

TONGA CLEARING HOUSE MECHANISM

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NATIONAL OUTCOMES

- Dynamic & knowledge based economy
- Responsive Good Governance with strengthened rule of law.
- Effective land admin & environment management with resilience to climate & risk



DEPARTMENT'S OUTCOMES

- Improve Resilience to extreme natural disasters and impact of climate change.
- Cleaner environment with improved waste recycling.
- Improved use of natural resources for long term flow of benefits
- Improved land use planning, administrations & management for private & public spaces



WHAT IS CHM?

- ❖ Based on the philosophy that broad participation and easy access must be a top priority.
- ❖ Information & knowledge should be easily accessible and widely shared in order to contribute to the implementation of the Convention



CURRENT SITUATION



- ❖ Department of Environment & Climate Change under the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Lands & Natural Resources and we managed to have a Portal which established in 2014.
- ❖ This portal was installed by GIZ Project to Climate Change Division as one of their output in related to share of Climate Change Resilience
- ❖ Use that portal for sharing of our information regarding NBSAP



CHALLENGES

- ❖ Government reform from the last election in 2014
- ❖ Ministry has changed to new Ministry (MEIDECC)
- ❖ Department of Climate Change moved to another office
- ❖ Taken their server with them therefore we have lack of access to the portal



AWARENESS PROGRAM

- ❖ Television & Radio Program once a month
- ❖ School Visits
- ❖ Community Consultation



STRATEGIC VISIONS

- ❖ Increased training locally & overseas on how to update information on Portal.
- ❖ Should establish our own portal through Government & external supports in order to assist us with sharing of our NBSAP information.
- ❖ Need quality staff monitor and evaluate this work consistently
- ❖ Line Ministries related to NBSAP should work corporately in sharing information from their own Ministry to the portal.
- ❖ NBSAP TWG should consistently meet once a month to update information on NBSAP



COOPERATION & SUPPORT.

- ❖ SPREP & CBD should help us in promoting and facilitate technical & scientific cooperation, knowledge sharing and information exchange.
- ❖ Need technical assistance from SPREP and local expertise to our Information Staff on how to upload information on Portal.
- ❖ Coordination among the relevant Ministries including non-govt organization are very important in this work.
- ❖ Government should also commit to the establishment of our Portal in order to assist us with sharing our Biodiversity information effectively and successfully.



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