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ACRONYMS

Acronym	Full Term
AT	Assistive Technology
CBID	Community-Based Inclusive Development
COSP	Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
CROP	Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
DRM	Disaster Risk Management
FRDP	Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific
GESI	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
INGOs	International Non-Governmental Organisations
MEL	Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
MOI	Means of Implementation
MOU / MOUs	Memorandum / Memoranda of Understanding
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
OPDs	Organisations of Persons with Disabilities
PDF	Pacific Disability Forum
PIFS	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
PLGED	Revitalised Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration
PRED	Pacific Roadmap for Economic Development
FRDP	Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific
PACREF	Pacific Regional Education Framework
RCA / RCAs	Regional Collective Action(s)
SPC	Pacific Community
UN	United Nations



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Refreshed Pacific Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities sets the regional strategic direction and collective commitment for advancing disability equity and human rights across the Pacific. It aligns with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and is part of the regional architecture supporting the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent (2050 Strategy).

It identifies five priority Change Areas where collective action is required to drive transformational change:

- Sector and Human Rights Strengthening;
- Preconditions for Disability Inclusion;
- Leadership and Ownership;
- Enabling Environment; and
- Knowledge and Evidence.

Each Change Area is supported by clear Systems and People Outcomes, to be achieved through defined Pathways. Transformative Actions under each Pathway provide practical guidance for implementation, supporting the translation of commitments into meaningful change and greater equity for persons with disabilities throughout the region.

The Refreshed Framework centres the voices, lived experience and leadership of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations (OPDs), recognising their vital role in shaping and driving inclusive development. It is intended to be implemented through shared ownership and action across governments, OPDs, regional organisations, CSOs and development partners, and through its integration within national and regional systems, including policies, strategies and programming.

The Refreshed Framework recognises that lasting equity will not come through increased activity alone. Transformation and strengthening of systems is needed to address the drivers of exclusion for persons with disability, and this includes greater accountability and sustained, coordinated efforts at national and regional levels. As a living and operational framework, it guides planning, implementation and monitoring to ensure persons with disabilities can fully realise their rights and participate equitably in resilient and inclusive development.



Every child deserves an education, no matter their ability or disability. Photo: UNICEF Pacific



FOREWORD



Across the Blue Pacific Continent, persons with disabilities are leaders, knowledge holders and vital contributors to the resilience and future of our communities. Their full participation is essential to the promise of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent: a Pacific where all people live free, healthy and productive lives.

The 2050 Strategy and this refreshed Framework present a defining opportunity to build a Pacific where inclusion is designed into our systems from the start - where development, climate action, disaster resilience, health, education, technology and governance are shaped with and by persons with disabilities. They invite us to move beyond removing barriers after they appear, and instead transform the way our institutions plan, invest and deliver so that dignity, accessibility and participation are embedded in everyday life.

Building on the Pacific Regional Strategy on Disability 2010-2015 and the Pacific Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2016-2025, this Framework carries forward hard-won progress in CRPD ratification, disability leadership, OPD participation and regional awareness. It now calls us to go further - from programmes to systems, from consultation to shared leadership, and from aspiration to accountability.

Guided by Pacific values and the principle of nothing about us without us, the Framework places persons with disabilities and their representative organisations at the centre of implementation, advocacy and accountability. It gives priority to those facing intersecting forms of discrimination, including women, children, older persons, people with psychosocial, intellectual, sensory or other disabilities, and communities in Smaller Island States, remote, rural and outer island settings.

This is not only a framework for disability inclusion. It is a framework for a stronger Pacific - one where policies, services, institutions and partnerships are designed with and for all people, and where every person can contribute to and benefit from development.

We acknowledge with deep respect the leadership of persons with disabilities and OPDs in shaping this Framework, and the contributions of Members, regional bodies, civil society, faith-based organisations, the private sector and development partners who have advanced this common journey.

Together, we commit to a Pacific where inclusion is no longer an aspiration, but a lived reality; where persons with disabilities lead, participate and thrive; and where our collective future is shaped by dignity, equity and human rights for all.

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Baron Divavesi Waqa
Secretary General



VISION FOR A DISABILITY INCLUSIVE BLUE PACIFIC CONTINENT BY 2050

The vision set out in the 2050 Strategy is for a “resilient Pacific region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity that ensures all Pacific peoples can lead free, healthy and productive lives”. This vision affirms that the wellbeing, participation and leadership of persons with disabilities are integral to the strength of Pacific communities and the realisation of collective aspirations.

Across the Pacific, persons with disabilities continue to face persistent and systemic barriers that limit their full participation in society. These barriers are further compounded for the most marginalised groups of persons with disabilities. Sustainable and resilient development across the Pacific depends on removing these barriers and nurturing strong leadership, governance, and decision-making that promotes disability equity and inclusion. A region that enables persons with disabilities to participate fully is a region that is more just, cohesive and prepared to meet challenges, including those related to changes in social, political, economic and environmental settings.

Therefore, the **Vision** for a Disability Inclusive Blue Pacific Continent by 2050 is:

“A Blue Pacific Continent where persons with disabilities in all their diversity can fully realise their human rights, exercise leadership, and participate equitably in all dimensions of resilient development”.

The **Goal** encapsulated through this refreshed Framework is:

“A Pacific region where persons with diverse disabilities fully realise their human rights, exercise leadership, and meaningfully participate equitably in all aspects of resilient development, supported by inclusive and accountable national and regional systems aligned with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and other regional architecture”.



LEADERS' COMMITMENTS

To realise this Vision, and in alignment with our collective commitments under the 2050 Strategy, we further commit to contextualised actions that advance disability equity and rights across the Pacific:

1. Exercise sustained political leadership to advance disability equity and rights across the region, ensuring disability inclusion is embedded as a core priority within national policies, regional cooperation, and development efforts.
2. Deepen Pacific regionalism and solidarity and advancing disability equity in the Pacific Way.
3. Embed the leadership and voices of persons with disabilities, through meaningful partnership with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities, guided by the principle of nothing about us without us, across policy development, implementation, monitoring and accountability.
4. Strengthen national and regional capability and coordination, so that commitments under the CRPD and regional frameworks translate into practical, sustained and measurable outcomes in people's lives.
5. Remove persistent, structural barriers that exclude persons with disabilities by strengthening the systems, laws, services and institutions that enable accessibility, participation, protection and dignity.
6. Enable mindset change among communities and institutions to eliminate discrimination and uphold rights and choices of persons with disabilities, in all their diversity.
7. Promote evidence, including lived experience-informed and accountable decision-making, supported by improved disability data, knowledge, learning and transparent reporting within existing regional mechanisms.
8. Ensure our collective efforts are inclusive and future-focused, addressing the disproportionate impacts of climate change, disasters, emerging health and social challenges, and geopolitical uncertainty on persons with disabilities.

CORE VALUES

The core values that guide the collective actions in delivering this refreshed Framework:

- Applying the values in the **2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent**.
- Innovation, creativity and respect for Pacific **cultural values and indigenous and traditional knowledge**.
- Uphold and pursue the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**.
- Pursue inclusion of **the most marginalised persons with disabilities**, especially those experiencing **intersectional discrimination** and those living in **Smaller Island States**.
- **Meaningful partnership with** and promote the **leadership of persons with disabilities** in all their diversity **and their representative organisations**.



STRATEGIC CONTEXT AND ALIGNMENT

This refreshed Framework has been developed at the conclusion of the *Pacific Framework on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2016–2025)*, which followed the *Pacific Regional Strategy on Disability (2010–2015)*. The development of this refreshed Framework involved extensive consultations and validation processes at national and regional levels with Members, OPDs, Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific (CROP) agencies, sectoral partners, donors and other stakeholders across the region.

Persons with disabilities are present in every Pacific community, and their rights, needs and priorities intersect with all sectors and policy areas governed and programmed by national governments and regional stakeholders. Accordingly, the refreshed Framework connects with, and contributes to, a wide range of regional and national strategies, policies and implementation mechanisms. A key principle throughout the development process has therefore been ensuring alignment with existing regional architecture and avoiding duplication. Particular emphasis has been placed on coherence with the 2050 Strategy and its implementation plan. This refreshed Framework is therefore not intended as a parallel or supplementary framework, but one that reinforces and operationalises the 2050 Strategy for persons with disabilities in all their diversity.

The commitments and values in this Framework are contextualised expressions of what Forum Leaders have already agreed under the 2050 Strategy, translating shared regional direction into specific, accountable action for persons with disabilities. Alignment with existing 2050 Strategy Leaders' commitments and values is set out in [Annex 1](#). The refreshed Framework's structure and framing draw from the 2050 Strategy's in order to make this relationship clear.

While alignment with regional frameworks has been critical, the overarching foundation of this refreshed Framework is the CRPD. All work undertaken under this refreshed Framework should be firmly grounded in and privilege the CRPD's principles, obligations and approaches.

The Framework's [Transformative Actions, Accountability and Alignment](#) section demonstrates the alignment of the refreshed Framework's Change Areas, Pathways and Transformative Actions with the 2050 Strategy's Thematic Areas, Outcome Areas and Regional Collective.

This Framework recognises that the transformative work required to uphold the rights and inclusion of all persons with disabilities across the region must be strongly informed by the voices of persons with disabilities through their representative bodies. However the responsibility and obligation to progress disability rights is a collective responsibility with governments and other stakeholders having key driving roles as outlined below. This Framework is therefore a collective one, deeply guided by the input of OPDs, but designed to support and direct all stakeholders. It recognises the unique and essential role of persons with disabilities through their representative organisations at the national level and Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) at the regional level within this process, while acknowledging that national OPDs and PDF will also have their own strategic plans to guide their work. The refreshed Framework is therefore intended to be fully aligned with, informed by and complementary to, the strategies of OPDs throughout the region - including PDF's *Strategic Plan* and the *Pacific Disability Humanitarian Resilient Development Strategy 2025–2035*.

The refreshed Framework is intended to operate as a living document alongside and within the implementation architecture of the 2050 Strategy. A communication plan, monitoring and reporting systems, and governance and coordination arrangements will be developed and implemented by responsible Forum members and organisations as appropriate. It is envisaged that a formal review will take place after 10 years, with findings used to refine the next phase of the Framework and its implementation going forward.

It is also recognised that much of that effort to turn the refreshed Framework's level of ambition into reality will and should sit under national level strategies, action plans and programming ecosystem. This means that the refreshed Framework practically operates through national policy and programming architecture, as well as that of the 2050 Strategy.

The refreshed Framework recognises that in pursuing achievement of the CRPD, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (the 2030 Agenda) and 2050 Strategy, there are vastly differing national capacities, systems and country contexts across the Pacific and the need to allow countries to integrate their cultural systems and values into implementation approaches.



PURPOSE AND USE OF THIS FRAMEWORK

The purpose of the refreshed Framework is to collectively guide and coordinate disability inclusion efforts across the Pacific under the 2050 Strategy and in accordance with the CRPD. In particular, it aims to:

- direct collective action, resourcing and visibility towards the areas that are significant gaps and/or are levers to transformational change for disability equity and rights,
- strengthen coordination and alignment across national and regional initiatives, and
- improve efficiency and effectiveness.

USING THE FRAMEWORK

Because persons with disabilities are part of every community and affected by every sector, the refreshed Framework is relevant to all work related to Pacific development, governance, resilience, infrastructure, humanitarian response and human rights.

It is intended that all relevant stakeholders regularly refer to and draw upon the refreshed Framework to guide planning, discussions and decision making in any efforts relevant to disability equity and rights across the Pacific.

The Framework should be used as a practical reference and shared foundation for identifying priorities, coordinating actions, and assessing progress. It is also intended that the Framework serves as a driver and catalyser, prompting stakeholders to undertake efforts to ensure its realisation, with reporting and accountability processes supporting this.



Being part of the community means inclusion, equity, and collective action that makes rights real. Photo: PIFS

ROLES IN ADVANCING THE FRAMEWORK

The Framework represents the region's collective vision for disability equity and rights, and commitment to achieving this through transformational change. As such all stakeholders have roles to play in progressing it.

FORUM MEMBERS

Forum Members are responsible for implementing the Framework in line with their CRPD obligations as State Parties to this international human rights treaty, as well as their commitments to the 2030 Agenda and the Jakarta Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2023-2032¹. This involves embedding the Framework's priorities in national legislation, policies, regulatory mechanisms, budgeting, financial management and planning processes. It also includes delivering systems, services and resourcing; providing political and governmental leadership; and monitoring and reporting on progress. All of this should be done in partnership with persons with disabilities through their representative organisations and relevant regional stakeholders.

PDF AND OPDs

OPDs play a central role in progressing the Framework through advocacy, accountability, technical expertise, and representation of lived experience. Their responsibilities include monitoring and involvement in implementation, participating in co-design processes, framing and contributing to research and evidence, providing technical and advisory input, data sharing, and engaging in national and regional decision-making spaces. PDF may also take on additional strategic roles according to their mandate, expertise and community priorities. As the peak regional OPD, PDF will lead OPDs' central role in guiding and driving efforts under the Framework.

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Development partners - including donor governments, multilateral organisations including UN agencies, development banks, INGOs and NGOs, private sector, academia, and faith-based organisations and other relevant stakeholders partnering to progress development outcomes in the Pacific - contribute to the Framework's implementation through their mandated and focus areas while ensuring alignment with the CRPD and this Framework's priorities. This includes providing technical expertise, supporting capacity building, conducting evidence generation, facilitating regional coordination mechanisms, advocacy, supporting OPD leadership, and supporting governments and OPDs in policy development and implementation of disability-inclusive programming. Development partners should ensure their disability inclusion efforts are coordinated, complementary, and aligned with regional architecture (including this Framework), national priorities and OPD agendas, and fulfil CRPD Article 32 obligations. Simultaneously, development partners should leverage their unique comparative advantages to support innovation, fill critical gaps and enable system-wide improvements that countries may not be able to resource alone.

CROP AGENCIES AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

CROP agencies and other regional bodies support progress through coordination, technical advisory work, advocacy, support to Members, knowledge generation, and cross-sector alignment, including through regional architecture established for the broader 2050 Strategy implementation.

PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT (PIFS)

PIFS play a facilitative and coordination role at the regional level, including facilitating alignment with the 2050 Strategy mechanism, monitoring, reporting, and communication functions within available resources. The role of PIFS is one of coordination rather than funding or implementation of the Framework.

Representatives of each of the above may be drawn upon for various governance and coordination mechanisms such as a Regional Governance Group, Coordination Group, or Technical Reference Groups.

¹ Jakarta Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2023-2032 <https://www.unescap.org/kp/2023/jakarta-declaration-asian-and-pacific-decade-persons-disabilities-2023-2032>



OUR APPROACH: TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE FOR DISABILITY EQUITY AND RIGHTS

The development of this refreshed Pacific Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities marks a critical turning point for the Pacific. Over the past two decades, the region has been guided by two regional disability frameworks. These have helped to build awareness, strengthen OPDs, and secure important commitments from governments and development partners in terms of ratification, implementation and reporting of the CRPD. Whilst these frameworks laid a strong foundation and achieved some positive results, too many persons with disabilities in the Pacific still face exclusion, discrimination and unequal access to opportunities.

The Pacific is ready to turn the corner. Governments, regional organisations, OPDs, civil society, communities and development partners are increasingly intentional about moving from commitment to disability inclusion as an aspiration, to ensuring disability equity and rights as a lived reality. To progress this momentum, the refreshed Framework cannot simply be a continuation of what has come before. It must represent a change in ambition, approach and results. The “game changer” of this refreshed Framework is about not only including persons with disabilities in programs, services and policies, but ensuring that they are able to influence and shape the decisions that affect their lives. Persons with disabilities, through their representative organisations, must be recognised as leaders, decision-makers and partners. There must be intentional focus on what is driving the exclusion of persons with disabilities and addressing these barriers. This must be matched with adequately resourced national CRPD-compliant policies, legislation and strategies regarding disability inclusion - both targeted and across sectors – to translate decisions and commitments into rights-based, inclusive development.

This is the transformational change we need to help make rights real for persons with disabilities in our region. It is about changing the rules of the game rather than expecting persons with disabilities to keep adapting to systems that were never designed for them. It means moving beyond welfare and charity approaches and embedding disability rights, equity and accountability at the centre of Pacific development. **This Framework therefore represents more than a refreshed regional document. It is a commitment by the Pacific to shift the dial. From awareness to action, from consultation to influence, and from inclusion to equity.**



Transformational change makes rights real, advancing equity and inclusion in every stage and at all levels. Photo: UNICEF Pacific

HOW WE WILL ACHIEVE TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

FRAMEWORK STRUCTURE: SETTING STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The refreshed Framework's structure sets out five key **Change Areas**. These establish the **strategic focus** of transformational efforts for disability equity and rights across the region:

1. Sector Strengthening and Human Rights;
2. Preconditions for Disability Inclusion;
3. Leadership and Ownership;
4. Enabling Environment; and
5. Knowledge and Evidence.

These are enabled by four **Means of Implementation (MOI)**. These will **facilitate strong achievement** of the refreshed Framework:

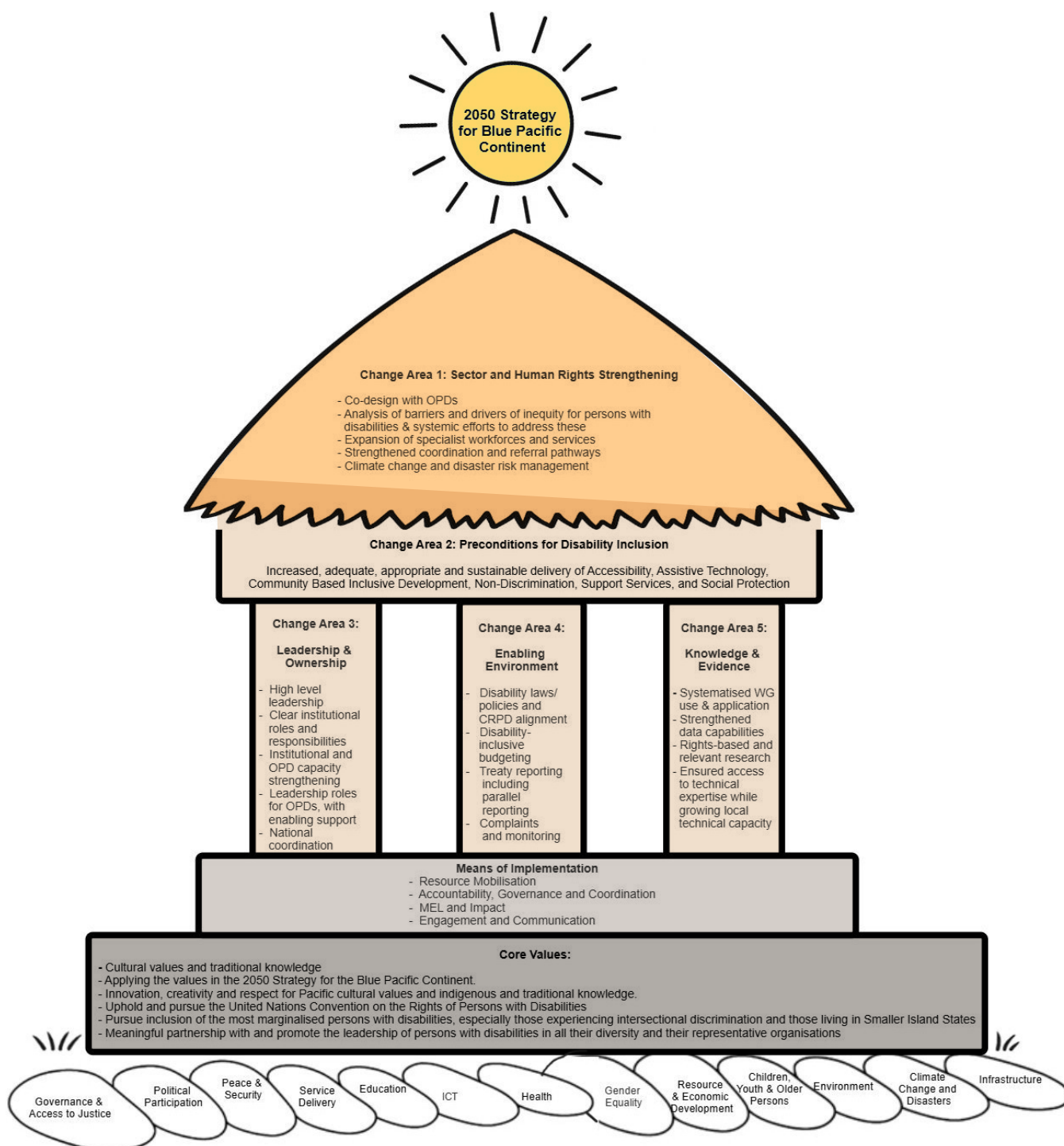
1. Resource Mobilisation;
2. Accountability, Governance and Coordination;
3. Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) and Impact; and
4. Engagement and Communication.

The five **Core Values** support and must be carried throughout all aspects of the refreshed Framework:

1. Applying the values in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent
2. Innovation, creativity and respect for Pacific cultural values and indigenous and traditional knowledge
3. Uphold and pursue the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
4. Pursue inclusion of the most marginalised persons with disabilities, especially those experiencing intersectional discrimination and those living in Smaller Island States
5. Meaningful partnership with and promote the leadership of persons with disabilities in all their diversity and their representative organisations



Nothing about us without us - persons with disabilities must be part of every decision that shapes their lives. Photo: Department of People with Disability, Naoero



The Refreshed Framework is depicted here as a Fale. The Change Areas 1 and 2 of Sector and Human Rights Strengthening, and Preconditions for Disability Inclusion are the roof and top beam, representing their wide-ranging and integral programming and policy activities. Change Areas 3-5 of Leadership and Ownership, Enabling Environment, and Knowledge and Evidence are the supporting beams, as this important work facilitates and upholds broader disability inclusive programming and policy development efforts. The Core Principles and Means of Implementation are the floor and foundation, holding up the Fale. The path with stones of various example sectors represents that the Fale is connected to all other sectoral work within the Pacific region/community. The sun represents that all efforts under the refreshed PFRPD as well as sectors should align with and contribute up to the 2050 Strategy.

FRAMEWORK STRUCTURE: DRIVING CHANGE

Each **Change Area**, as well as the **Means of Implementation (MOI)**, is anchored by a **Level of Ambition**. This represents the **high-level result** that must be achieved in that area to contribute to the Framework's overall Goal. Across the Framework, these Levels of Ambition collectively define what success looks like. **When achieved together over time, they deliver the Leaders' Commitments and the overarching Goal of the refreshed Framework.**

To achieve each Level of Ambition, the Framework defines two complementary types of Outcomes:

- a **People Outcome**, describing the impacts experienced by persons with disabilities; and
- a **Systems Outcome**, describing the system shifts required within national and regional systems to enable these people impacts and make them durable.

Each Change Area and MOI is further supported by a set of **Pathways**. These represent the **priority areas for action** that must be advanced in order to achieve the People and Systems Outcomes, and therefore the Level of Ambition.

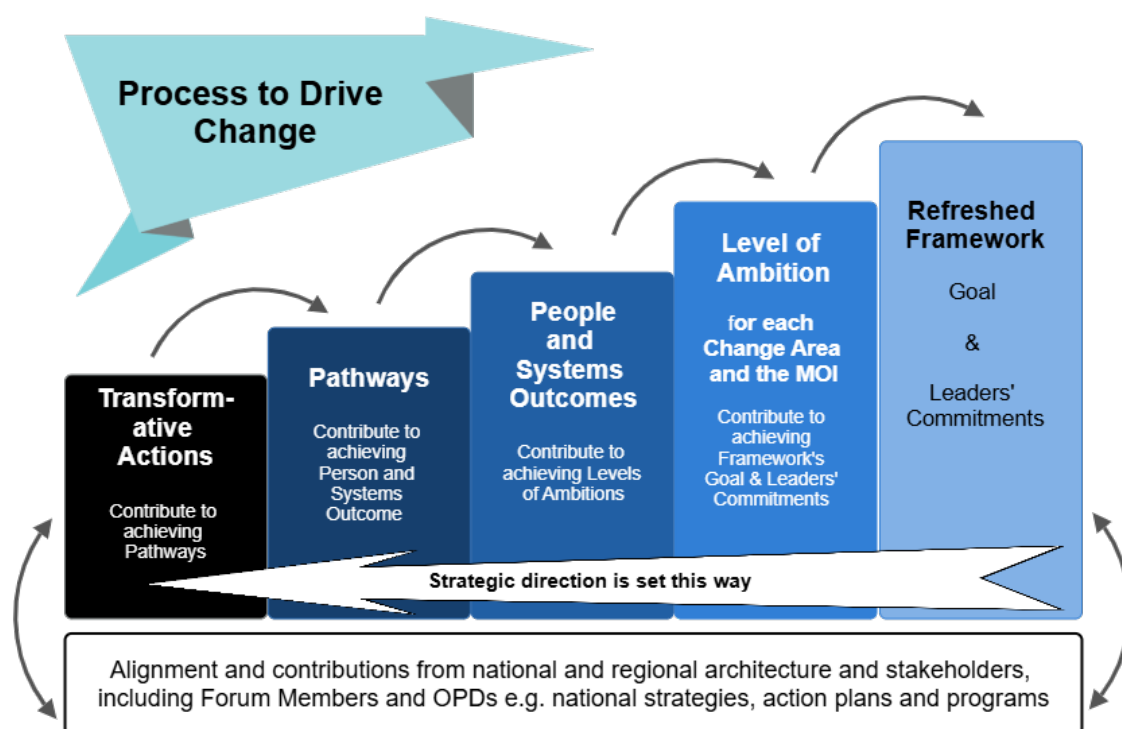
Under each Pathway, the Framework outlines **Transformative Actions**. These provide **practical guidance** to stakeholders on the types of efforts required to drive progress. Transformative Actions are detailed in the [Framework's Transformative Actions, Accountability and Alignment](#) section and are intended to guide implementation across national and regional contexts.

All Transformative Actions should be designed and implemented in alignment with the Framework's **Core Values**, ensuring that progress is rights-based, inclusive, and grounded in Pacific priorities and the leadership of persons with disabilities.

Taken together, this structure forms a clear chain of change:

- **Transformative Actions** drive progress along
- **Pathways**, enable achievement of
- **People and Systems Outcomes**, which together deliver
- the **Level of Ambition** for each Change Area and MOI, contributing to
- the **Leaders' Commitments and the Framework's overall Goal**

This approach mirrors the structure of the 2050 Strategy to support coherence, alignment, and practical integration within existing regional and national systems.



This approach is designed to strongly mirror the 2050 Strategy's Approach to Change, Levels of Ambition, People and Systems Outcomes, and Regional Collective Actions (RCAs).

CHANGE AREAS

1. SECTOR AND HUMAN RIGHTS STRENGTHENING

All sustainable development and human rights efforts in the Pacific must be shaped by the lived experience of persons with disabilities and developed through genuine co-design and partnerships with OPDs. This is needed to ensure effective, appropriate and locally-led transformational change for disability equity. Sectors and efforts must focus not just on 'participation' of persons with disabilities, but on embedding systems that can recognise where exclusion occurs, understand what is driving it, and respond with rights-based solutions. This includes recognising that even inclusive general systems and services are at times insufficient to meet the unique needs of persons with disabilities. Establishing adequate specialist workforces and coordinated referral pathways to provide targeted support are also required to enable the fulfilment of rights of persons with disabilities.

The significant threats and impacts of climate change and disasters, and the heightened barriers and risks these create for persons with disabilities must be addressed. This requires strengthening disability-inclusive disaster risk management (DRM), early warning systems, evacuation processes and climate adaptation initiatives to ensure these effectively meet the specific needs of persons with disabilities. Our success across this change area depends on strong collaboration across governments, OPDs, development partners and other stakeholders to ensure national and regional efforts align around shared priorities to strengthen systems and processes of sectors.

Present situation: Persons with disabilities experience poorer outcomes across all sectors and human rights, as national and regional systems in the Pacific often continue to fail to identify the barriers that prevent persons with disabilities from accessing opportunities, programs and services. Many systems still rely on ad hoc efforts and/or generalised 'inclusion' efforts, rather than taking targeted, responsive approaches required to identify stakeholders that drive exclusion of persons with disabilities in their context, and embedding sustained institutional processes to address these. These targeted strategies are particularly critical to overcome the unique and acute barriers faced by persons with disabilities experiencing intersectional and compounding discrimination.

Level of Ambition 1: Persons with disabilities across the Pacific more equitably enjoy their human rights and fundamental freedoms because sectors, services, DRM and climate change efforts are all becoming more responsive and capable to identify the structural drivers of inequity, to undertake targeted actions that address exclusion, and efforts are consistently co-designed with OPDs and informed by lived experience of diverse persons with disabilities.

People Outcome 1: Persons with disabilities across the Pacific experience more equitable enjoyment of their human rights and improved outcomes across all areas of life as policies, services and programs – including those relating to climate change adaptation and DRM - increasingly recognise, respond to and remove the drivers of exclusion.

Systems Outcome 1: National and regional sectoral, climate change and DRM systems consistently embed disability inclusion through OPD co-design, analysis of drivers of inequity, specialist capability, and coordinated referral pathways, enabling targeted, adaptive and rights-based responses across all areas of development.

PATHWAYS:

1.1 OPD co-design

Embed systems for genuine engagement of OPDs in all decision-making within sectors and services, including clear leadership and codesign roles for OPDs, targeted strategies for meaningful participation of persons with disabilities especially those experiencing intersectional discrimination, and ensuring accessibility and inclusion supports as standard practice.

1.2 Analyse and adapt to drivers of inequity

Establish participatory analytical and review processes that enable sectors and services to consistently identify disability-related barriers, enablers and drivers of inequality, while ensuring systems have the flexibility and adaptability to



respond to and leverage these findings to address exclusion through planning, resourcing and operational decisions.

1.3 Specialist workforce and services

Expand and resource the specialist workforces and services required for delivering disability-specific and disability-responsive supports within broader sectors and areas where needed to meet the needs of persons with disabilities.

1.4 Connected services and referrals

Strengthen coordination, mapping and referrals between multisectoral services and programs that persons with disabilities rely on, and across regional, national and sub-national levels, so that individuals experience coherent, timely and holistic support they require without unnecessary burden or risk of falling through gaps.

1.5 Climate change and disaster risk management

Operationalise disability-inclusive climate change and disaster resilience across systems by embedding inclusive disaster risk management, early warning, evacuation and response and climate adaptation approaches that address the specific risks, barriers and needs of persons with disabilities.

2. PRECONDITIONS FOR DISABILITY INCLUSION

Accessibility, assistive technology, support services, community-based inclusive development (CBID), social protection and non-discrimination collectively represent interdependent framework of preconditions for disability inclusion. These are the essential systemic elements that must be in place to enable persons with disabilities to live with dignity and to meaningfully participate in society, programs, opportunities and everyday life on equal basis with others. The interconnected and interdependent nature of the preconditions mean that they all must progress to ensure disability equity and rights across the region. Moreover, to facilitate long term inclusion, the preconditions must be embedded into national and regional contexts through systemic programming and policy frameworks, rather than remaining limited to short-term programming or merely being elements of program design. Increased prioritisation and uptake by Forum members in these areas, supported by regional efforts and OPD inputs, is essential to drive this catalytic pillar forward.

Present Situation: The preconditions for disability inclusion remain significantly underdeveloped across the Pacific. Accessibility standards are inconsistent and rarely enforced, assistive technology provision remains largely ad hoc and challenging to access for many, particularly those in Smaller Island States. Many persons with disabilities and their families lack the support services needed to live with dignity and autonomy in the community, and CBID is poorly understood and not systematically applied. While countries are increasingly adopting disability specific social protection benefit schemes, persons with disabilities report these do not adequately address disability-related costs. Discrimination persists at institutional and community levels.

Level of Ambition 2: Persons with disabilities across the Pacific are participating in all aspects of everyday life on an equal basis with others due to the removal of structural barriers that drive exclusion, through the strengthened systemic delivery of the preconditions for disability inclusion.

People Outcome 2: Persons with disabilities participate with dignity and agency in all aspects of everyday life, accessing environments, services, supports and protections on an equal basis with others due to the removal of structural and institutional barriers.

Systems Outcome 2: The six preconditions for disability inclusion — accessibility, assistive technology, support services, community-based inclusive development, social protection and non-discrimination — are systematically delivered, resourced and enforced across national and regional contexts.



PATHWAYS:

2.1 Accessibility

Adopt accessibility laws, regulations, codes and standards in relation to the built environment, transport, information, communication and digital services including information communication technologies (ICT), and strengthen enforcement through audits, permits, incentives and procurement policies.

2.2 Assistive technology (AT)

Develop comprehensive AT systems—including screening, assessment, prescription, product and device supply and delivery, training, repair and maintenance and referral pathways—that ensure quality, accessibility and adaptability, affordability and coverage, through procurement, delivery, workforce development initiatives, linkage to other relevant sectors, and users' awareness.

2.3 Community-based inclusive development (CBID)

Recognise CBID as an essential multisectoral approach and initiative to delivering programs and services to communities and individuals with disabilities in the Pacific through mobilisation of community resources, upholding community ownership and establishing systems to better understand, coordinate and scale CBID.

2.4 Non-discrimination

Undertake disability rights awareness raising and social norm change amongst persons with disabilities, their communities, government and program staff, as well as addressing discriminatory laws and policies, as to overcome exclusion based on disability.

2.5 Social protection

Develop and strengthen gender-responsive social protection schemes that are accessible to persons with disabilities across the life cycle and adequately and effectively address the extra costs of disability.

2.6 Support services

Strengthen culturally relevant, person-centred approaches to support services for persons with disabilities that uphold their right to live with dignity, autonomy and choice in the community. These include sign language interpretation and other communication support, supported decision making, peer-to-peer support, personal assistance, and respite, support and training for those providing support and care.



Inclusive spaces show how disability rights and equity drive transformational change for all. Photo: Department of People with Disability, Naoero



3. LEADERSHIP AND OWNERSHIP

Disability equity advances when political leadership, capable public administrations and strong OPDs pull in the same direction. To support achievement of the CRPD and disability actions under the 2050 Strategy, it is essential to re-centre leadership regarding disability issues and address previous challenges around lack of ownership, fragmented mandates, non-binding financial commitments, and tokenistic engagement. Doing so will involve ministerial-level involvement, supporting visible champions across the region, strengthening government capabilities, and facilitating OPDs to exercise agency and voice in decisions that affect them. This will catalyse action and translate policy commitments into practice across all sectors.

Present situation: Political leadership and ownership of disability inclusion remains uneven across the region, and limitations around prioritisation, resourcing, mindsets and capacity hinder sustained progress. This often places high onus on OPDs to maintain momentum around disability issues, yet they often do not receive adequate support nor political/decision-making power required to do so. Many governments have disability focal points, although staff turnover and unclear mandates and coordination can present challenges. The Pacific Disability Forum is the peak regional OPD, and PIFS leads regional cooperation efforts more broadly.

Level of Ambition 3: Forum Members, OPDs, and national and regional stakeholders are more actively practicing, promoting and progressing disability equity due to ongoing, high-level, visible commitment (including political, financial and technical support) to disability-inclusive development, strengthened institutional capacity, improved national coordination, and formalised leadership roles and partnerships with OPDs.

People Outcome 3: Persons with disabilities, through their representative organisations, are provided explicit roles, partnerships, capacity building and resourcing to exercise meaningful leadership, influence and decision-making power in national and regional mechanisms and forums that affect their lives.

Systems Outcome 3: Political, institutional and coordination mechanisms at national and regional levels demonstrate sustained ownership of disability inclusion through high-level engagement, visible commitments, strengthened institutional capacity, formalised leadership roles and partnerships with OPDs.

PATHWAYS:

3.1 Political ownership and leadership

Mandate ministerial and senior-level leadership by clearly setting expectations, assigning responsibilities and sustaining visibility of disability equity across government and regional and international dialogues and forums, including treaty bodies.

3.2 Capacity strengthening

Strengthen the capacity of the disability sector including government focal points, technical staff and OPDs, regarding design, inclusive budgeting and data, CRPD, engagement with OPDs, and deeper-dive matters, through training and other modalities including facilitated peer-to-peer learning.

3.3 Regional and national OPDs leadership

Support and facilitate OPDs in all their diversity to exercise meaningful leadership and co-decision-making roles in national and regional coordination, partnership and governance arrangements, establish meaningful partnership arrangements and leadership and governance roles for OPDs, and provide financial and capacity support to enable them to perform these roles. This should include appropriate flexible arrangements that support engagement with a diversity of OPDs, especially those experiencing intersectional and compounded discrimination.

3.4 National cooperation

Establish whole of government coordination mechanisms that include the participation of OPDs, clarify roles, align plans and fix referral and information-sharing gaps. This will improve efficiencies, reduce siloing of activities and information, and ensure clear and transparent delegation of responsibility.

4. ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Lasting national change disability inclusion will be achieved when it is embedded into the mechanisms of public administration, allowing it to survive political cycles, competing priorities and resource constraints. This involves domesticating the CRPD into national laws and standards, and making disability-inclusive budgeting transparent and adequate. Streamlining reporting and compliance efforts will support accountability of progress and subsequently inform policy decisions. While the ownership of a policy environment sits with national governments, other stakeholders such as OPDs, CSOs and regional bodies also have roles to play particularly in relation to reviewing policies and monitoring their implementation. These stakeholders must be given appropriate mandate and support to fulfil these roles.

Present situation: Most Forum members have ratified the CRPD and many have policies or national frameworks referencing disability. Implementation, however, remains uneven and often under-resourced. Legal reforms are progressing slowly, and a small number of countries have adopted comprehensive disability legislation although full CRPD compliance is rare. Few governments provide visible reporting regarding disability-related allocations and expenditure. CRPD reporting has been undertaken by many Forum members, even if belatedly, however the existence of national independent monitoring processes is rare.

Level of Ambition 4: Persons with disabilities have greater practical access to their rights through enabling laws and regulatory mechanisms, policies and systems, visible and dedicated disability budget allocations, and more transparent processes for advocacy, accountability, complaints and redress when there is breach.

People Outcome 4: Persons with disabilities experience increased protection and fulfilment of their rights under the CRPD, including having greater practical access to transparency, accountability, redress and resourcing.

Systems Outcome 4: National legal, policy, budgeting, reporting and accountability frameworks are aligned with the CRPD, the 2030 Agenda, and effectively translate commitments on disability inclusion into enforceable, resourced and transparent practice.

PATHWAYS:

4.1 Policy and law reform and development

Support implementation of the CRPD by adopting national disability inclusion laws with regulatory mechanisms and policies as relevant, reviewing and reforming laws and policies for CRPD-compliance and embedding disability inclusion in all new policy development and law reform.

4.2 Disability inclusive budgeting

Incorporate more classifications, markers and processes within national expenditure and other budget processes to enable tracking of disability allocations across sectors and initiatives, allocate adequate and transparent resourcing towards disability equity initiatives (both mainstreaming and targeted), and plan for accessibility and reasonable accommodation costs.

4.3 Treaty reporting

Strengthen monitoring and reporting on the CRPD and on disability inclusion within other human rights treaty reporting through capacity building and support to governments, as well as support to OPDs undertaking alternate and parallel reporting.

4.4 National CRPD compliant mechanisms

Build accessible complaints, redress and monitoring arrangements that give practical effect to rights under the CRPD, as to close the loop between policy, programming and outcomes in the lives of persons with disabilities.



5. KNOWLEDGE AND EVIDENCE

Strong and credible knowledge systems are essential for advancing disability equity. A well-functioning evidence ecosystem requires more than data collection. It relies on the capacity to analyse, interpret and apply information to shape decisions, monitor progress and reveal inequities that would otherwise remain hidden. Research that is informed by best practice, locally-led and responsive to the priorities of OPDs is also vital for understanding lived experience and delivering solutions rooted in Pacific contexts. Knowledge sharing, technical expertise and accessible learning platforms ensure that governments, OPDs and partners can work together to translate evidence into practice, strengthen institutional capability, facilitate innovation and strong outcomes. Together, these elements form the foundation for informed, accountable and rights-based decision making across the region.

Present Situation: Practice around disability data in the Pacific has improved significantly, with widespread use of the Washington Group Short Set (WGSS) questions in censuses and surveys, publication of the Pacific Regional Guidebook on Disability Statistics, and the Pacific Group on Disability Statistics. Concerns persist around consistent and accurate collection of disability data, and gaps around comparability, analysis, application and linkage, including with administrative and other data management systems. Many governments lack the technical capacity to analyse and interpret disability data for planning, budgeting or monitoring, which limits the impact of the information being collected. While research has been produced, there is a need for more locally-led research, in collaboration with persons with disabilities, particularly regarding drivers of inequity and the experiences of marginalised groups of persons with disabilities. Knowledge sharing platforms and technical advisory mechanisms exist in parts of the region but ongoing support is required to meet increasing demand and complexities.

Level of Ambition 5: There is a stronger and growing body of disability-related data, research, knowledge and technical expertise informed by the realities, lived experiences and priorities of persons with disabilities and the disability movement, and stakeholders are consistently drawing on this to deliver more equitable, relevant and effective policies, services and supports across the Pacific.

People Outcome 5: Persons with disabilities, through their representative organisations, are actively engaged and supported in contributing to, framing, generating, sharing and analysing disability-related data, research, knowledge and technical expertise, ensuring their realities and lived experience meaningfully inform evidence, learning, practice and decision-making across the region.

Systems Outcome 5: Disability-inclusive data and research, knowledge-sharing and technical expertise, informed by the disability movement, are systematically produced, accessible, shared and consistently used across national and regional decision-making, planning, implementation and accountability processes.



Inclusive dialogue builds knowledge and evidence, driving transformational change for equity and rights. Photo: OHCHR Regional Office for the Pacific Region



PATHWAYS:

5.1 Data collection, analysis and use

Systematise use of guidance from the Pacific Regional Guidebook on Disability Statistics across censuses, surveys and sector Information Management Systems, and strengthen analytical capability and data-sharing processes so disability data meaningfully informs planning, budgeting and accountability.

5.2 Research

Resource and prioritise research in line with the agenda of disability movement to understand situations of persons with disabilities and their families; and ensure findings are accessible, disseminated, and translated into formats that can guide governments, OPDs and other stakeholders' efforts.

5.3 Knowledge management

Develop accessible resources and repositories as well as peer-to-peer learning, to ensure efficient and effective sharing and use of knowledge.

5.4 Technical expertise

Establish sustainable access to specialised disability inclusion expertise for governments, OPDs and stakeholders, while also investing in building strong local and regional technical capacity to embed good practice across policy development, service delivery and programming.



MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

The refreshed Framework will only succeed if the mechanisms guiding how it will be implemented are fit for purpose. Previously, regional implementation of a shared agenda for disability equity has been weakened by chronic underinvestment by Forum members in disability inclusion, fragmented partner financing, overlapping reporting burdens, and weak national and regional coordination. A Pacific-led approach to resource mobilisation, streamlined MEL aligned to the CRPD and 2050 Strategy, and structured coordination and communication among regional stakeholders will convert these refreshed commitments into sustained delivery and shared accountability across the region.

Level of ambition (MOI): The region's collective commitments to disability equity are delivered through robust, rights-based and Pacific-led resourcing, governance, MEL, coordination and communication systems aligned with regional and national architecture and informed by and accountable to persons with disabilities.

People outcome (MOI): Persons with disabilities' voices and lived experiences are consistently heard and meaningfully inform the progress, impact, and key initiatives of the refreshed Framework through close engagement with OPDs - particularly PDF – via transparent and regular communication, reporting and MEL, governance, and coordination.

Systems outcome (MOI): Systems for resourcing, governance, coordination, monitoring, engagement and communication are robust, streamlined with regional and national architecture, inclusive and accessible and Pacificled, enabling effective implementation of the refreshed Framework in alignment with the CRPD and the 2050 Strategy.

PATHWAYS:

Resource mobilisation

Mobilise resources through Pacific-owned flexible financing mechanisms that coordinate partners, incentivise and support growth of domestic budget allocation towards disability inclusion, and leverage regional economies of scale towards regional priorities in line with OPDs' agendas.

Accountability, governance and coordination

Establish a regional governance group to oversee the refreshed Framework that raises disability inclusion's political visibility, aligns with regional architecture, and ensures accountability and transparent progress updates, together with a regional coordination group to drive implementation of the refreshed Framework. Both will have representation of OPDs, Forum members and other relevant representation.

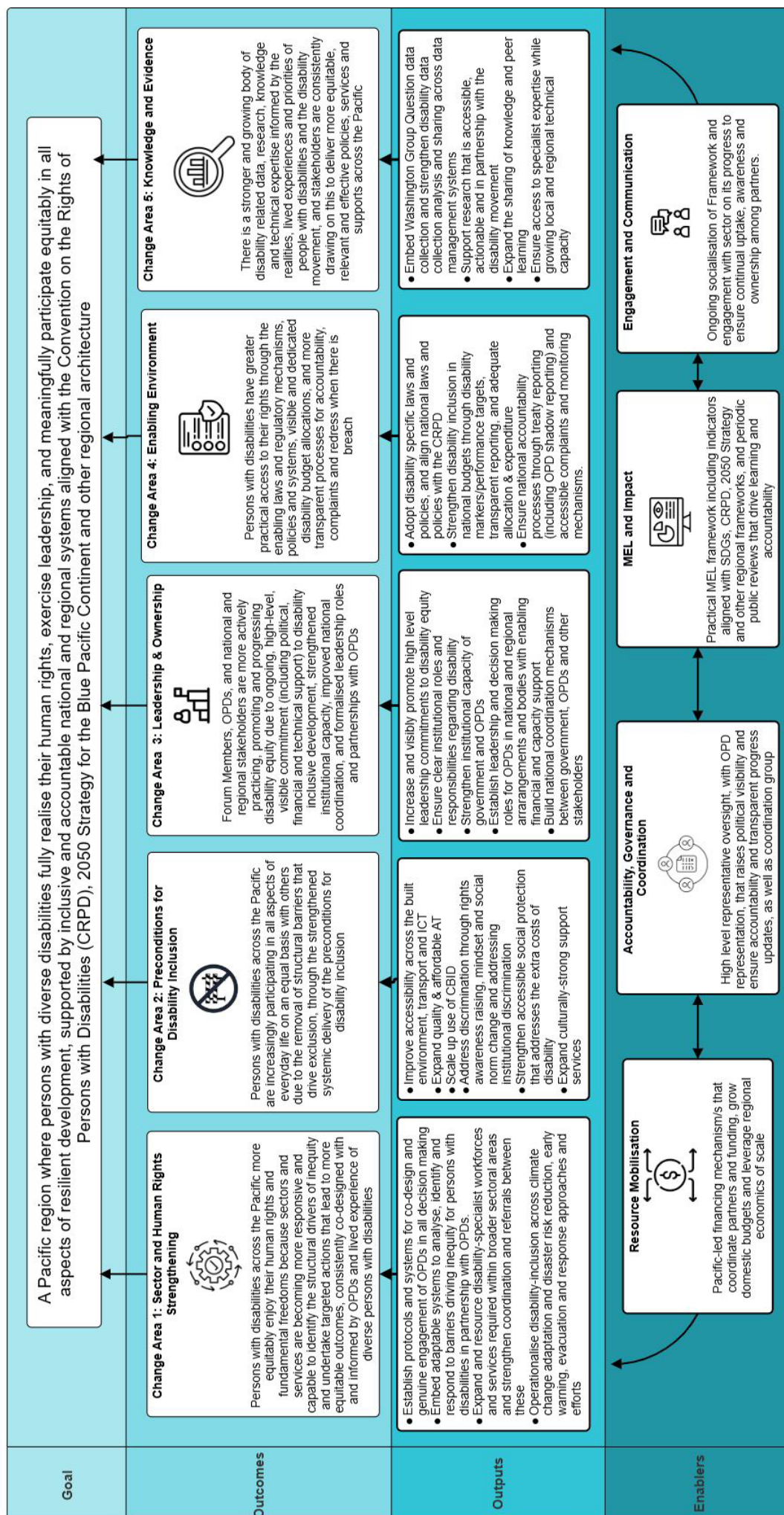
MEL and impact

Develop and report against a practical MEL framework, including a small set of CRPD and 2050 Strategy aligned indicators and periodic public reviews, to drive learning and accountability while minimising duplication and reporting burden.

Engagement and communication

Deliver ongoing socialisation of Framework and engagement with the sector on its progress to ensure continual uptake, awareness and ownership among partners.

Refreshed Pacific Framework on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities - High Level Theory of Change



Transformative Actions, Accountability and Alignment

Change Area 1: Sector and Human Rights Strengthening

Level of Ambition 1:

Persons with disabilities across the Pacific more equitably enjoy their human rights and fundamental freedoms because sectors, services, DRM and climate change efforts are all becoming more responsive and capable to identify the structural drivers of inequality, to undertake targeted actions that address exclusion, and efforts are consistently co-designed with OPDs and informed by lived experience of diverse persons with disabilities.

People Outcome 1:

Persons with disabilities across the Pacific experience more equitable enjoyment of their human rights and improved outcomes across all areas of life as policies, services and programs – including those relating to climate change adaptation and DRM - increasingly recognise, respond to and remove the drivers of exclusion.

Systems Outcome 1:

National and regional sectoral, climate change and DRM systems consistently embed disability inclusion through OPD co design, analysis of drivers of inequity, specialist capability, and coordinated referral pathways, enabling targeted, adaptive and rights-based responses across all areas of development.

Pathways 1:

1.1 OPD co-design

Embed systems for genuine engagement of OPDs in all decision-making within sectors and services, including clear leadership and co-design roles for OPDs, targeted strategies for meaningful participation of persons with disabilities especially those experiencing intersectional discrimination, and ensuring accessibility and inclusion supports as standard practice.

1.2 Analyse and adapt to drivers of inequity

Establish participatory analytical and review processes that enable sectors and services to consistently identify disability-related barriers, enablers and drivers of inequality, while ensuring systems have the flexibility and adaptability to respond to and leverage these findings to address exclusion through planning, resourcing and operational decisions.

1.3 Specialist workforce and services

Expand and resource the specialist workforces and services required for delivering disability-specific and disability-responsive supports within broader sectors and areas where needed to meet the needs of persons with disabilities.

1.4 Connected services and referrals

Strengthen coordination, mapping and referrals between the multisectoral services and programs that persons with disabilities rely on, and across regional, national and sub-national levels, so that

Transformative Actions 1:

1.1.1 Working with OPDs, develop and set clear protocols for OPD engagement and co-decision-making in policy, program and service design, implementation and review processes, including accessibility, resourcing and feedback loops.

1.1.2 Adequately resource OPDs in all their diversity to lead and support co-design across all sectoral and human rights work, including those representing people facing multiple and intersecting forms of exclusion.

1.1.3 Embed requirements for OPD co-design within government and partner systems, including procurement, funding agreements, monitoring frameworks and regional initiatives.

1.2.1 Develop standardised disability-inclusive analysis tools and frameworks that can be used to identify barriers and enablers of inclusion, together with OPDs, and train sector staff and OPDs in the use of these.

1.2.2 Embed and resource disability-inclusive analysis to identify barriers, enablers and drivers of exclusion and response to this, within routine sector planning, policy reviews and investment decisions.

1.3.1 Develop and resource specialist disability-related workforces and services needed to meet the needs of persons with disabilities where these are not addressed through general sector efforts - including in relation to service provision; early childhood development including early identification and intervention and inclusive early learning; allied health; inclusive education; inclusive health including in relation to NCDs and the intersection with disability; political and participation of persons with disabilities; inclusive livelihoods and economic growth; gender-based violence towards persons with disabilities; deinstitutionalisation; digital inclusion; and others.

1.3.2 Strengthen national and regional approaches to training, accreditation and retention of specialist disability expertise, prioritising Pacific-led models and lived-experience knowledge.

1.3.3 Adequately resource targeted disability services and programs within sectoral and human rights work through dedicated budget lines, investments, policies and designs, rather than relying on these needs to be captured by mainstreaming or GEDSI approaches.

1.4.1 Undertake national and sub-national mapping of available services and needs to identify coverage and gaps, and develop referral and coordination action plans that clarify roles, referral pathways and information sharing between services.

Pathways 1:		Transformative Actions 1:
Individuals experience coherent, timely and holistic support they require without unnecessary burden or risk of falling through gaps.		1.4.2 Strengthen governance and coordination mechanisms to monitor how referral systems are functioning in practice, address weaknesses that lead to people falling through gaps, and identify where there are systemic gaps in services that needs to be addressed – particularly for persons facing intersectional and compounded discrimination.
1.5 Inclusive climate change and disaster risk management Operationalise disability-inclusive climate change and disaster resilience across systems by embedding inclusive disaster risk management, early warning, evacuation and response and climate adaptation approaches that address the specific risks, barriers and needs of persons with disabilities.		1.5.1 Integrate disability inclusion into climate change, disaster risk management and humanitarian planning to identify and address the unique risks, barriers and capacities of persons with disabilities and ensure their inclusion across adaptation, preparedness, response and recovery processes. 1.5.2 Develop and implement disability-inclusive early warning and evacuation systems, including accessible communication, infrastructure, transport and support services, to ensure persons with disabilities can receive timely information and move safely before and during disasters. 1.5.3 Strengthen and scale up disability-inclusive adaptive and resilient development programs to ensure persons with disabilities have equitable access to adaptation, preparedness, response and recovery initiatives and continuity of essential supports, services and social protection before, during and after humanitarian emergencies.

Alignment with 2050 Strategy – Change Area 1, Sector and Human Rights Strengthening		
Thematic Area and Strategic Pathways	Outcomes	Regional Collective Actions
People Centred Development Goal 1: Health	People Outcome 1.0, System Outcome 1.1 and 1.2	People Centred Development Goal 1: Health RCA 3 and 4
People Centred Development Goal 2: Education	People Outcome 2.0, System Outcome 2.1 and 2.3	People Centred Development Goal 1: Education RCA 1 and 3
Resource and Economic Development Goal 1	People Outcome 1	Resource and Economic Development: RCA 9
Climate Change and Disasters Goal 1	People Outcome 1, Systems Outcome 1.2	Climate Change and Disasters Goal 1: RCA 6, 8, 9, 14 and 16
Political Leadership and Regionalism Goal 1	System Outcome 1.3	Political Leadership and Regionalism: Goal 1 RCA 1.3
Technology and Connectivity Goal 2	People Outcome 2.0, Systems Outcome 2.1 and 2.2	Technology and Connectivity Goal 2: RCA 5
Inclusion and Equity Strategic Pathway		Cross Cutting RCA: (iii)

Change Area 2: Preconditions for Disability Inclusion

Level of Ambition 2:

Persons with disabilities across the Pacific are participating in all aspects of everyday life on an equal basis with others due to the removal of structural barriers that drive exclusion, through the strengthened systemic delivery of the preconditions for disability inclusion.

People Outcome 2:

Persons with disabilities participate with dignity and agency in all aspects of everyday life, accessing environments, services, supports and protections on an equal basis with others due to the removal of structural and institutional barriers.

Systems Outcome 2:

The six preconditions for disability inclusion — accessibility, assistive technology, support services, community-based inclusive development, social protection and non-discrimination — are systematically delivered, resourced and enforced across national and regional contexts.

Pathways 2:

2.1 Accessibility

Adopt accessibility laws, regulations, codes and standards in relation to the built environment, transport, information, communication and digital services including information communication technologies (ICT), and strengthen enforcement through audits, permits, incentives and procurement policies.

Transformative Actions 2:

- 2.1.1 Develop and implement national accessibility standards for the built environment, transport, and ICT, aligned with regional standards, with legally enforceable compliance and redress mechanisms.
- 2.1.2 Develop and adopt accessibility standards for public procurement, ensuring that all goods, services, and infrastructure procured with public funds meet minimum accessibility criteria.
- 2.1.3 Incentivise, mobilise and/or require the private sector to meet accessibility standards across built environment, transport and ICT, including through partnership agreements, audits and procurement policies.

2.2 Assistive Technology

Develop comprehensive AT systems—including screening, assessment, prescription, product and device supply and delivery, training, repair and maintenance and referral pathways—that ensure quality, accessibility and adaptability, affordability and coverage, through procurement, delivery,

2.2.1 Establish regional procurement mechanisms for assistive technologies for disability inclusion.

2.2.2 Mobilise national and regional efforts to strengthen diverse persons with disabilities' access to quality and affordable assistive services to ensure procurement and delivery of assistive products and devices are appropriate, sustainable and do no harm.

2.2.3 Improve coordination between allied health, service provision, CBID strategies, as well as government departments, service providers, OPDs, private sector, NGOs and other stakeholders – from regional, national, subnational to local levels as relevant.





Pathways 2:		Transformative Actions 2:	
workforce development initiatives, linkage to other relevant sectors, and users' awareness.			
2.3 Community-based inclusive development Recognise CBID as an essential multisectoral approach and initiative to delivering programs and services to communities and individuals with disabilities in the Pacific through mobilisation of community resources, upholding community ownership and establishing systems to better understand, coordinate and scale CBID.		2.3.1 Reinvalidate and strengthen national and regional approaches to CBID amongst governments and other stakeholders, including socialising CBID as a catalytic approach to ensuring inclusion of diverse persons with disabilities in programming and community life, and supporting sharing and learning of approaches on CBID. 2.3.2 Scale up training and resourcing of CBID workers in relevant programming.	
2.4 Non-discrimination Undertake disability rights awareness raising and social norm change amongst persons with disabilities, their communities, government and program staff, as well as addressing discriminatory laws and policies, as to overcome exclusion based on disability.		2.4.1 Support and run rights-based awareness raising campaigns with general public, Government staff, service providers, private sector employers, persons with disabilities and their families, in partnership with the disability movement, regarding the rights and experiences of persons with disabilities as to transform harmful attitudes and norms about disability. 2.4.2 Mobilise national and regional efforts towards deinstitutionalisation, in accordance with the recommendations and guidance within <i>Guidelines on Deinstitutionalisation Including In emergencies</i>.	
2.5 Social protection Develop and strengthen gender-responsive social protection schemes that are accessible to persons with disabilities across the life cycle and adequately address the extra costs of disability.		2.5.1 Provide disability-specific allowances and carer allowances that adequately meet the extra costs of disability, avoid penalising employment or participation in community life, and are accessible to persons with disabilities in all their diversity. 2.5.2 Strengthen accessibility and inclusiveness of all national social protection systems, including processes for registration, assessment, collection and types of payment and information sharing	
2.6 Support services Strengthen culturally relevant, person-centred approaches to support services for persons with disabilities that uphold their right to live with dignity, autonomy and choice in the community. These include sign language interpretation and other communication support, supported decision making, peer-to-peer support, personal assistance, and respite, support and training for those providing support and care.		2.6.1 Scale in interpreter training, accreditation and deployment systems, and legislate formal recognition of national sign languages, and develop systems to ensure interpreters are available and affordable. 2.6.2 Activate national and regional culturally relevant approaches and schemes towards CRPD-aligned supported decision making, addressing training and protocols to ensure availability of quality supported decision makers (including that provided by family and community), legislation that recognises supported decision-making arrangements and prohibits substituted decision making, and development of support decision making programming including peer-led models. 2.6.3 Build national and regional culturally relevant approaches to community-based support services, addressing training and protocols to ensure availability of quality support services (including that provided by family and community) and safeguarding redress, development of community-based support services providers (including peer-led models and community-based respite).	

Alignment with 2050 Strategy – Change Area 2, Preconditions for Disability Inclusion

Thematic Area and Strategic Pathways	Outcomes	Regional Collective Actions
People Centred Development Goal 3: Human Rights	System Outcome 3.3	People Centred Development Goal 3, Human Rights, RCA 1, 5, 7, 9
Technology and Connectivity Goal 1: built environment and transport	People Outcomes 1, System Outcome 1.2	
Technology and Connectivity Goal 2: ICT and digital economy	People Outcome 2, Systems Outcome 2.2	Technology and Connectivity Goal 2, ICT and digital economy: RCA 5
Inclusion and Equity Strategic Pathway		Cross Cutting RCA: (iii)

Change Area 3: Leadership and Ownership

Level of Ambition 3:

Forum Members, OPDs, and national and regional stakeholders are more actively practicing, promoting and progressing disability equity due to ongoing, high-level, visible commitment (including political, financial and technical support) to disability-inclusive development, strengthened institutional capacity, improved national coordination, and formalised leadership roles and partnerships with OPDs.

People Outcome 3:

Persons with disabilities, through their representative organisations, are provided explicit roles, partnerships, capacity building and resourcing to exercise meaningful leadership, influence and decision-making power in national and regional mechanisms and forums that affect their lives.

Systems Outcome 3:

Political, institutional and coordination mechanisms at national and regional levels demonstrate sustained ownership of disability inclusion through high-level engagement, visible commitments, strengthened institutional capacity, formalised leadership roles and partnerships with OPDs.

Pathways 3

Transformative Actions 3

3.1 Political ownership and leadership

Mandate ministerial and senior-level leadership by clearly setting expectations, assigning responsibilities and sustaining visibility of disability equity across government and regional and international dialogues and forums, including treaty bodies.

- 3.1.1 Commit to high-level political leadership representation at regional and global disability convenings, such as the Pacific Regional Conference on Disability, Conference of State Parties (COSP) and the Global Disability Summit.
- 3.1.2 Require visible appointment of responsibility of disability portfolio at Ministerial level, whether as Minister or Ambassador, to promote visibility and accountability.
- 3.1.3 Delegate clear institutional roles and responsibilities across departments regarding disabilities, and clearly communicate these across government to aid collaboration, efficiency, information flow and decision making.

3.2 Capacity strengthening

Strengthen the capacity of the sector including government focal points, technical staff and OPDs, regarding design, inclusive budgeting and data, CRPD, engagement with OPDs, and deeper-diver matters, through training and other modalities including facilitated peer-to-peer learning.

- 3.2.1 Provide disability government focal points, as well as other government staff, with sustainable structured training, mentoring and peer-to-peer learning that strengthens their leadership and technical capability.
- 3.2.2 Support the capacity building of OPDs to strengthen technical expertise and capability, including to resource and enable OPDs to co-design, co-deliver and provide quality assurance to training and professional development of government focal point staff.
- 3.2.3 Establish a range of proactive learning programs in coordination with the 2050 Strategy peer learning program including for example, peer exchange programs, coaching and mentoring with technical experts, and an active focal point network to provide continuous learning, collaboration and on-demand technical expertise.

3.3 Regional and national OPDs leadership

Support and facilitate OPDs in all their diversity to exercise meaningful leadership and co-decision making roles in national and regional coordination, partnership and governance arrangements, establish meaningful partnership arrangements and leadership and governance roles for OPDs, and provide financial and capacity support to enable them to perform these roles. This should include appropriate flexible arrangements that support engagement with a diversity of OPDs, especially those experiencing intersectional and compounded discrimination.

- 3.3.1 Enter formal partnerships and Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with OPDs, including those representing more marginalised persons with disabilities, which outline clear leadership roles in line with OPDs' preferences in national and regional decision-making and governance forums, as well as provision of sustainable financial and capacity support to enable this.
- 3.3.2 Facilitate participation of OPDs in all their diversity in regional and international political environment and development agenda, including through financial sponsorship, increased participation of OPDs in leadership and advocacy skills development programs, and joint advocacy on collective priorities.

3.4 National cooperation

Establish whole-of-government mechanisms with OPD participation that clarify roles, align plans and fix referral and information-sharing gaps. This will improve efficiencies, reduce siloing of activities and information, and ensure clear and transparent delegation of responsibility.

- 3.4.1 Establish and ensure active running of a national committee, council or working group with representation from multiple government departments as well as diverse OPDs and other relevant national stakeholders, that meets at least four times a year to improve national coordination of disability equity efforts.
- 3.4.2 Designate within each national government:
 - A disability lead ministry or agency for disability inclusion who should be the incoming contact point and have mandate for coordination
 - Government-wide disability focal points, to sit within the disability lead ministry
 - Disability-lead within all other relevant departments and agencies (such as Bureau of Statistics, Department of Health, Education, Social Protection, Women, Culture, Disaster Risk Management).

Alignment with 2050 Strategy – Change Area 3, Leadership and Ownership

Thematic Area and Strategic Pathways	Outcomes	Regional Collective Actions
Political Leadership and Regionalism Goal 1: Leadership	People Outcome 1.0, Systems Outcome 1.1, 1.3	Political Leadership and Regionalism Goal 1: Leadership, RCA 2, 3
Political Leadership and Regionalism Goal 2: Regionalism	People Outcomes 1.0, System Outcomes 2.3	Political Leadership and Regionalism Goal 2: Regionalism, RCA 3
Technology and Connectivity Goal 2: ICT and digital economy	People Outcome 2, Systems Outcome 2.2	Technology and Connectivity Goal 2, RCA 5
Inclusion and Equity Strategic Pathway		Cross Cutting RCA: (iii)





Change Area 4: Enabling Environment

Level of Ambition 4:

Persons with disabilities have greater practical access to their rights through enabling laws and regulatory mechanisms, policies and systems, visible and dedicated disability budget allocations, and more transparent processes for advocacy, accountability, complaints and redress when there is breach.

People Outcome 4:

Persons with disabilities experience increased protection and fulfilment of their rights under the CRPD, including having greater practical access to transparency, accountability, redress and resourcing.

Systems Outcome 4:

National legal, policy, budgeting, reporting and accountability frameworks are aligned with the CRPD, the 2030 Agenda, and effectively translate commitments on disability inclusion into enforceable, resourced and transparent practice.

Pathways 4:

Transformative Actions 4:

4.1 Policy and law reform and development

Support implementation of the CRPD by adopting national disability inclusion laws with regulatory mechanisms and policies as relevant, reviewing and reforming laws and policies for CRPD-compliance, and embedding disability inclusion in all new policy development and law reform.

- 4.1.1 Draft and pass national law on the rights of persons with disabilities in line with CRPD.
- 4.1.2 Draft and implement national strategy guiding action for the national implementation of the CRPD.
- 4.1.3 Undertake CRPD-review of all national laws and policies to ensure alignment with CRPD.

4.2 Disability inclusive budgeting

Incorporate more classifications, markers and processes within national expenditure and other budget processes to enable tracking of disability allocations across sectors and initiatives, allocate adequate and transparent resourcing towards disability equity initiatives (both mainstreaming and targeted), and plan for accessibility and reasonable accommodation costs.

- 4.2.1 Support government staff and partners to develop costed national disability strategies and initiatives, and incorporate these costings within budgeting decisions and reporting (ensuring meaningful engagement with OPDs in doing so).
- 4.2.2 Develop system for embedding disability marker within budget allocations and expenditures and publicly reporting this.

4.3 Treaty reporting

Strengthen monitoring and reporting on the CRPD and on disability inclusion within other human rights treaty reporting through capacity building and support to governments, as well as support to OPDs undertaking alternate and parallel reporting.

- 4.3.1 Ensure timely and quality reporting against the CRPD in line with scheduled commitments.
- 4.3.2 Support government staff and partners to integrate CRPD committee concluding observations into national policy and strategy implementation plans.
- 4.3.3 Support OPD to undertake shadow reporting, including through provision of capacity building and technical expertise.

4.4 National CRPD compliant mechanisms

Build accessible complaints, redress and monitoring arrangements that give practical effect to rights under the CRPD, as to close the loop between policy, programming and outcomes in the lives of persons with disabilities.

- 4.4.1 Establish and adequately resource a structure for the independent monitoring of the CRPD (such as a Disability Commission or Ombudsman) or delegate such independent monitoring to an existing independent oversight body (such as a human rights commission) if relevant.

Alignment with 2050 Strategy – Change Area 4, Enabling Environment

Thematic Area and Strategic Pathways

Outcomes

Regional Collective Actions

Political Leadership and Regionalism Goal 1: Leadership

People Outcome 1.0, Systems Outcome 1.3

Political Leadership and Regionalism Goal 1: Leadership, RCA 3

Inclusion and Equity Strategic Pathway

Cross Cutting RCA: (iii)

Change Area 5: Knowledge and Evidence

Level of Ambition 5:

There is a stronger and growing body of disability-related data, research, knowledge and technical expertise informed by the realities, lived experiences and priorities of persons with disabilities and the disability movement, and stakeholders are consistently drawing on this to deliver more equitable, relevant and effective policies, services and supports across the Pacific.

People Outcome 5:

Persons with disabilities, through their representative organisations, are actively engaged and supported in contributing to, framing, generating, sharing and analysing disability-related data, research, knowledge and technical expertise, ensuring their realities and lived experience meaningfully inform evidence, learning, practice and decision-making across the region.

Systems Outcome 5:

Disability-inclusive data, research, knowledge-sharing and technical expertise, informed by the disability movement, are systematically produced, accessible, shared and consistently used across national and regional decision-making, planning, implementation and accountability processes.

Pathways 5:

Transformative Actions 5:

5.1 Data collection, analysis and use Systematise use of guidance from the Pacific Regional Guidebook on Disability Statistics across censuses, surveys and sector information Management Systems, and strengthen analytical capability and data-sharing processes so disability data meaningfully informs planning, budgeting and accountability.	5.1.1 Support governments to establish inter-agency working groups on disability data. 5.1.2 Collect and analyse disability-disaggregated data across all national censuses and key sectoral surveys. 5.1.3 Build awareness and capability regarding disability data, including regarding consistent use of methodology as well as analysis and application, across government staff and OPDs. 5.1.4 Ensure that all disability data is also disaggregated by sex, age, disability type and geographic location to reveal compounding disadvantages and ensure that the specific situations of those facing intersectional discrimination are visible and inform policy and programme response.
	5.2.1 Support a growing research and evidence base on disability equity and rights issues, in line with priority areas emphasising Pacific-led, OPD-partner research that focuses on issues affecting marginalised groups and building local capacity regarding research. 5.2.2 Ensure that all research is accessible and disseminated in formats that most useful to stakeholders, particularly OPDs and governments, considering Plain English, local languages, video formats, Easy Read and other modalities to increase access to learnings and information.
5.2 Research Resource and prioritise research in line with the agenda of disability movement to understand situations of persons with disabilities and their families; and ensure findings are accessible, disseminated, and translated into formats that can guide governments, OPDs and other stakeholders' efforts.	5.3.1 Develop accessible, practical knowledge products meeting needs identified by Government Focal Point Network. 5.3.2 Establish an online regional disability knowledge hub or platform – a repository of toolkits, guidelines, case studies and training materials for Pacific contexts that can be accessed by government staff and OPDs.
5.3 Knowledge management Develop accessible resources and repositories as well as peer-to-peer learning, to ensure efficient and effective sharing and use of knowledge.	5.4.1 Support the development of a growing pool of local Pacific-based disability-specific technical advisors, including those with lived experience of disability. 5.4.2 Draw upon specialist disability technical expertise, in partnership with the disability movement, in design, implementation and review of policies, investments, research, reform and programming to ensure good practice that reflects the lived experiences of Pacific persons with disabilities in all their diversity.
5.4 Technical expertise Establish sustainable access to specialist disability inclusion expertise for Governments, OPDs and stakeholders, while also investing in building strong local and regional technical capacity to embed good practice across policy development, service delivery and programming.	

Alignment with 2050 Strategy – Change Area 5, Knowledge and Evidence

Thematic Area and Strategic Pathways	Outcomes	Regional Collective Actions
People Centred Development Goal 3 – Human Rights	People Outcome 3.0, Systems Outcome 3.1	People Centred Development Goal 3 – Human Rights, RCA 2
Education, Research and Equity Strategy Pathway		Cross Cutting RCA: (iv)
Inclusion and Equity Strategic Pathway		Cross Cutting RCA: (iii)





Means of Implementation

Level of Ambition MOI:

The region's collective commitments to disability equity are delivered through robust, rights-based and Pacific-led resourcing, governance, MEL, coordination and communication systems aligned with regional and national architecture, and informed by and accountable to persons with disabilities.

People Outcome MOI:

Persons with disabilities' voices and lived experiences are consistently heard and meaningfully inform the progress, impact, and key initiatives of the refreshed Framework through close engagement with OPDs - particularly PDF - via transparent and regular communication, reporting and MEL, governance, and coordination.

Systems Outcome 4:

Systems for resourcing, governance, coordination, monitoring, engagement and communication are robust, streamlined with regional and national architecture, inclusive and accessible and Pacific-led, enabling effective implementation of the refreshed Framework in alignment with the CRPD and the 2050 Strategy.

Pathways (MOI)

MOI 1 - Resource mobilisation

Mobilise resources through Pacific-owned flexible financing mechanisms that coordinate partners, incentivise and support growth of domestic budget allocation towards disability inclusion, and leverage regional economies of scale towards regional priorities in line with OPDs' agendas.

MOI 2 - Accountability, governance and coordination

Establish a regional governance group to oversee the refreshed Framework that raises disability inclusion's political visibility, aligns with regional architecture, and ensures accountability and transparent progress updates, together with a regional coordination group to drive implementation of the refreshed Framework. Both will have representation of OPDs, Forum members and other relevant stakeholders.

MOI 3 - MEL and impact

Develop and report against a practical MEL framework, including a small set of CRPD and 2050 Strategy aligned indicators and periodic public reviews, that drive learning and accountability while minimising duplication and burden.

MOI 4 - Engagement and communication

Deliver ongoing socialisation of Framework and engagement with sector on its progress to ensure continual uptake, awareness and ownership among partners.

Transformative Actions (MOI)

MOI 1.1 Develop and implement a flexible funding mechanism or facility to coordinate and channel funding towards priority areas and systemic reforms.

MOI 1.2 Develop a regional helpdesk to mobilise and facilitate technical support and knowledge sharing for governments, as well as OPDs and other stakeholders as relevant.

MOI 2.1 Revitalise a high-level governance body such as a Regional Disability Reference Group—with representation from Forum Member Ministers, CROP agencies, OPDs and development partners—to provide strategic oversight and guidance of implementation, elevate political visibility and ownership, and ensure alignment with regional priorities and frameworks.

MOI 2.2 Establish formalised regional coordination mechanism to align and coordinate planning and implementation of regional disability equity efforts across sectors and agencies, with a dedicated host agency and resourcing for staffing, convening, and facilitation.

MOI 3.1 Develop and implement MEL Plan for revitalised PFRPD, reporting to the Regional Disability Reference Group.

MOI 3.2 Ensure robust monitoring and reporting of disability qualitative and quantitative data and indicators into all relevant regional and national MEL frameworks, including the 2050 Strategy MEL Plan, and MEL plans for other key regional frameworks and strategies such as (but not limited to) the Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration (PLGED), Pacific Regional Education Framework (PACREF), Pacific Resilience and Economic Development (PREDE), Pacific Framework for Resilient Development (PFRD), Healthy Islands Vision 2050.

MOI 4.1 Promote high-level government and stakeholder engagement around Framework and its change areas at key opportunities including the biannual Pacific Regional Conference on Disability, GESI week, Forum Leaders meetings and other convenings.

MOI 4.2 Develop and implement communication plan, in coordination with regional coordination mechanism, PIFS and SPC, to ensure the updated framework and its progress is continuously socialised amongst all Forum Members and other key stakeholders including OPDs.

Alignment with 2050 Strategy – MOI

Thematic Area and Strategic Pathways

Education, Research and Technology Strategic Pathway

Partnerships and Cooperation Strategic Pathway

Inclusion and Equity Strategic Pathway

Governance Strategic Pathway

See also: 2050 Strategy Means of Implementation – 2. Data, 5. Partnerships and Engagement, 6. Financing

Regional Collective Actions

Cross Cutting RCA: (iv)

Cross Cutting RCA: (vii)

Cross Cutting RCA: (iii)

Cross Cutting RCA: (ii)

Annex 1

ALIGNMENT OF THE LEADERS' COMMITMENT TO DISABILITY INCLUSION TO THE 2050 STRATEGY COMMITMENTS

FORUM LEADERS COMMITMENT IN THE 2050 STRATEGY	DISABILITY INCLUSION COMMITMENTS
i. To nurture collective political will and deepen regionalism and solidarity, we will invest in leadership development, diplomatic capacity and relationship building at all levels and pursue our national interests, mindful of our agreed collective regional priorities. We will also endeavor to resolve our challenges and disputes in our own unique Pacific Way	1. Exercise sustained political leadership to advance disability equity and rights across the region, ensuring disability inclusion is embedded as a core priority within national policies, regional cooperation, and development efforts. 2. Deepen Pacific regionalism and solidarity and advancing disability equity in the Pacific Way.
ii. To collectively deliver for our people, we will ensure that the Pacific Islands Forum and wider regional architecture is coherent and effective, and that they deliver on our collective strategic priorities. Further, we will ensure that they allow for the inclusion and engagement of the private sector; civil society; media; academia; community; cultural and faith-based organisations; development partners; and other equally valuable constituencies.	3. Embed the leadership and voices of persons with disabilities, through meaningful partnership with Organisations of Persons with Disabilities, guided by the principle of nothing about us without us, across policy development, implementation, monitoring and accountability. 4. Strengthen national and regional capability and coordination, so that commitments under the CRPD and regional frameworks translate into practical, sustained and measurable outcomes in people's lives.
iv. To secure the wellbeing of our people, we will work together to strengthen national and regional efforts to ensure all Pacific peoples benefit from enhanced provision of education, health and other services. To achieve this, we will place emphasis on learning from each other, drawing on scientifically based research and traditional knowledge as well as promoting human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of all people.	5. Remove persistent, structural barriers that excludes persons with disabilities by strengthening the systems, laws, services and institutions that enable accessibility, participation, protection and dignity. 6. Enable mindset change among communities and institutions to eliminate discrimination and uphold rights and choices of persons with disabilities, in all their diversity. 7. Promote evidence, including lived experience, informed and accountable decision-making, supported by improved disability data, knowledge, learning and transparent reporting within existing regional mechanisms. 8. Ensure our collective efforts are inclusive and future-focused, addressing the disproportionate impacts of climate change, disasters, emerging health and social challenges, and geopolitical uncertainty on persons with disabilities.

ALIGNMENT OF THE LEADERS' DISABILITY INCLUSION VALUES TO THE 2050 STRATEGY VALUES

FORUM LEADERS VALUES IN THE 2050 STRATEGY	CONTEXTUALISED TO DISABILITY INCLUSION VALUES
• We recognise regional cooperation and our shared commitment to work together, as an important platform for achieving the greatest benefits for our people. • We value and depend upon our vast ocean and our island resources and the integrity of our natural environment. • We treasure the diversity and heritage of the Pacific and seek an inclusive future in which our faiths, cultural values, and traditional knowledge are respected, honoured and protected. • We embrace good governance, the full observance of democratic principles and values, the rule of law, the defence and promotion of all human rights, gender equality, and commitment to just societies. • We ensure peaceful, safe, and stable communities and countries, ensuring robust security and wellbeing for the peoples of the Pacific.	1. Applying the values in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.



• We encourage innovation and creativity and respect our cultural values and traditional knowledge. • We support full inclusivity, equity and equality for all peoples of the Pacific. • We strive for effective, open and honest relationships and inclusive and enduring partnerships—based on mutual accountability and respect—with each other, within our sub-regions, within our region, and beyond. • We recognise the importance of a regional architecture that includes the Pacific Islands Forum at the apex, and that works closely with regional, multilateral, and global partners.	
• We treasure the diversity and heritage of the Pacific and seek an inclusive future in which our faiths, cultural values, and traditional knowledge are respected, honoured and protected. • We encourage innovation and creativity and respect our cultural values and traditional knowledge.	2. Innovation, creativity and respect for Pacific cultural values and indigenous and traditional knowledge.
• We embrace good governance, the full observance of democratic principles and values, the rule of law, the defence and promotion of all human rights, gender equality, and commitment to just societies. • We recognise regional cooperation and our shared commitment to work together, as an important platform for achieving the greatest benefits for our people. • We strive for effective, open and honest relationships and inclusive and enduring partnerships—based on mutual accountability and respect—with each other, within our sub-regions, within our region, and beyond. • We recognise the importance of a regional architecture that includes the Pacific Islands Forum at the apex, and that works closely with regional, multilateral, and global partners.	3. Uphold and pursue the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
• We value and depend upon our vast ocean and our island resources and the integrity of our natural environment. • We support full inclusivity, equity and equality for all peoples of the Pacific.	4. Pursue inclusion of the most marginalised persons with disabilities, especially those experiencing intersectional discrimination and those living in Smaller Island States
• We embrace good governance, the full observance of democratic principles and values, the rule of law, the defence and promotion of all human rights, gender equality, and commitment to just societies. • We support full inclusivity, equity and equality for all peoples of the Pacific.	5. Meaningful partnership with and promote the leadership of persons with disabilities in all their diversity and their representative organisations.







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