



FIJI PRIORITIES AND DEMANDS (GREEN GROWTH CONTEXT)

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FIJI COUNTRY PROFILE

- Land area of 18,270 km²
- 332 islands of which approximately 110 are inhabited.
- Coastline is approximately 1,129km and the terrain is mostly mountains of volcanic origin.
- Climate is tropical marine, and there is only slight seasonal temperature variation.
- Capital - Suva (on the island of Viti Levu). It is located at: 18°08' South, 178°25' East (geographic coordinates) and UTC+12 (the Date Line passing through the country).
- The total population is estimated at 918,675 (2007).



MAJOR SECTORS

- Tourism
- Sugar
- Energy
- Mineral water
- Mining
- Copra
- Electricity
- Fish
- Garments
- Timber,
- building and construction.



DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

○ Past

- Grow First, Clean up Later Policy
- Resulting in environmental pollution, economic and social instability, and health risks

○ Way Forward -Green Growth

- Strategy ensures environmental and economic sustainability



GG INITIATIVES

- Establishing sound legislation, regulation and standardization framework;
- Optimization of the industrial structure, including improvements of energy consumption and use of high quality and alternative energy;
- Promoting improvements of technological processes for energy efficiency and recycling/ environmentally sound technologies;
- Improving energy consumption management;
- Developing appropriate incentive policies;
- Developing new tools and mechanism such as energy efficiency labeling and energy and water conservation product certification to guide and provide sustainable consumption choices for consumers.
 - FOCUS OF GG IS ON LOW-CARBON INITIATIVES



GREEN GROWTH IN FIJI

- Green Growth is slowly being adopted by many sectors in Fiji

E.G.

- Energy
- Tourism
- Environment (supporting Green Growth)



GREEN GROWTH ALIGNED PROGRAMMES

1. ENERGY SECTOR

- Currently 66% Renewable energy
- 34% Diesel Generators

Small component of community use biodiesel, and rural communities are provided Solar Home Systems



ENERGY SECTOR APPROACHES

- Energy Efficient Operations
- Full Utilization of Energy
- No Wastage or leakage of energy



FOSSIL FUEL

- A major pollutant is Oil – sea ports and harbors, soils, bus stations, drainage systems, etc.

PRUDENT THAT THIS FUEL IS PHASED OUT AND REPLACED BY RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES.



2. TOURISM SECTOR

- Tourism Fiji and key players have aligned resources with Clay Engineering & Australian based energy efficiency equipment supplier XDX Australia – under the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) Project

To help advance Fiji as a low carbon tourist destination –
long term benefits to communities

Focus is on energy efficient technologies and small scale renewable energy sources across destinations



3. ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATIONS / POLICIES

Environment Management Act 2005

coupled with the regulations

- Environment Impacts Assessment Regulations 2007
- Waste Disposal and Recycling Regulations 2007
- National Waste Management Strategies (Solid, Liquid, Air)
 - ▶ **Conditions / Terms of Reference/ Strategies are in line with Green Growth Concepts – specifically for new developments and operational facilities Fiji wide.**



3. ENVIRONMENT LEGISLATIONS / POLICIES

- Endangered and Protected Species Act 1992
- Ozone Depleting Substance Act 1998 and its Regulations 2012
- Litter (amendment) Decree 2010



PROGRAMME/ACTIVITIES

- **State of the Environment Report (under review – data collection and verification). The report will be used to finalize the National Environment Strategy.**
- **Environment Data is available for Thematic areas such as Management of Waste: Waste Generation/household, tonnages of waste collected and disposed at the landfill.**
- **Permitting Systems in place and the Department is in the process of setting-up a database for such programs.**
- **Recycling Programs in place and data on recycling rate is available where Master Solid Waste Management Plan is in place for Municipal Councils.**
- **Projects: Container Deposit Legislation, Plastic Bags Incentive, National Waste Oil Stewardship System (Levy).**
- **Feasibility studies - Environmental Tax for sustainable waste management system.**
- **Green Town Program**
 - Competition for Municipal Councils



CONCLUSION

- Green Growth is certainly a great challenge for Fiji, considering the financial losses, however, it is a challenge that is welcomed by Fiji for long term gain for the purposes of
 - Sustainable Economic Growth
 - Healthy Environment
 - Well Being of all!





THANK YOU

