

Building community resilience to the impacts of climate change: Kiribati's experience

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Scope of presentation

- National policy frameworks related to climate change in Kiribati
- National climate change priority areas
- Achievements
- Challenges
- Opportunities
- Summary

National policy frameworks on climate change

- Kiribati Development Plan 2008 - 2011
- Kiribati Climate Change Adaptation Policy Statement and Strategy 2005
- Draft National Climate Change Framework 2010
- Draft National Integrated Environment Policy 2011



Kiribati national priorities on climate change adaptation

- KAP II project investing in water and coastal sectors. KAP III includes disaster risk reduction focusing on communities
- NAPA II project – agriculture, fisheries and food security
- GEF SGPKi – community small scale projects on water, sanitation, coastal and conservation
- Italian funded projects – renewable energy on outer islands

Achievements

- Climate change is reflected in the Kiribati Development Plan 2008 - 2011
- KAP II project with the World Bank
- GEF SGPKi funded community projects
- Italian funded climate change projects
- Mangrove planting initiatives
- Establishment of PIPA
- New sectoral plans and policies integrate climate change including water and sanitation policies

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon planted mangrove seedlings during his visit to Kiribati,
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Challenges

- Technical capacity
- Lack of reliable climate data and information
- Coordination of national activities and programmes
- Awareness to village level communities
- Lack of leadership across the sectors
- Lack of predictable resources to supplement the needs
- Growing complexity of emerging political climate change issues

Some of the damages to the road and causeway infrastructures during the heavy storm in October 2006





Opportunities

- National and regional initiatives including the Centre of Excellence for Atoll Agriculture Research and Development in the Pacific with SPC
- Funding and technical support from partners including AUSAID, NZAID UNDP, WB, EU, Taiwan, etc
- Scaling up of successful national pilot initiatives/projects



Take Home Messages

- Participation of communities in adaptation is new and emerging and yet to be fully understood
- New investments directed to communities resilience like KAP III and NAPA II
- Importance of development partners assistance to support national efforts
- Importance of sharing experiences with other PICs

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