE REGIONAL PACIFIC NDC HUB



- The **NDC Hub** supports **14 Pacific Island Countries** to implement and enhance their Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement.
- We work directly with nominated **Focal Points** in each country, high-level government officials from ministries responsible for climate change.
- Guided by a **Steering Committee** with representation from Polynesia, Micronesia, and Melanesia sub-regions, plus Fiji as the host country.

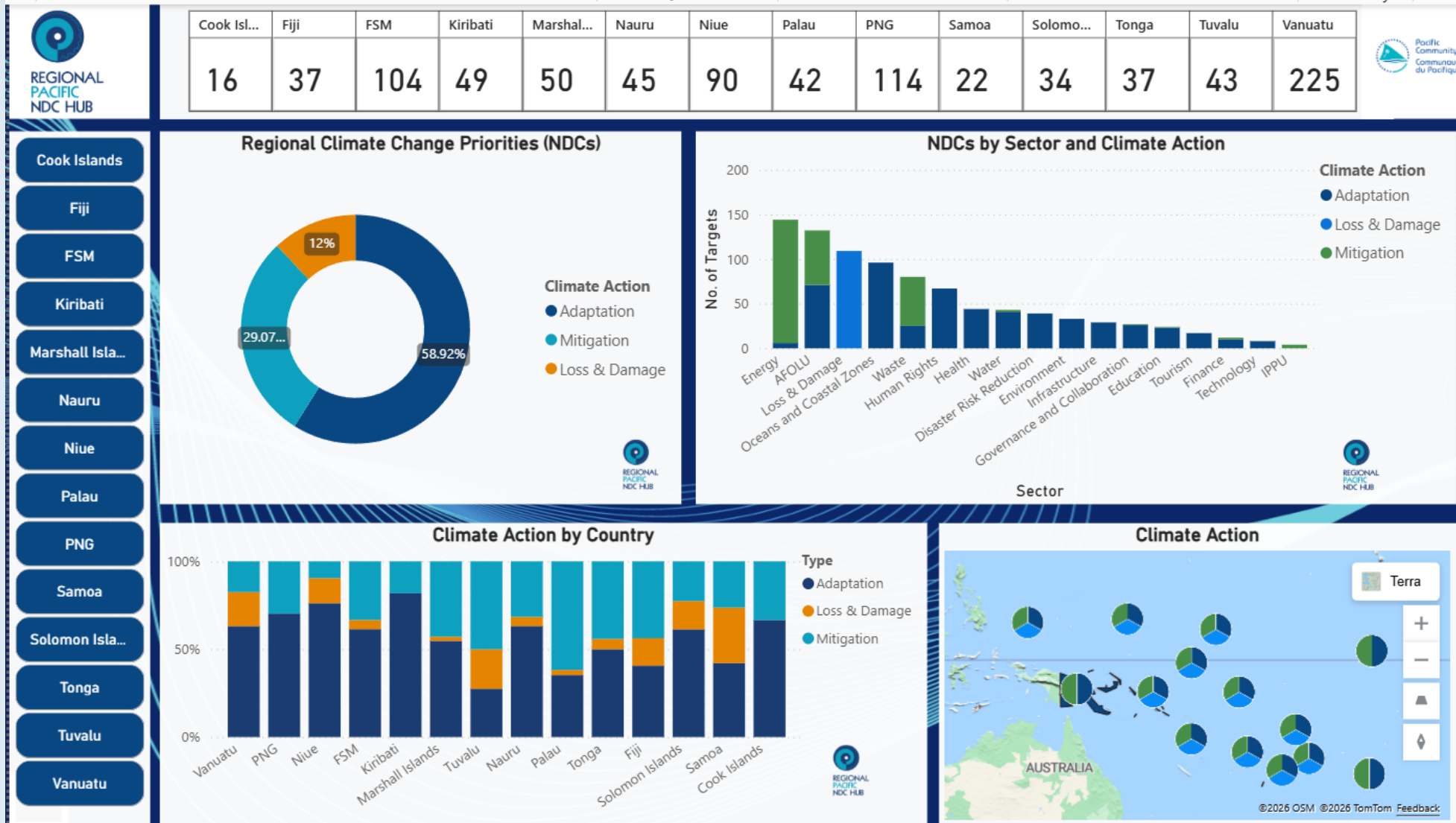


Implementing Partners



GST-INFORMED NDCs: ENHANCED AMBITION

How the GST outcome directly informed NDC 3.0 enhancement — responding to Guiding Question 1



Diverse sectoral priorities across 14 PICs reflect nationally determined approaches

REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE PRIORITIES

908

Total Targets Across 14 PICs

535

Adaptation Targets (58.9%)

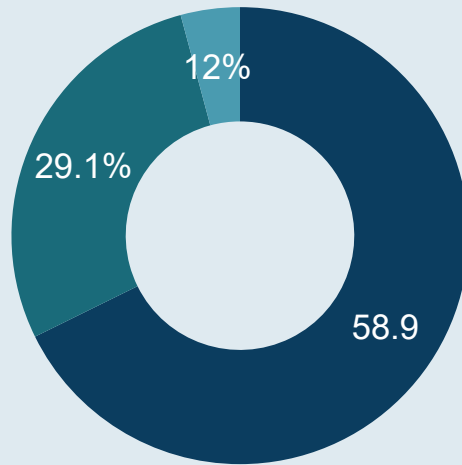
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Mitigation Targets (29.1%)

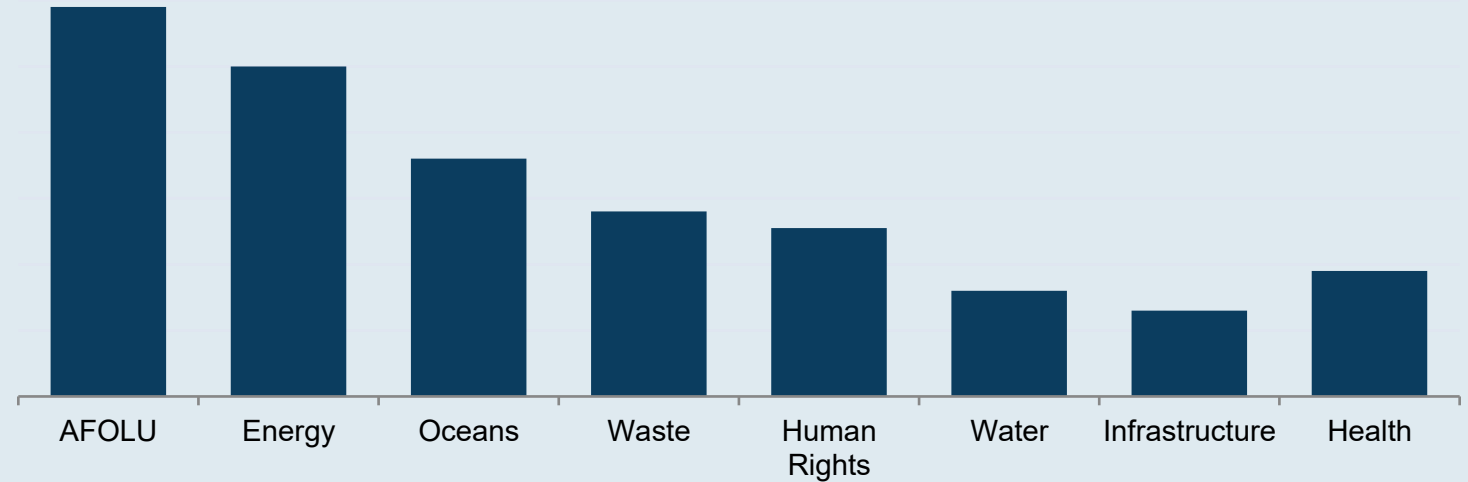
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Loss & Damage Targets (12%)

Targets by Sector



■ Adaptation ■ Mitigation ■ Loss & Damage

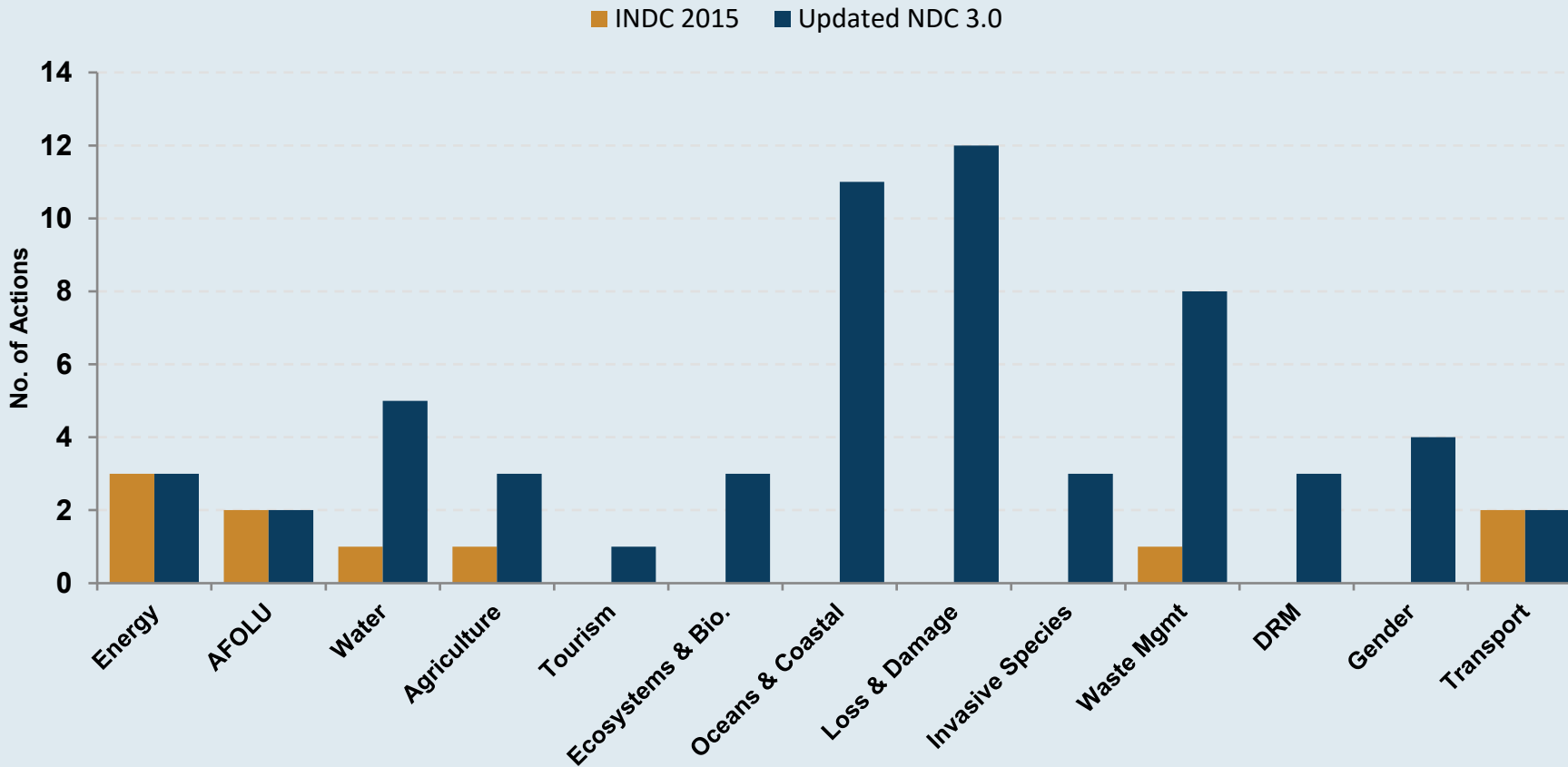


Key Insight: Adaptation dominates PICs' NDC targets (61%), reflecting the region's acute vulnerability to climate impacts. AFOLU and Energy are the top sectoral priorities, demonstrating the integrated approach to mitigation and adaptation in the Pacific.

GST-INFORMED NDCs: NIUE'S ENHANCED AMBITION

How the GST outcome directly informed NDC 3.0 enhancement — responding to Guiding Question 1

Niue: INDC 2015 vs Updated NDC 3.0 — Number of Actions by Sector



New Sectors Added

12 Loss & Damage

11 Oceans & Coastal

8 Waste Management

4 Gender Equality

Sectors Expanded

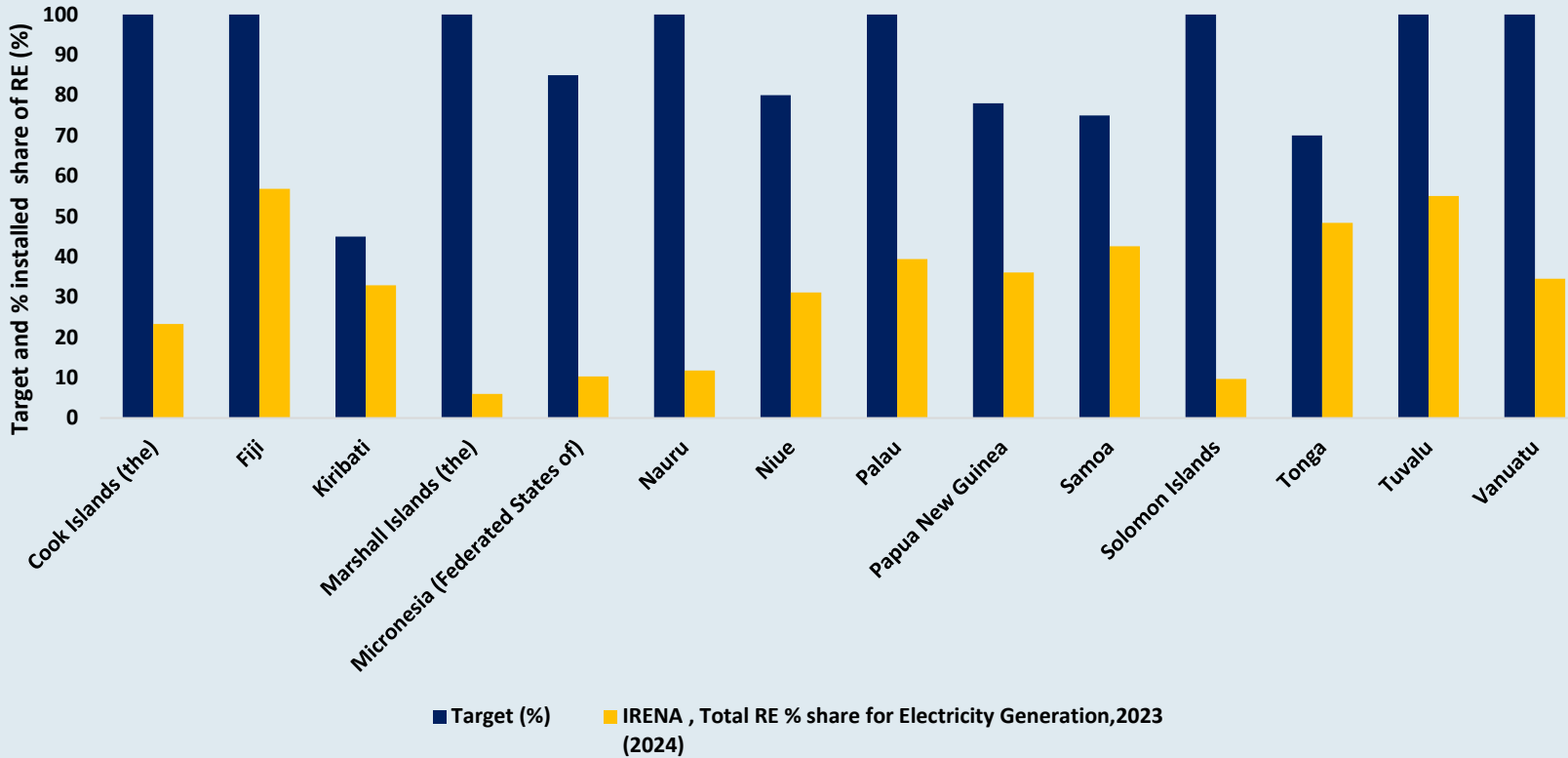
1 → 5 Water

1 → 3 Agriculture

Key Insight: Niue's NDC 3.0 directly reflects GST priority areas - L&D (12 actions) and Oceans (11 actions) are entirely new, demonstrating clear GST-to-NDC translation.

RENEWABLE ENERGY: AMBITION

Renewable Energy Ambition and Gap



Country	NDC Target (% RE)	NDC Target Year
Cook Islands*	100%	2025
Fiji	100%	2035
Kiribati*	45%	2025
Marshall Islands	100%	2050
FSM	85%	2040
Nauru	100%	2050
Niue	80%	2030
Palau	100%	2035
PNG*	78%	2030
Samoa	75%	2025
Solomon Islands	100%	2030
Tonga	70%	2035
Tuvalu	100%	2030
Vanuatu	100%	2035

- The UAE Energy Package calls for tripling renewable energy and doubling energy efficiency.
- Transitioning away from fossil fuels.

FROM NDC PLANS TO FINANCE FLOWS: THE GAP

Mobilizing climate investment in SIDS — responding to Theme 2 Guiding Question 2



\$650M

Annual RE need in NDCs (IRENA)

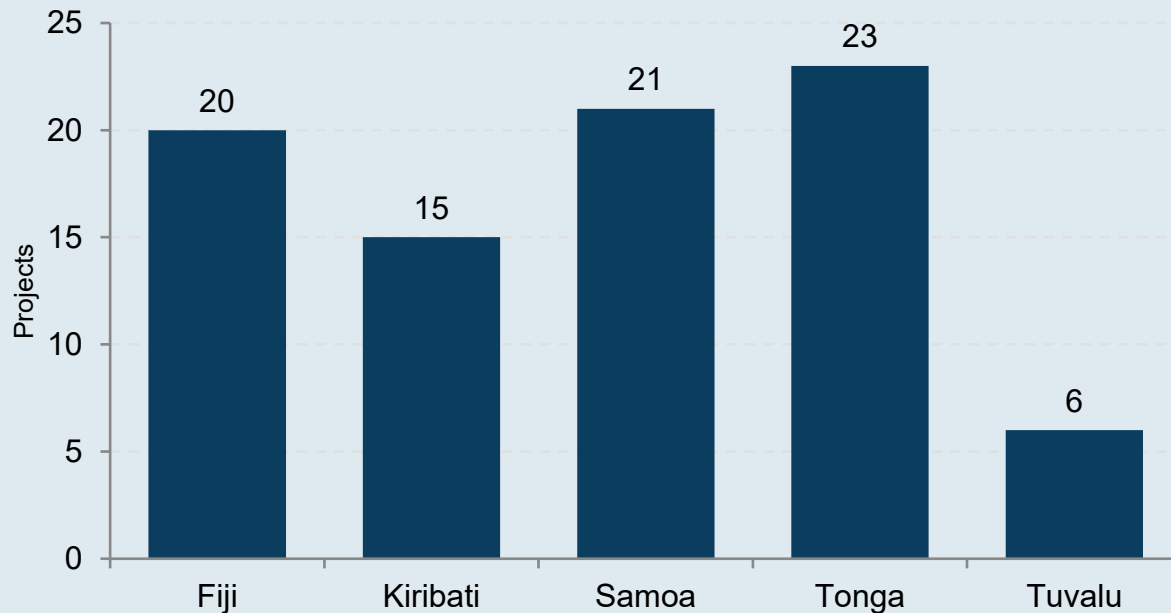
\$67M

2023 RE finance flow (IRENA)

\$2.4b

NDC investment plan & project pipeline

NDC Investment Plan: Project Pipeline by Country



The Finance-Implementation Gap

- Annual regional RE finance need: Approx **\$650M** to meet NDC targets
- Actual 2023 RE finance flow: only **\$67M** - a 10x gap
- **85+ projects** identified across 5 pilot countries (NDC investment Plan)

Key Challenge: The massive gap between NDC ambition (\$650M/year) and actual finance flows (\$67M/year) underscores the urgent need for fit-for-purpose financing modalities for SIDS.

Key Insight: NDC Investment Plans and Project Pipelines are critical tools for navigating priorities for investment. However, the 10x gap between identified needs and actual flows highlights the fundamental challenge of unlocking investment for NDC implementation in SIDS — a core issue for today's dialogue.

KEY TAKEAWAYS FOR TODAY'S DIALOGUE

01 GST Integration

905 targets across adaptation, mitigation and L&D. Niue's NDC 3.0 demonstrates direct GST-to-NDC translation with 12 new L&D actions and 11 ocean actions. *(GQ1)*

02 National Contextualisation

Diverse sectoral priorities across 14 PICs reflect **nationally determined approaches**. AFOLU, Energy, and Oceans emerge as top three sectors. *(GQ2)*

03 Governance Focus

Strong emphasis on **governance, policy and assessment** across all sectors — reflecting the foundational importance of enabling conditions for implementation. *(GQ3)*

04 Energy Ambition Gap

Near-universal **100% RE targets** in NDCs, but current installed renewable capacity averages only **34.5%** region-wide. Significant implementation gaps remain. *(GQ1,2)*

05 Finance Gap

\$650M annual need vs \$67M actual flow — a 10x gap. Climate finance to Pacific fell to \$1.1B in 2023. RE is now cost-competitive with diesel. *(GQ1,2)*

06 International Cooperation

Need for **fit-for-purpose modalities**, enhanced capacity support, and operationalisation of special circumstances for SIDS to enable effective NDC implementation. *(GQ3)*

Mapping to Today's Dialogue Themes:

Theme 1 — GQ1: GST reflection in NDCs | GQ2: Translating global to national | GQ3: Institutional processes

Theme 2 — GQ1: Finance/tech/capacity needs | GQ2: Unlocking investment | GQ3: International cooperation

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Thank You

The Regional Pacific NDC Hub looks forward to a productive dialogue
on advancing NDC implementation in the Pacific and beyond.

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