Land Governance and Climate Change in Samoa

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Outline

• Location Map
• Land Tenure Types
• Linkage to the 6 questions
• Solutions
Latitude 12°30’ South
Longitude 172°00’ West
• National Capital
  • Apia

• 2 Main Islands
  Upolu and Savaii.

• Land Area
  • 1097 sq miles.

• Population
  • 187,820

• Language
  • Samoa and English
Land Tenure Types

- Customary  81%
- Freehold    8%
- Public      11%
Vulnerabilities and Challenges to Climate Change

• Loss of land (coastal area)
• Relocation to higher area
• Land issues
Vulnerabilities and Challenges to Rapid Urbanisation

- Population growth
- Access to land, housing, and infrastructure
- Land and property prices are higher
- Supporting Urban economy
- Addressing poverty
- Improving institutional capacity
Constraints in Improving Land Governance

• Lack of resources
• Lack of awareness
• Funding
• Sharing knowledge and ideas
• Lack of enforcement - existing policies and regulation eg.
• Land Titles Registration Act 2008
• Survey Act 2010
• Land Valuation Act 2010
• Planning and Urban Management Act 2004
• Unit Titles Act 2009
• Lands, Surveys and Environment Act 1989
• And so on.....
Importance of Partnership

- Update knowledge and Skill
- Training and Workshop
- Funding and opportunity
Solutions;

• Require effective land use planning and planning regulations by land sector agencies and land professionals with capacity to implement them.

• Enforce of the existing policies and regulation
Thank You..