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Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

**CONS-O-1**

Number and size of information events organized on the subject of desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity, and audience reached by media addressing DLDD and DLDD synergies

**Global target**

Percentage of population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

30 %

2018

**National contribution to the global target**

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

60

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

**Voluntary national target**

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

70

%

Year

2016

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

**Information events**

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	11	220
2013	12	220
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

**Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events**

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	46	1000
2013	50	1100
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

**Sources of information**

DAFF Fortnightly Radio Program, Environment Department Radio Program, Health Dept. Radio Program

National Local News on TV

Meteorological Services, Niue Climate Outlook (NCO-issued Monthly), Media Releases on El-Nino

National Consultations , Environment Department, Agriculture Department, Health Department , Met Office

**Qualitative assessment**

Does your country have a national communication strategy addressing DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity in place?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Strategy, activities relating to the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification, etc.):

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

Draft Water Resource Management Communication Strategy, Communication Strategy for Niue - Convention of Biological Diversity, Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change - Niue Project Communication Strategy, FAO- Forestry Protected Area Management Project Communication Strategy



Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

Qualitative  
assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the participation of CSOs and STIs in DLDD-related programmes and projects? Yes  No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes.

Community Centred Development Projects - FAO Tele-food Community programs, Sustainable Farming Practices-Organic Farming Practices- NIOFA, Vanilla Production Project, Department of Agriculture Village Visits and Consultation Programs.

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

**CONS-O-4**

Number and type of DLDD-related initiatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) in the field of education

**Global target**

A steady growth in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy

National contribution to the global target: number of DLDD-related initiatives implemented by CSOs and STIs in the field of education

Year	Number of CSOs initiatives	Number of STIs initiatives
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	13	1
2013	13	1
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

UNDP- Community Centred Sustainable Development Projects - Tuapa and Hakupu Villages(2)
GCCA/USP - EU Village pilot project sites - Makefu, Tamakautoga and Avatele Villages (3)
NIOFA - Niue Island Organic Farmers Association Mandate(1-DAFF)
FAO-Telefood Community Projects(6 -DAFF Umbrella)
Sustainable Land Management Project(1)

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs, per biennium

%

5

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives in the education sector implemented by CSOs and STIs?

Yes

No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education.

STI - Niue High School Science and Horticulture Department- Sustainable Farming Methods incorporated into practical lessons in school curriculum and garden.
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**CONS-0-5**

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have finalized the formulation/ revision of national, subregional and regional action programmes (NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs) aligned to The Strategy, taking into account biophysical and socio-economic information, national planning and policies, and integration into investment frameworks

**Global target**

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities that have formulated/ revised a NAP/SRAP/RAP aligned to The Strategy

≥ 80 %

2018

**National contribution to the global target**

Does your country have a NAP aligned to the Strategy?

Yes

No

**Qualitative assessment**

Is your NAP being implemented?

Yes

No

Please answer the following two questions only if your country has not aligned the NAP to the Strategy

**Voluntary national target**

When do you plan to align your NAP to the Strategy?

2014-2015

2016-2017

2018-2019

No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

**Qualitative assessment**

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., national circumstances affecting the NAP alignment and implementation process)

Lack of capacity to carry out the NAP Alignment process. Lack of funding for the implementing process. Areas of priority of Government are focused on other areas other than DLDD issues.

**Sources of information**

- Integrated Water Resource Management Project Document
- Climate Change Projects - Joint National Action Plan, PACC - Pacific Adaptation Climate Change Project
- DAFF Corporate Plan, Environment Corporate Plan, Meteorology Corporate Plan
- CBD-NBSAP -National Biodiversity Action Program
- NIOFA - Niue Island Organic Farming Association
- Invasive Species Project - Environment
- Forestry Protected Area and Management Project, Forestry Management Plan, National Forest Policy
- FAO - Country Program Framework, Secretariat of Pacific Community Joint-Country Strategy
- Niue National Strategic Plan 2009-2013
- Sustainable Land Management Project Document
- Niue National Strategic Plan (NNSP)



**CONS-O-7**

Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, at all levels

**Global target**

Each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place or functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio conventions

2014

**National contribution to the global target**

Was your country implementing joint planning/programming initiatives for the three Rio conventions in the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Were there any operational mechanisms that facilitated joint implementation of the three Rio Conventions during the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Please answer the following questions if your country has such initiatives or mechanisms in place

**Qualitative assessment**

If your country has initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions, specify the type of joint initiative(s):

Evaluation of national plans and identification of gaps in synergies

Identification of national sectors and policies that could benefit from synergies and cooperation

Review of national policies to enhance cooperation and synergies

Enhancement of the institutional and scientific capacities and awareness of relevant stakeholders

Other (please describe below):

**Qualitative assessment**

If your country has mechanisms for joint implementation, specify the type of mechanism(s):

Regular meetings between focal points and focal point teams of the Rio conventions

A national coordinating committee for the implementation of the Rio conventions

National coordination on synergies in reporting under the Rio conventions

Other (please describe below):

Provide any complementary information as needed:

Niue National Action Plan to combat desertification and land degradation.

Niue National Report to address desertification and land degradation

Niue National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan

Joint National Action Plan - Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Policy (JNAP)

**Sources of information**

**CONS-0-8** Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have established and supported a national/subregional/regional monitoring system for DLDD

<b>Global target</b>	Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD	≥ 60 %	2018
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**National contribution to the global target**

Is a monitoring system specifically dedicated to DLDD established in your country? Yes  No

If yes, is the monitoring system regularly updated and functional? Yes  No

Please answer the following questions if your country has not established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD by the end of the current reporting period

**Voluntary national target**

When does your country plan to establish and support a national monitoring system for DLDD?

2014-2015	<input type="checkbox"/>
2016-2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
2018-2019	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Plan Yet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

**Sources of information**

National Meteorological Service
Department of Environment.

**Qualitative assessment**

Does your country have a monitoring system partially covering DLDD? Yes  No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, how the system is being supported, etc.):

Rely heavily on monitoring data provided by the Niue Meteorological Service. i.e Drought Monitoring using SCOPIC Software (Seasonal Climate Outlook for Pacific Island Countries). Difficulties in understanding scientific data other than those trained specifically in this field and also securing long term funding support for monitoring system.

**Knowledge-sharing systems**

List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system in your country, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system:	Met Office Climate Outlook
Internet link:	E Mail: metoffice.staff@mail.gov.nu
Estimated number of users per year:	1000

Name of the system:	Climate Change Portal-SPREP
Internet link:	www.pacificclimatechange.net\
Estimated number of users per year:	1000

Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

**CONS-0-10**

Number of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs reflecting knowledge of DLDD drivers and their interactions, and of the interaction of DLDD with climate change and biodiversity

**Global target**

Percentage of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs that have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment.

≥ 70 %

2018

**CONS-O-13**

Number of countries, subregional and regional reporting entities engaged in building capacity to combat DLDD on the basis of the National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) or other methodologies and instruments

**Global target**

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that implement DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects

≥ 90 %

**National contribution to the global target**

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA?

Yes

No

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of other methodologies and instruments to assess national capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed

Capacity Building for Sustainable Land Management Programs are built into the Department of Agriculture Corporate Plan and Annual Work plans. This will be ongoing.

**Sources of information**

Sustainable Land Management Project Document

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Corporate Plan

Niue Island Agriculture Sector Plan

**Qualitative assessment**

Has your country assessed DLDD-related capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Did you country receive technical and/or financial assistance to build capacities to combat DLDD?

Yes

No

From which institutions and which type of assistance was provided?

Financial

Technical

UNCCD Secretariat

Global Mechanism

Global Environment Facility

Bilateral agencies

Other multilateral organizations

**CONS-O-14**

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities whose investment frameworks, established within the integrated financing strategy (IFS) devised by the Global Mechanism (GM) or within other IFSs, reflect leveraging national, bilateral and multilateral resources to combat DLDD

**Global target**

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have developed integrated investment frameworks (IIFs)

≥ 50 %

2014

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have an integrated investment framework?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g. is the IIF based on the NAP; non-traditional and innovative financing targeted by the IIF; overview of the progress in implementing the IIF in your country; assistance received in the development or implementation of the IIF from the GM or other development partners, etc.)

Sources of information

Treasury and Finance Department

Please answer the following questions only if your country has not developed an IIF by the end of the reporting period

Voluntary national target

When does your country plan to establish an IIF?

2014-2015

2016-2017

2018-2019

No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

**CONS-O-16**

Degree of adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources made available by developed country Parties to combat DLDD

Rating of the bilateral assistance received for the implementation of the Convention and its Strategy during the reporting period

Adequacy of bilateral assistance received	Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not adequate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Timeliness of bilateral assistance received	Timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly timely	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Not timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>		
Predictability of bilateral assistance received	Predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly predictable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Not predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>

Provide any complementary information (e.g., additional information on other aspects beyond those mentioned above which impact proper planning and effective implementation of the Convention in your country, etc.)

Delay in receiving funds for implementation of project activities, Lengthy Reporting processes. Lack of human capacity and resources to carry out specific activities under Convention. DLDD issues are not on the current priority list of Government. No funds or budget set aside specifically dedicated for DLDD issues in country.

Qualitative assessment

Did your country receive assistance in raising resources from bilateral donors? Yes  No

If yes, from whom?

NZAID, EU, AUSAID

**CONS-0-18**

Amount of financial resources and type of incentives which have enabled access to technology by affected country Parties

**Global target**

A steady growth in the financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by affected country Parties is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

A steady growth in the number of economic and policy incentives reported upon is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

National contribution to the target: estimated amount of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	NZD - New Zealand Dollar	180000
2013	NZD - New Zealand Dollar	180000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Has your country established economic and policy incentives intended to facilitate access to technology? Yes  No

Sources of information

Agriculture Department - Crop Development and SLM Division Re-current Budget

Voluntary national target

Percentage increase of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by a given year %      Year  
5      2016

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

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Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., a short overview of specific aspects and the nature of technology transfer in your country, aspects in which there is a need to increase the level of technology transfer, etc.)

The Need for increase level of Technology Transfer at all levels and ensuring that technology transfer and scientific developments are shared by all major stakeholders. Need for Improved innovative technology through mobilizing appropriate financial resources.
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Identification

Identification code

Enter the Identification Code (ID), number or acronym given to the activity funded (if known)

Name of the activity funded

Enter the name or title of the activity, project, programme, organization or initiative



Reporting process-related issues

Financial resources

Could your country count on sufficient financial resources to meet UNCCD reporting obligations? Yes  No

Provide an estimate of the amount invested from your country's national budget into the current UNCCD reporting process

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	NZD - New Zealand Dollar	80000
2013	NZD - New Zealand Dollar	80000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Human resources

Provide an estimate of the people involved in your country in the UNCCD reporting process, and of the total number of months dedicated by these persons to the reporting process

Year	Number of people	Number of months
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	10	2
2013	10	2
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Knowledge

Could your country count on sufficient technical and scientific knowledge to meet UNCCD reporting obligations? Yes  No

If no, describe the main reasons and the difficulties encountered

Lack in capacity. Need for further training and capacity building .

Coordination

Was coordination at the national level with the relevant line ministries satisfactory in order to report comprehensively and coherently? Yes  No

Participation and consultation

Was a participatory or consultative approach applied to involve all relevant stakeholders in the reporting process? Yes  No

Validation

Was a validation meeting held as a part of the reporting process? Yes  No

Subregional and regional processes

Did your country cooperate with the entities entrusted with preparing the subregional and regional action programme reports? Yes  No

Accommodation of specific requests within decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties

Reporting on specific COP requests: iterative process on indicators

Tick the boxes only if you have experienced difficulties in reporting on one or more performance indicator(s). When doing so, place the tick mark under the e-SMART criterion for which the difficulty occurred.

	Economic	Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Relevant	Time-bound
CONS-0-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other country-specific issues

Does your country have any specific issue to bring to the attention of the Conference of the Parties? Yes  No

If yes, please specify under which of the following broad categories it can be classified

- Policy, legislative and/or institutional framework
- Capacity-building and awareness-raising
- Desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research
- Funding/resource mobilization
- Knowledge management and decision-making support
- Participation, collaboration and networking
- Reporting and review process
- Other

Please describe below:

In addressing all DLDD issues within country, funding and resource mobilisation seems to be the most important factor that controls or influences the implementation of most activities. There is a need for and Integrated Investment Framework in place that supports all areas of DLDD issues at all levels of society. Policy and institutional framework also plays a critical role that needs to be strengthened and the need for capacity building in the field of SLM, monitoring and assessment/research related activities. Reporting and review process also needs to be strengthened and to be built into all National priorities within country.

## Submission form

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