

Overview of NEMS or equivalent

ACPMEA Result Area
National Capacity building
to implement and report on
MEA commitments –
mainstreaming through the
National Environment
Management Strategy
(NEMS)



Content

- What is NEMS and History?
- Key lessons from past and current NEMS and related planning strategic processes
- Opportunities and way forward





History NEMS

- In the early 1990s, SPREP in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) implemented a project to develop NEMS for all Pacific island countries and territories. It was the first time that national integrated environment strategies were put in place. A total of 14 Environment Management Strategies were produced in 14 Pacific Island Countries.
- The overall **purpose of NEMS** is to allow SPREP member countries to **address environmental issues in a holistic, integrated and systematic way in achieving sustainable development**

2013 – Review of NEMS

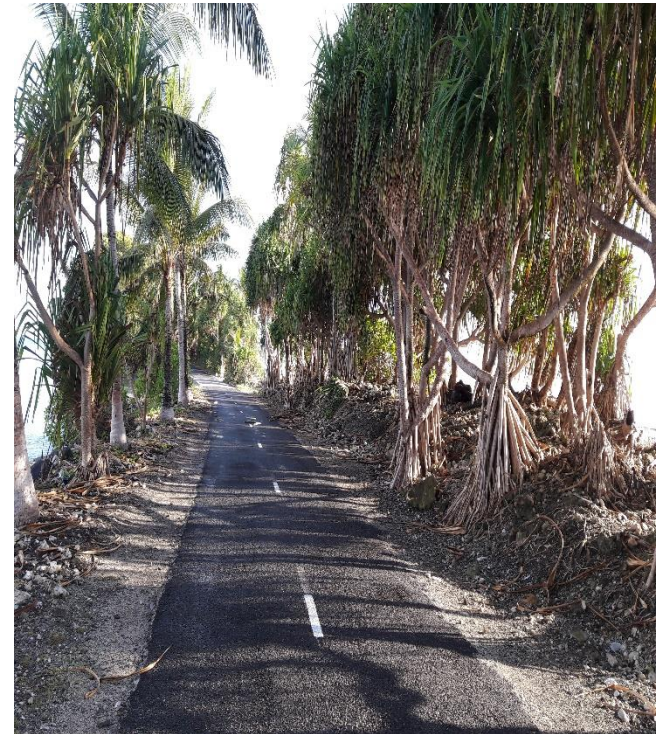
- At the 24th SPREP Meeting in 2013, the Meeting was updated on progress achieved in the Kiribati and Cook Islands which were the two countries where the NEMS was being piloted.
- In **Kiribati the NEMS is referred to as the Kiribati Integrated Environment Policy (KIEP)**, a combined policy and strategic plan that further elaborates on the environment focal area of the Kiribati Development Plan (KDP).
- In the **Cook Islands, NEMS is referred to as the National Environment Strategic Framework (NESF)**.
- **After 2013**, more countries sought the assistance of SPREP to review and develop their NEMs and these were Tuvalu, Fiji, Vanuatu, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Niue, Nauru, Solomon Island, Tonga, Kiribati and FSM.



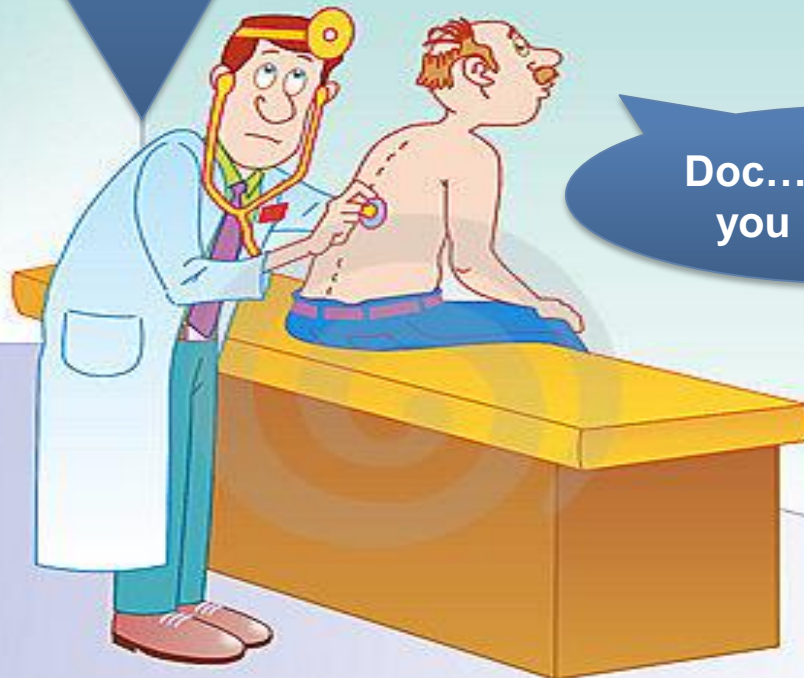
What is Environment Strategic Planning?

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- Simply put, a strategic plan is the formalized road map that describes how your company executes the chosen strategy.
- A plan spells out where an organization is going over the next year or more and how it's going to get there.
- A strategic plan is a management tool that serves the purpose of helping an organization do a better job,



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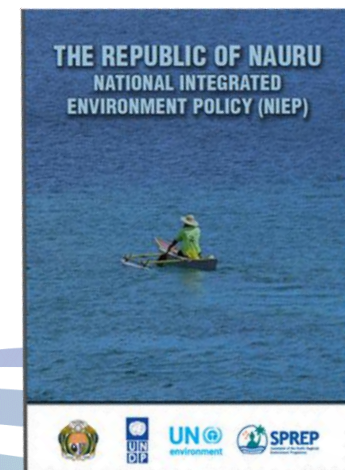
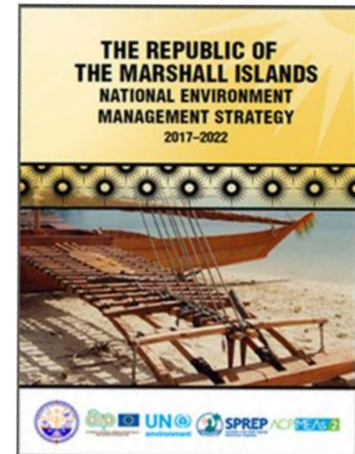
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SOE is The Check Up – NEMS is the Prescription

Rationale for NEMS

- Direction of Environment & input into National Strategic Planning
- Integrate Env. Thematic Area Plans
- Define role of DOE, Ministry, Communities, Partners
- Provide for coordinating mechanisms
- Facilitate enforcement of Env. Laws
- Guidance for DOE National budget
- Help meet national MEA obligations, SDGS, SAMOA
- Guidance to donors of national priorities
- Link and alignment to regional plans – SPREP, PIFS, SPC
- Monitoring and Reporting

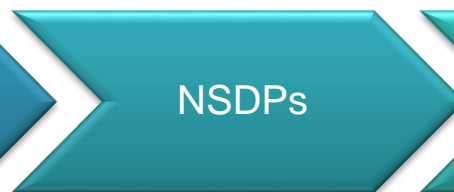
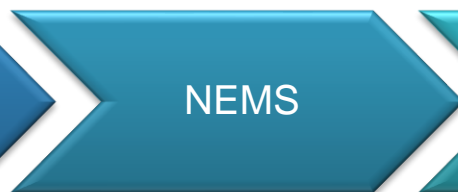
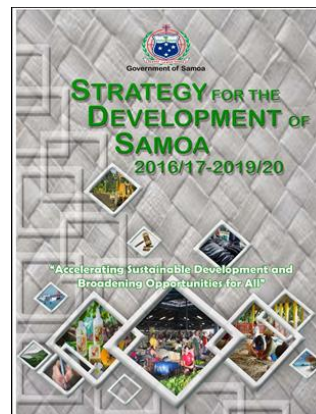
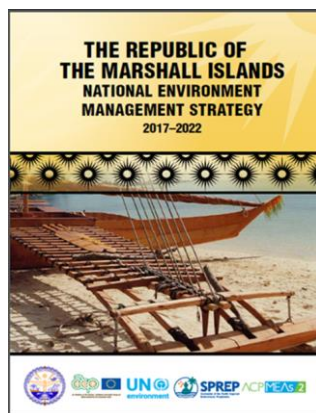
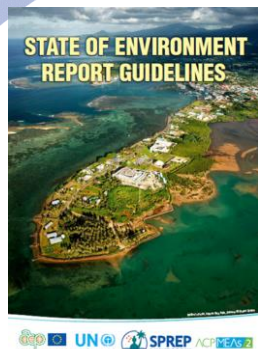


Key Lessons Observations

- Alignment
- Monitoring
- **Mainstreaming**
- Project
Priorities
- Budgeting
- Integration
- Ownership
- Shelved



Our current work on Mainstreaming and Alignment



Environmental Impact Assessment/Strategic Environmental Assessment

Opportunities and Way Forward

- **SPREP Strategic Plan 2017-2026** Regional Goal 4 in terms of Strengthen national sustainable development planning and improve capacities in good environmental governance supported by technical assistance for the development of policy.
- **Executive Board Decision supporting the on-going work on NEMS.**
- **Project Development**
- **Mainstreaming and reporting – Is it really felt at “Local Level”**

Discussion topics – Knowledge Cafe

- a. Examples of how MEA have been mainstreamed into NEMS or equivalent and how it can be effectively monitored?
- b. Examples of how NEMS have been effectively used as policy mechanisms for mainstreaming environment into sector and national development plans; budgeting; link to other sectors
- c. Synergies between NEMS, NSDPs, MEAs, SDGs and SAMOA Pathway – mapping common indicators across these key policy instruments and frameworks; an how NEMS development process can be improved?

Thank You



**What is
the biggest
mistake we
always
make?**