

# **PIRAS: It's role in capacity building including for resilience in agriculture to Climate Change**

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## Four points of presentation

1. Changing context re extension & rural advisory service?
2. Who we are?
3. What we do?
4. What role we have in Capacity building re resilience in agriculture to Climate Change?



# 1. Changing face of research & extension

- Extension and research play critical role for efficient agricultural development
- Increasing demands for expanded role for extension
- Pluralistic but the challenge of coordination
- Often working in isolation of one another due to capacity and demands
- Increasing realisation of the role of ICT in service delivery
- Funding - <5% of national budget (project based)
- Capacity Needs (ACIAR & SPC, 2009)



## 2. Who we are: Regional Initiative to Support Innovations

In 2005, Pacific Islands Extension Network (PIEN) was formed, endorsed by HOAFS/MOAF in 2009

- The Apia R&E Forum agreed on a number of actions to strengthening PIRAS:
  - Revival of PIEN, renamed to Pacific Islands Rural Advisory Services (PIRAS) network;
  - PIRAS Board representing the 3 subregions, private sector, universities, FOs, research institutions, international linkages
  - Development of a Regional extension strategy (RES);
  - Agreed to establish an e-platform of key contacts and institutions, including research priorities from the meeting;
  - Agreed to establish an inventory of current and past research projects in the region.



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- PIRAS is a platform for professional development and networking among its members and other regional and global networks
- The **vision** of PIRAS is to promote Extension Excellence for Prosperous and Resilient Communities in PICTs.
- The **mission** of PIRAS is to provide advocacy and leadership on research and extension to meet sustainable livelihoods for PICTs.



# Functions

- **PIRAS will focus on:**
  - Provide a voice and representation of PIRAS members at both regional and international forums to promote improved investment in RAS for the Pacific;
  - Support and develop the synthesis of evidence-based approaches and policies for improving the effectiveness of RAS;
  - Strengthen the network of national actors and fora in RAS through facilitating interaction and networking and sharing of best practices;
  - Collect, collate, inventory/store research results (and translate to meaningful form) and disseminate information on RAS in the region;
  - Maintain and enhance PIRAS links with national, regional and global agencies, institutions, organisations.



# Membership

- Governed by Board, representation from the 3 Pacific Subregions, Universities, Farmer organizations, Private Sector, Research Institutions, and International linkages;
- Membership is open to national RAS providers and other stakeholders in the Pacific;
- Other interested individuals, organisations and or networks may also become members of PIRAS;
- National focal points and ad hoc working groups will need to be appointed.



# Global Networks and Linkages



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