Future of Work for Climate Resilience in the Pacific Islands

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• Climate Action Pacific Partnership *Working Group on Just Transition (JT) & Decent Work* (Fiji, 2017)

• Big Ocean States – *BOS Knowledge Sharing Platform on JT & Climate Resilience* (Apia, 2018)

• ILO project to strengthen *workers and employers social dialogue for climate action and SDGs* in the Pacific (2019-2020)

• *Pacific knowledge products & green financing Alliances*: MoU ILO-SPREP (2018); Pacific Policy Brief (2019)
Vulnerable employment in selected Blue Pacific Big Ocean States by gender, 2018
Sector-based *actions* for adaptation to CC in the Blue Pacific Big Ocean States (BOS)

- **Agriculture diversification**: growing cabbage (Nassau Island in Cook I); growing taro in dry areas (Palau)
- **Green Tourism Financing**: Pristine Paradise Environmental Fee (Palau)
- **Waste Management Climate Proofing**: Solid waste management project in 9 Blue Ocean BOS
- **Targeting 100% Renewable Energy by 2020**: promoting solar mini-grids in rural communities (Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu)
- **Preserving Fisheries Stock**: ban on commercial fishing (Palau)
## JT & DW scenarios in the Blue Pacific BOS

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Emerging Strategies for Climate Resilience

1. Design actions for *local job creation* in all donor-funded projects

2. Develop business engagement pathways for *green industry involvement in TVET curriculum development*

3. *Measure progress on just transition sector plans*

4. Consider *Green Jobs Act* related legislation

5. Prioritize *skills development of local talent* in donor-funding projects.
Breaking-up silos and circularity: from this...

- Climate Infrastructure Investments
- Low local Green Jobs Impact
- Physical Infrastructure
- Skilled & High Skilled Workforce
- International Recruitment & Consulting Firms
...to developing Pacific BOS Green Talent Infrastructure...
Thank you

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