Climate and SDG Finance in the case of Tonga

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

❖ **Population: 100,179 (2021 Census)**

❖ **5 island groups: total 747 km/square (about 288 sq miles)**

❖ **EEZ: 659,558 km/square**
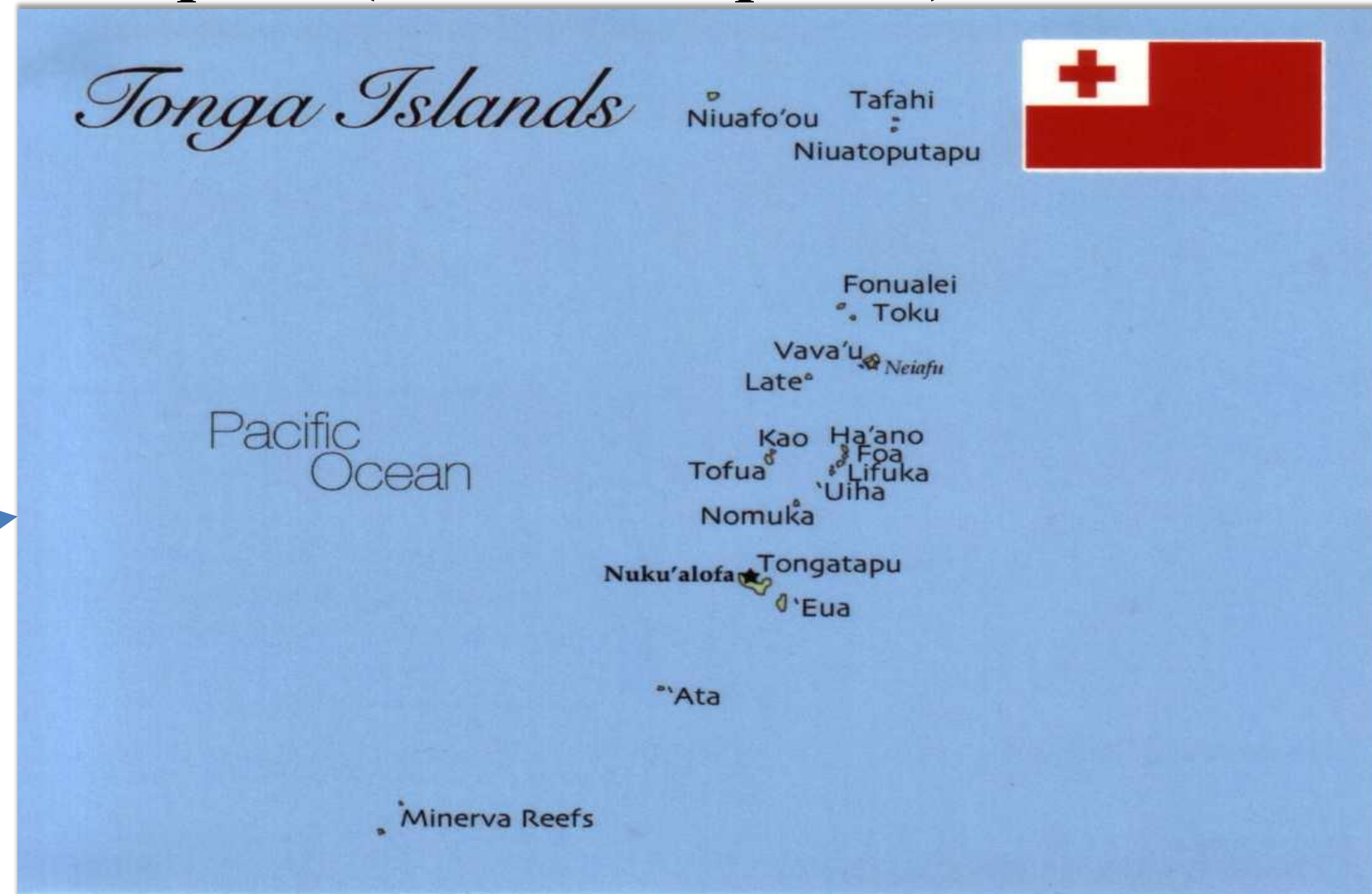
The Cascading system and implementation

7 *National* Outcomes

- N.O.A : Dynamic, knowledge-based economy

- N.O.A : Balanced urban & rural development across island groups

- N.O.A : Empowering human development with Gender equality

- N.O.A : Responsive good governance with strengthened rule of law

- N.O.A : Successful provision & maintenance of infrastructure & technology

- N.O.A : Effective land & environment management, with resilience to Climate & Risk

- N.O.A Consistent advancement of our external interests, security and Sovereignty
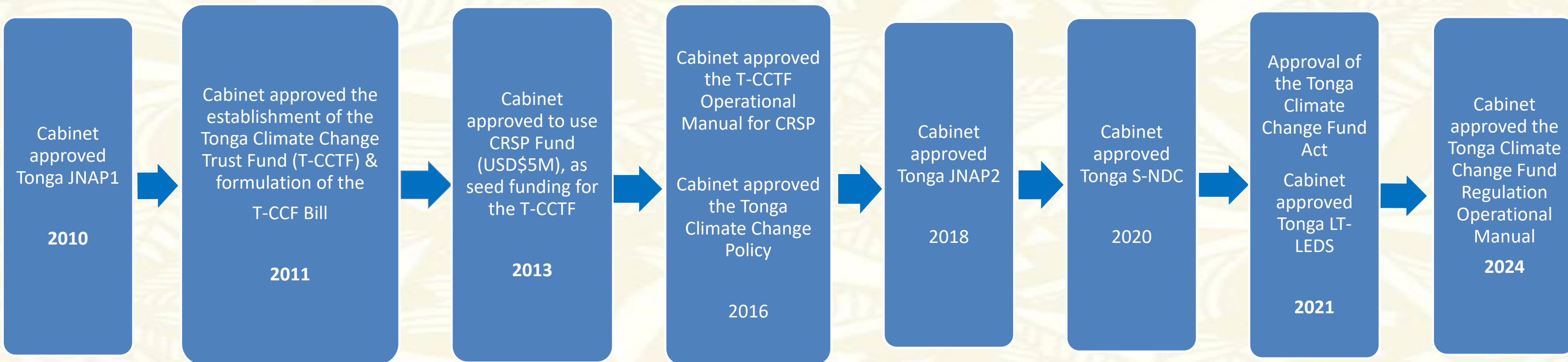
Tonga's progress SDG Wheel: 2019

Tonga's progress SDG Wheel: 2023

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TONGA CLIMATE CHANGE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

❖ **Tonga Climate Change Fund Act 2021**

❖ **Tonga Climate Change Fund Regulations 2024**

❖ **Operational Manual for the Tonga Climate Change Fund**

❖ **Tonga Climate Change Policy, A resilient Tonga by 2035**

❖ **Joint National Action Plan II (Adaptation and Mitigation)**

NDC targets Progress

NDC Targets	Means	Progress
13% (16Gg) reduetion in GHG emmissions from energy by 2030 compared to 2006	70% renewable energy by 2030	Renewable Energy generation has reached 27%
Identification of GHG emission target for AFOLU for 2025 NDC	Establishment of a forest inventory	In progress (MAFF and MLNRS)
Planting 1 million trees by 2023	National tree planting	Target achieved
Identify GHG target for 2025 NDC	Expand formal waste collection system	In progress (DoE and WAL)
30% of land utilized for agro-forestry or forestry by 2025	Tree planting	Verification of land cover ongoing
Prevent permanent loss of land to rising seal level	Expand SMAs to 30% of Tonga's EEZ	In progress with MPA expansion reaching 30%
Maintenance of existing stock of fish and other marine species		

CHALLENGES

❖ How indicators link from the lower levels up to the national levels

❖ Coherent policy making

❖ Strengthen MEL framework

❖ Data availability and sharing

❖ Political will and influence

❖ Budget availability/constraints

❖ Integration/awareness of NGO, Civil Society, Private Sector and Community

❖ Climate Budget Tagging

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