Some Lessons Learned for Climate Information Services

- Focus on integrated climate-society system
- Decision-makers interested in information on a continuum of timescales
- Early & continuous partnership with users essential
- Collaborative, participatory process with users
- Problem-focused approach
- Address both process *and* products
- Build on existing systems, institutions, programs, relationships & networks

Emergence of a Pacific Climate Information System (PaCIS): Lessons Learned & Future Plans

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PaCIS Vision

Resilient and sustainable Pacific communities using climate information to manage risks and support practical decision-making in the context of climate variability and change.

PaCIS Mission

- Clarify climate information needs and guide monitoring, research, forecasting and assessment
- Provide access to critical data, research and new climate information products and services
- Translate research and assessment results into useful and usable climate information
- Interpret global and regional climate forecasts for local applications
- Enhance regional and local capabilities to manage risks and support sustainable development in the context of climate variability and change
- Enhance collaboration among national, regional and international institutions and programs

PaCIS Program Elements

- Education, Outreach and User Information
- Operational Products and Services
- Research and assessment to enhance resilience

Emergence of PaCIS: Next Steps and Timeline

- Prepare *Draft* Implementation Plan (Spring 2006)
- Convene Regional Steering Committee and Working Groups (Summer 2006)
- Steering Committee & Working Groups complete Initial Implementation Plan (Fall 2006)