

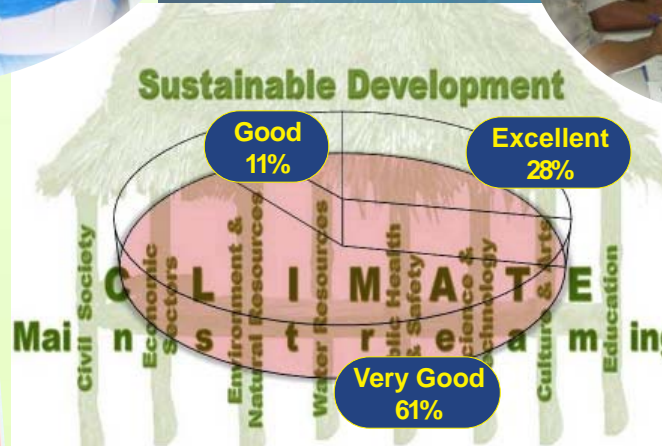


Key Synopsis:

The successful Climate and Extreme Events Training Institute in the Pacific in Fiji (2004), Samoa (2005), and Kiribati (2006), addressed the need to create a regional network of scientists, decision-makers and institutions skilled in the use of climate information and services to support practical decision-making in key sectors such as agriculture, water resource management, public health and safety, tourism and community planning, and resource development within the Pacific Island Countries Region.



How well did the Training Institute perform?



Sustainable Development Strategy:

> Meeting the needs of present generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

> Agenda 21 sits at the root of national sustainable development plans

Key Impacts:

- Anecdotal evidence that trained personnel are using their skills in professional activities for mainstreaming climate to support policy formulation
- Trained personnel able to contribute substantially to:
 - > National local awareness building and climate planning and adaptation activities as part of NAPAs
 - > Regional climate projects such as Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC)
 - > General sustainable development initiatives



The Hon. Natan Teewe, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Kiribati: *...The Kiribati Training Institute will provide local participants with tools to review and evaluate existing practices on climate change, and develop and formulate informed policies and strategies to achieve changes to existing practices. For this to happen successfully, contributions from every government and non-government sector are required.*

Statements from International Experts:

"This project has established a modus operandi for dealing with climate change and its impacts across the Pacific island region that has the potential to be applied widely by both the team in this project and by others as well in ways that could have very substantial benefits for the Island States of this region."

"The project has raised the level of knowledge and understanding in the Pacific Island Region and possibly more importantly, the level of discussion and collaboration between the individuals at the country level, directly related to climate variability and change."

*highlighted project of the CAPABLE Phase 1 Evaluation

