The politics of contestation, power and ideas

Reflections on legitimizing reforms to Pacific regionalism
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“The region has lost its way”

“Bring the politics back”

“Regionalism is about more than documents - it's the systems and incentives”

“Crowded and complex”

“Time for a new Pacific Diplomacy”
Shifting the paradigm: a new chapter for Pacific regionalism in 2014
Building legitimacy: gauging the political window(s) for reform

1. De-legitimizing the status quo
2. Capitalising on political will
3. Building multi-actor consensus on the directions of reforms
Thinking and working politically: from contestation to legitimacy

Countries (and the various sub-groupings)

CROP governing councils

CROP agencies
Legitimacy requires space, time and ongoing political analysis

1.5 yrs
Pacific Plan Review 2013

6 months
Framework for Pacific Regionalism

4 yrs & counting
Building consensus/coalitions in roll out of reforms
Money, power and perceptions of legitimacy

Pacific Plan Review 2013

Framework for Pacific Regionalism

Building consensus/coalitions in roll out of reforms

AUD$ PNGK AU$ NZD$ PNGK ALL countries
1. what the hell is this thing?
2. this is ugly, i do not like it
3. this gets interesting now, i am watching
4. i am trying it now, but it has so many issues, i refuse to use it or i will escalate it unless...
5. now i am happy