

# Proposal Summary

## Regional Institutional Strengthening and Knowledge Management Support to Pacific Island Countries Pacific Plan

CDS

### Global

<b>Summary</b>	The proposal will support the requests of the 3 Pacific Island Countries (PICs) and others to concurrently develop and implement their CDSs and SUSs by providing regional (i) institutional strengthening, (ii) knowledge management and (iii) support to strengthen urban policy and project development. It is hoped such processes will lead to (iv) improved monitoring of urban performance by PICs including integration of city and national responses to addressing urban issues vis a vis the Pacific Urban Agenda (PUA) and the Pacific Plan.
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Objectives	Activities
The overall objectives of this proposal are to: (i) provide regional ToT and development of suitable toolkits so as to support the foundations for country up-scaling and regional replication of CDS, SUS and other proven good urbanization practices and processes, (ii) manage lessons learned and knowledge acquired so as to strengthen implementation of the Pacific Urban Agenda (as contained in the Pacific Plan) national obligations and commitments, (iii) facilitate and institutionalize urban policy dialogue into regional and national planning so as to establish consensus with stakeholders on urbanisation priorities, strengthen partnerships, and up scale resource mobilization to achieve better urban outcomes, and (iv) strengthen monitoring by the SPC of the urban commitments made under the Pacific Plan activities (namely, the PUA). The latter will include an assessment of options to establish a Pacific Regional Urban Observatory. The proposal will support the requests of the 3 PICs and others to concurrently develop and implement their CDSs and SUSs by providing regional (i) institutional strengthening, (ii) knowledge management and (iii) support to strengthen urban policy and project development. It is hoped such processes will lead to (iv) improved monitoring of urban performance by PICs including integration of city and national responses to addressing urban issues vis a vis the PUA and the Pacific Plan.	1) Project Establishment and Regional Needs Assessment and Analysis; 2) Institutional Strengthening Support Through ToT Delivery Addressing Key Practices and Processes, Urban Knowledge Creation and Management, and Facilitating Policy Learning Dialogue on Pacific Urbanisation; and 3) Strengthening the Capacity of SPC to Implement and Monitor Urban Initiatives under the Pacific Plan.

Submission	Implementation	Budget and Time	
<p><b>Submitted by:</b> Samoa Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment; Secretariat of the Pacific Community; UN ESCAP - Pacific Operations Center</p> <p><b>CA Sponsor:</b> Asian Coalition for Housing Rights; Asian Development Bank; UN-HABITAT; World Bank</p>	<p><b>Implemented by:</b> Asian Coalition for Housing Rights; Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International; Samoa Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment; UN ESCAP - Pacific Operations Center; UN-HABITAT</p> <p><b>CA Monitor:</b> Alex Ricardo Jimenez Cruz</p>	<p><b>Request to CA:</b> \$ 500,000</p> <p><b>Co-Financing:</b> \$ 565,100</p> <p><b>Total Budget:</b> \$ 1,065,100</p>	<p><b>Duration:</b> 24 months</p>

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### **Expected Impacts**

The regional support component will result in greater exposure of policy makers, planners and the like to targeted training and policy dialogue on key urban themes such as CDS and SUS, the development of pragmatic toolkits and dissemination of knowledge management on urban issues and their solutions.

Parallel to this will be a focus on strengthening the capacity of SPC and PICs to better respond to and integrate the PUA into national and regional plans and monitor implementation using quantifiable data.