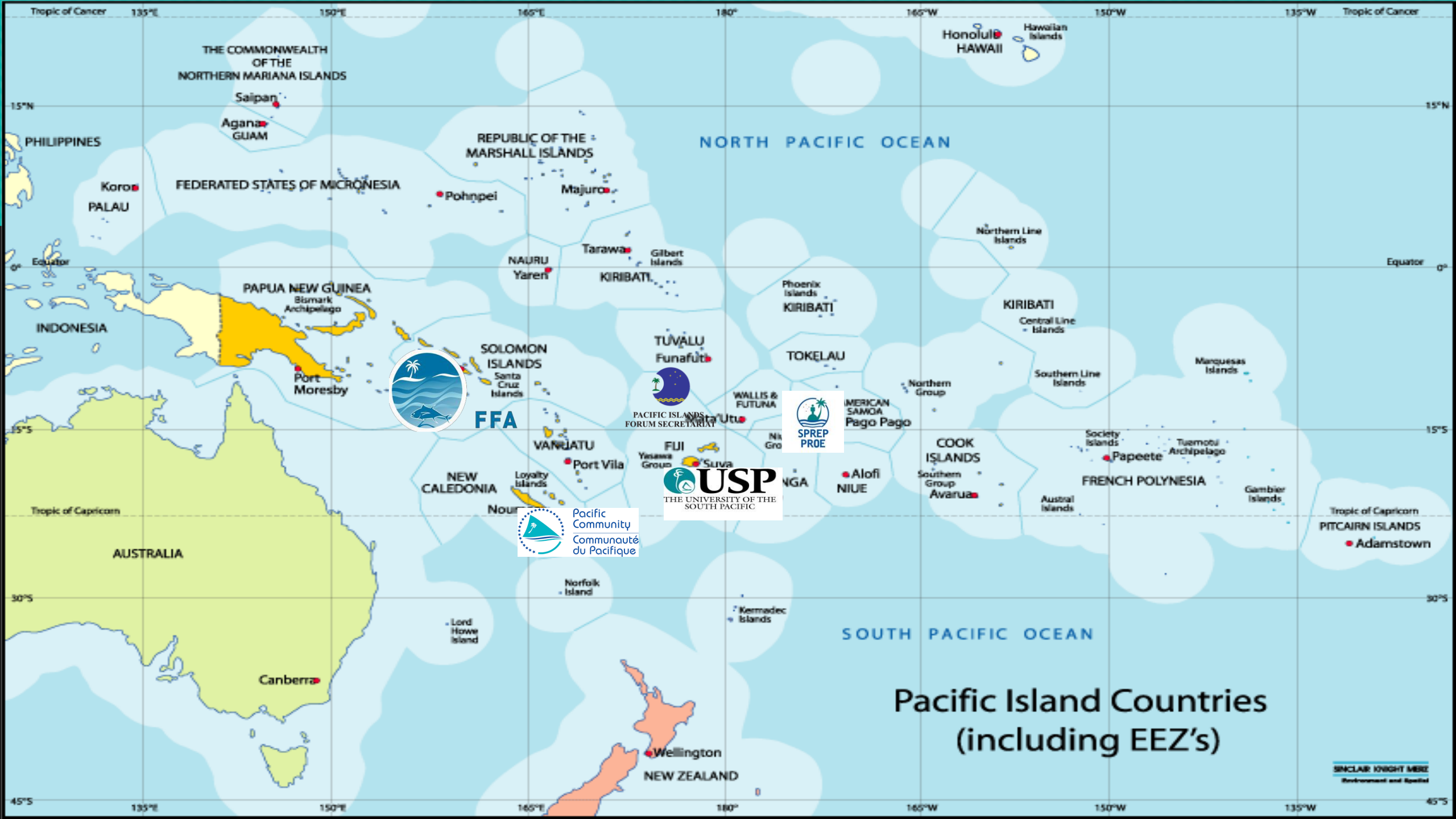


The politics of contestation, power and ideas

Reflections on legitimizing reforms to Pacific regionalism

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Pacific Island Countries (including EEZ's)

**“The region has
lost its way”**

**“Bring the
politics
back”**

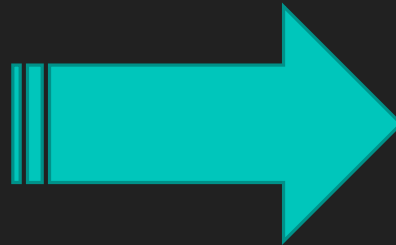
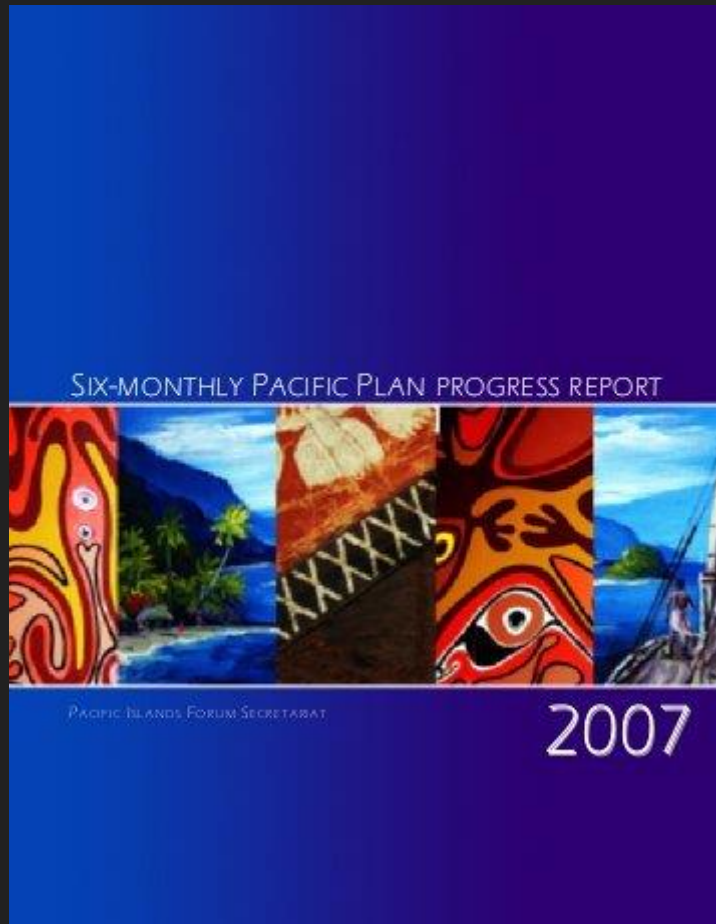


**“Regionalism is
about more than
documents - it’s the
systems and
incentives”**

**“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



Money, power and perceptions of legitimacy

Pacific Plan
Review
2013

Framework
for Pacific
Regionalism

Building
consensus/
coalitions in roll
out of reforms

AUD\$

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ALL
countries

what the hell is
this thing?

1



this is ugly, i
do not like it

2



this gets
interesting
now, i am
watching

3



i am trying it now,
but it has so many
issues, i refuse to
use it or i will
escalate it unless...

4



now i am happy

5

