

Islands Supporting Islands in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals



Island economies contribute less than 1% to all greenhouse gas emissions

Yet island economies are among the most vulnerable groups to climate change

Five

islands have been lost to rising sea levels

Billions

of dollars in economic losses

4-foot

rise in sea levels predicted by 2050

Decreased

food and livelihood security

Millions

of people could be displaced due to climate change impacts by 2050



Current solutions are not easily accessible or shared between islands

- Islands have limited financial resources and international aid is “drying up”
- A single disaster event can cause losses that exceed an island's GDP several times
- Initiatives funded and developed by foreigners often fail or are not aligned with local and cultural practices
- Islands lack institutional, political, and systemic capacity to deal with climate change



INTRODUCING

A platform for Islands to work together for a sustainable future





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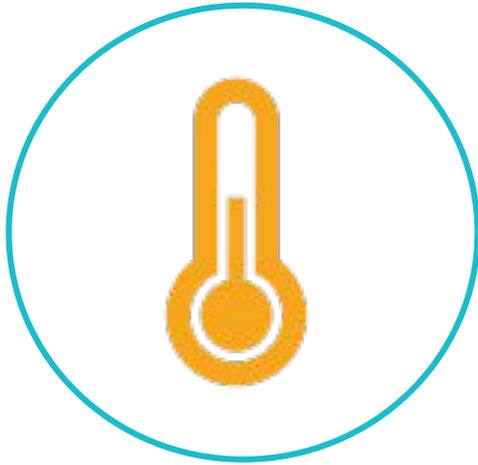
HAWAI'I GREEN GROWTH LOCAL2030 HUB

The **Hawai'i Green Growth Local2030 Hub (HGG)** is a network-based organization that has developed a unique model for sustainability through the Aloha+ Challenge, building on Hawai'i's cultural heritage and island values. Launched in 2014, the Aloha+ Challenge tracks progress toward the UN SDGs and is comprised of locally and culturally driven indicators developed through a multi-year stakeholder engagement process. The Aloha+ Challenge, Hawai'i's local economic, social and environmental framework to contribute to the UN SDGs, is measured through an open-data [Dashboard](#) to track progress and catalyze action. The HGG network facilitates public, private, and civil society collaboration on innovative solutions achieve the 2030 goals, and is recognized as a Local2030 hub in partnership with the UN Local2030 Initiative.

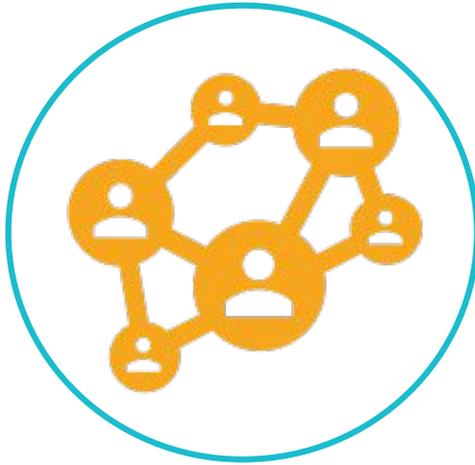


The **Global Island Partnership**: Led by the Presidents of Palau, Seychelles and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Prime Minister of Grenada and Premier of the British Virgin Islands, GLISPA's mission is to promote action to build resilience sustainable island communities by inspiring leadership, catalyzing commitments and facilitating collaboration for all islands. GLISPA does this by focussing on mobilizing high level political will for island commitments and action on resilience and sustainability; building and strengthening partnerships that implement global resilience, conservation and sustainability goals on islands (in particular the SDGs) and by helping our members strategize to bring global attention to and support for island solutions and initiatives, especially through major international meetings and conferences.

We leverage culturally and locally relevant islands solutions to support each other in...



**Building climate
resilience**



**Identifying and sharing
best practices**



**Accelerating action for
islands, by islands**

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The sand is light-colored and textured. Several white beach umbrellas are scattered across the beach, some with lounge chairs underneath. People are visible sitting on the chairs. The water is clear and turquoise, with some rocks visible in the shallow part. A small island with greenery and a wooden structure is visible in the lower part of the image.

Our approach...

**Unlocks new, scalable, adaptable models for
designing culturally, locally, and data driven
climate action solutions**

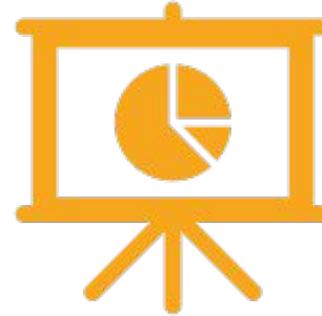
Core Principles of the Local2030 Islands Network



Strengthen long-term political leadership on sustainable development and climate resilience



Scale up public-private partnerships that support diverse stakeholders in integrating sustainability priorities into policy and planning



Measure SDG progress through tracking and reporting on locally and culturally informed indicators



Implement concrete initiatives that build island resilience and circular economy at the water energy-food nexus

Hawai'i Case Study: Hawai'i Green Growth Local2030 Hub convenes government, business and civil society partners through the Aloha+ Challenge - Hawai'i's local framework to achieve the UN SDGs - with progress measured on an open-data Dashboard and multi-stakeholder projects to drive action.

CONVENE AND CONNECT DIVERSE PARTNERS



IDENTIFY SHARED PRIORITIES



MEASURES WHAT MATTERS



COORDINATE TO DRIVE ACTION



Hawai'i Case Study: The Aloha+ Dashboard tracks Hawai'i's local contribution to all 17 SDGs with 6 priority areas, 37 targets and 200+ community-based indicators developed through over 4 years of convening public and private stakeholders. The open-data Dashboard provides accountability and informs decision making as part of an on-going stakeholder process.



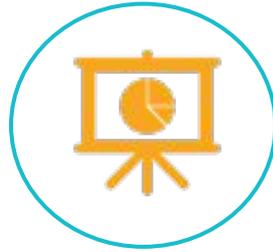
We will provide direct institutional support to island jurisdictions by:



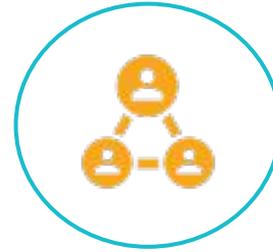
Expert knowledge
and workshops
(virtual & in-person)



Green Growth
Development
Framework
support



Data analysis
tools



Peer-to-peer
exchanges



Educational
fellowships and
curriculum design
resources



Our pilot in 2019 made us the world's first global island-led network devoted to achieving the SDGs through locally-driven, culturally-led solutions

In 9 months, we were able to...

1. Partner with 22 organizations and 7 international islands
2. Host 8 webinars on building back better post COVID-19, including on strengthening island resilience, food security, nature-based solutions, and amplifying island and indigenous youth voices
3. Share 125+ bright spots with over 2,000 participants from 60+ different countries
4. Receive high-profile support from the UN Deputy Secretary General Amina Mohammed
5. Assist with the launch of 2 Green Growth Initiatives



Youth Panel Discussion

ASU Global
Futures
Arizona State University

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Island and Indigenous Youth Voices *Building Back Better & Fairer*

A discussion with island youth, channeling their creativity and innovation towards a solution-oriented conversation for responding to COVID-19 and in building back better.



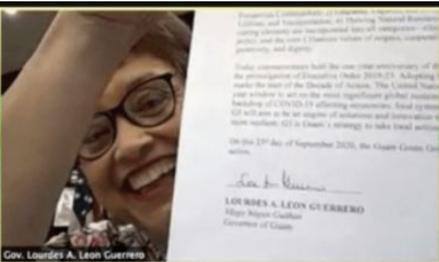
Thursday, July 23rd
10.00 - 11.30 am HST; 20.00 - 21.30 UTC



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Small Islands Organisation (SMILO)

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Commonwealth Secretariat

Sustainable Travel International

Pacific Island Development Program

University of Guam

Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

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“Island communities grasp the interdependence of the three dimensions of sustainable development: environmental, societal and economic. We understand how our experience as islanders defines us, not just in our physical geography, but in the geography of our minds, our communities, our societies, and how we relate to the world beyond our coastal horizons.”

Islands Supporting Islands



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Uplifting Island Partnerships in Support of the Decade of Action



Tuesday, 29th September
21.00 UTC

Speakers:



Selina Neirok Leem
Climate Warrior
Republic of the Marshall Islands



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Under-Secretary-General & High
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Statistics:

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