

The UNDP Pacific Centre Input to the Mauritius Strategy +5 Review

The UNDP Pacific Centre has provided policy advisory services, capacity building and institutional strengthening for MDG achievement and poverty reduction, sustainable livelihoods including the promotion of financial inclusion and strengthening the environment for the private sector, HIV/AIDS, energy and environment, democratic governance and crisis prevention and recovery.

The Centre does not have dedicated or specific SIDS unit but each of the three thematic teams in the Centre (MDG Achievement and Poverty Reduction; Crisis Prevention and Recovery and Democratic Governance) all have MDGs, MSI and sustainable development mainstreamed into team work-programmes. The Centre has supported a number of MSI related initiatives/activities; specifically the Centre has participated in the Sustainable Development Working Group established by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) in support of the implementation of the Pacific Plan.

The Centre supported ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre in providing peer review services for the MSI+5 Review Report discussed in the Pacific MSI workshop in February 2010.

The Centre has developed strong working relationships with the South Pacific Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) in the areas of DRR and DRM and has worked closely with individual PICs to implement DRR/DRM strategies.. In late 2009 the Centre provided support to the development of early recovery programmes in Samoa and Tonga following the tsunamis which hit the two countries in September.

The Centre works closely with Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) in relation to statistics and social development, especially in the measurement and monitoring of poverty indicators and HIV/AIDS respectively.

The Centre participated in a joint UNDP/ESCAP/UNICEF mission to support the review of the Nauru NSDS and the full integration of the MDGs into the plan.

The E&E specialist in the Centre provides technical backstopping on energy and environment matters to the UNDP Country Offices and to GEF regional projects.

The Centre has also been a leader in support to strengthening aid-effectiveness in PICs (in support of the Cairns Compact, Accra and the Pacific and Paris Principles of aid effectiveness), as well as in the monitoring and development of policy responses to the impact of the global economic crisis on the people of the Pacific.