CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE COOK ISLANDS
From Concern to Actions
Agriculture New Strategic of Intent

• The After MDG vision 2015 and the Cook Islands NSDP focuses turning the Sector around:
  – Four key statements of around the new vision:
    1. Healthy soils.
    2. Healthy foods.
    3. Local and appropriate.
    4. Sustaining our common Livelihoods.

• Driving the vision forward into pragmatic action plan
The (4) Pillars for a 180° Sector Turn-around

PILLAR ONE: Institution, Legal, Regulatory Framework

PILLAR TWO: Commodity, Chain Development

PILLAR THREE: Commercial Farm Labour Development

PILLAR FOUR: Support Services

FOOD Policy COUNCIL
Healthy Soil & healthy foods

Two key elements of the vision working hand in hand towards Climate Change:

• Both imply great care to the way food is produced and processed. The starting point lies in addressing soil.

• Agro-ecological farming: Our Commitment in the Reef Ridge GEF program “Sustainably managing its productive landscape”

• Agro-ecological farming: Diversified cropping systems and-or integrated crops-livestock system.
Healthy Soil & healthy foods

Ensuring health food implies to food safety procedures, health diets and eating habits:

• Promoting specific NCD less risky diets, joint campaigns on NCD avoidance with civil society.

• Reintroducing a number of traditional crops, livestock breads.

• Extending agriculture services into hobby gardeners.

• Extending agriculture services into schools.
Food Security & Nutrition

- Food Security exists when all people, at all times have **physical, social** and **economic access** to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet dietary needs, food preferences for an active and healthy life:
  
  - Introduction of superior varieties resistant to heat and water logging and salt contaminants. *(Puraka, Yam, Kumara, Tarua, Taro, Maniota).*
  
  - Incorporating agro-ecological farming practices.
  
  - Pest resistant crops to major agricultural pests.
  
  - Post harvest practices for longer shelf life and/or preservation, value adding.
  
  - Protection of arable land (natural filtration areas) for food security purposes.
  
  - Promoting high value nutritious vegetables *(Beta Carotene veges)*