Rural Livelihoods and Community Development in the Pacific Islands: Empowerment, Partnership, Policy and Action

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Presentation Outline

- Going around in circles: A Recap of SIDS
- The FSPI Network
- Empowerment, partnership and engagement
- Policy and Action: The two Ice Cream Cones
Empowerment, Partnership, Engagement

- a genuine re-commitment to a bottom-up approach that empowers people in an inclusive and participatory manner;
- sound partnerships that will require substantial amendments to how the UN conceives of itself and does business; and
- recognition that genuine policy dialogue, engagement and action are key to the SIDS Action Strategy in general and sustainable rural livelihoods in particular.
**SIDS on the UN Agenda: From Rio to Apia 1992-2005: Going Full Circle**

**Rio, 1992**
- SIDS put on international agenda at Agenda 21 emerged as global blueprint for sustainable Development
- Agreement to hold inaugural SIDS conference

**Mauritius, 2004**
- Barbados POA reviewed
- Action Strategy Emerged
- Need for greater commitment to implementation of AS

**Barbados, 1994**
- SIDS Programme of Action
  - Consensus on SIDS special needs
  - Agreement on climate change
  - Donor commitment to fund POA
  - Recognition of need to commit resources and integrate SIDS POA into development plans

**Apia 2005**
- Ministerial Meeting
  - Agrees to Integrate AS into national development plans (as per Barbados)

**Linking Policy with Action for Sustainable Community Livelihoods**

**Policy**

- National Governments
- The Private Sector
- Local Governments & Municipalities
- Civil Society
- Consumers

**Action**

- Community Based Organisations.
- NGOs, Churches, Trade Unions, Etc.

**Need to Establish Effective Communication Links**

**United Nations and its Agencies**
- UNDP
- UNICEF
- WHO
- WFP
- UNFPA
- UNEP
- UNIDO
- World Bank
- IMF

**Donor Agencies**
- USAID
- AUSAID
- DFID
- NZAID

**Forum Regional and Crop Agencies**
- FAO
- COPAC
- ILO

**International & Regional NGOs**

**Civil Society Groups**