



LOCAL2030 ISLANDS NETWORK

The Local2030 Islands Network Factsheet

Islands Working Together for a Sustainable World

The Local2030 Islands Network is the world's first global, island-led network devoted to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through locally-driven, culturally-informed solutions. The Network brings together a diverse set of island economies - nations, states, and communities - from all regions of the world, and promotes island solutions and leadership based on shared experiences and island culture.

Why Island Economies?

Islands are on the frontlines of climate change and are uniquely positioned to lead the world in the transition towards a climate resilient and net-zero emissions future. As islands are experiencing the already-occurring impacts of climate change, they are developing innovative solutions to reduce risk and build resilience particularly at the water-energy-food nexus. Islands also play a key role in pioneering ocean-based solutions to deliver on the SDGs. Furthermore, islands have a rich history of indigenous and local knowledge, systems thinking, and connection to place.

What does the Local2030 Islands Network do?

The Local2030 Islands Network serves as a platform for islands to engage each other as peers to raise ambition on the SDGs, share experiences, spread knowledge, promote solidarity, and identify and implement best practice sustainability solutions.

The Local2030 Islands Network supports island economies in achieving the Four Principles:



Local Goals: Identifying local goals to advance the SDGs and strengthen long-term political leadership on climate resilience and net-zero emissions pathways.



Public-Private Partnerships: Strengthening public-private partnerships that support diverse stakeholders in integrating sustainability priorities into policy and planning.



Measurement: Measuring SDG progress through tracking and reporting on locally and culturally informed indicators.



Concrete Action: Implementing concrete initiatives that build island resilience and a circular economy through locally appropriate solutions, particularly at the water-energy-food nexus.

The Local2030 Islands Network catalyzes local partnerships and action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by connecting island leadership and sharing solutions.

How does the Local2030 Islands Network work?

The Local2030 Islands Network coordinates topic-specific Communities of Practice (CoP) in which member islands can participate. These Communities of Practice support the implementation of the Four Principles and topics are determined by the island members through an iterative, peer-to-peer process. The Clean Energy and Resilience CoP and Data for Climate Resilience CoP were launched during the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (COP26), and the Sustainable and Regenerative Tourism CoP was launched at the Our Oceans Conference in Palau (April 2022).

The Local2030 Islands Network supports the development of island data analysis tools and Dashboards through technical assistance to achieve Principle 3: Measuring SDG Progress.

- The Network will work with the Low Emissions Development Strategies Global Partnership (LEDS GP) and the US National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to provide targeted technical assistance and develop and strengthen island communities of practice, and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to build capacity and support integrated climate data analysis and applications.
- The Local2030 Islands Network provides and promotes demand driven virtual engagement and learning opportunities. The COVID-19 Virtual Platform, for example, provided a series of virtual events convened in 2020 that featured over 50 expert speakers, engaged hundreds of participants, and developed key messages focused on the following areas: regenerative tourism, green growth economic recovery, food security, nature-based solutions, resilience and youth and indigenous engagement.

Who can join the Local2030 Islands Network and what is the membership criteria?

Island economies and countries that have islands can join the Network as members regardless of jurisdictional level. Intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, business, academia, and philanthropy can join the Network as partners.

Local2030 Islands Network members and partners must commit to the Network's Four Principles and signal their commitment in an open letter to the Local2030 Islands Network Secretariat.

Who manages the Network?

The Hawaii Local2030 Hub and the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) serve as the Secretariat for the Network and are supported by a Steering Committee of senior leaders from across diverse disciplines and geographies who are committed to advancing island sustainability.

How can my jurisdiction and/or organization join?

Visit www.islands2030.org or contact info@islands2030.org for membership information.

