The Local2030 Islands Network
Islands Leading the Transition Toward a Green, Resilient and Equitable Future

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 leads a peer-to-peer platform of island leaders and experts from across jurisdictions focused on developing innovative solutions in an island context that are globally relevant.

Why Island Economies?
- Islands are uniquely positioned to lead the world in the transition towards a climate resilient and net-zero emissions future. Islands are on the frontline of climate change, experiencing already occurring climate impacts, and are therefore developing innovative solutions to reduce risk and build resilience, particularly at the water-energy-food nexus. As large ocean economies, islands also play a key role in pioneering ocean-based solutions to deliver on the SDGs. Island geographies give rise to unique cultures and communities with a history of indigenous and local knowledge, systems thinking, and connection to place. Islanders are deeply connected to their island homes that are threatened by climate change, and therefore sensitive to the sustainability imperative: the need to save their island home for those who will follow.

What is the Local2030 Islands Network?
- The Local2030 Islands Network brings together a diverse set of developed and developing island economies - nations, states, and communities - from all regions of the world. The Network promotes island solutions and leadership based on shared experiences and island culture. With initial financial and technical support of the US Government, and island thought leadership from Hawaii and other US island economies, the Local2030 Islands Network engages islands in the partnership as peers, offering a unique platform for progressive and creative local institutions to partner with peer islands globally.

What does the Local2030 Islands Network do?
- The Network showcases globally-recognized tools and approaches to sustainability and resilience. It draws on local innovation institutions and disseminates best practices in realizing long-term sustainability goals around the world. The Network focuses on training and peer support, including fellowships for emerging island sustainability leaders to learn from Hawaii’s experience and other islands. The network highlights and connects island leadership on sustainability and climate action.

- The Local2030 Islands Network serves as a central resource for island-led solutions, and a platform for the development of communities of practice, linking islands in new ways to address climate change and clean energy. The network provides an efficient platform for engagement amongst and between islands to share experiences, spread knowledge, raise ambition, promote solidarity, and identify and implement best practice solutions.

- The Local2030 Islands Network provides and promotes virtual engagement and learning opportunities in a demand-driven manner- including webinars, the development of ongoing communities of practice, and facilitation of support for various aspects of SDG implementation, and sectoral and cross-sectoral support mechanisms.

- In response to COVID-19, the Network launched a COVID-19 Virtual Platform to spotlight local island challenges and solutions, and to strengthen island partnerships across international jurisdictions.
The platform successfully convened a series of virtual events in 2020 that featured over 50 expert speakers, convened 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.

- 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 US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to build capacity and support integrated climate data analysis and applications.

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

- The Network members include island economies - sub-national island jurisdictions, island countries and countries that have islands, including US island jurisdictions. This includes economies at the national, state and local level. Partners include Intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, business, academia, and philanthropy. A primary focus for the Network is developing communities of practice among leaders and experts in communities most vulnerable to climate threats.

- The Local2030 Islands Network is also open to cooperating institutions focused on and committed to advancing the SDGs. Network members and partners are asked to agree to four key principles of best practice in contributing to the SDGs, which will inform the Network’s focus:
  
  - Identify local goals to advance the SDGs and strengthen long-term political leadership on climate resilience and net-zero emissions pathways.
  - Strengthen 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 a circular economy through locally appropriate solutions, particularly at the water-energy-food nexus.

**Who manages the Network?**

- The Network is managed by Hawaii Green Growth Local2030 Hub and the Global Island Partnership, with a Steering Committee of senior leaders from across diverse disciplines and geographies who are passionate about advancing island sustainability. The Secretariat helps members strategize to bring global attention to and support for island solutions and initiatives, especially through major international meetings and conferences. Hawaii Green Growth was launched at the 2011 US hosted APEC Leaders Summit in Honolulu to support a sustainable and green growth recovery, and is a UN-recognised Local2030 Hub focused on promoting capacity building to support local implementation of the SDGs. GLISPA was founded by island leaders to help islands collaborate and mobilise action oriented commitments. GLISPA has long had a vision of islands leading on sustainability implementation, the Local2030 Islands Network brings this into reality.

**How can my jurisdiction and/or organization join?**

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