

Societal Challenge – Health demographic change and wellbeing

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I. Think Tank 1 – Health NCDs

A: PACE-Net Plus Conference, Bremen, Germany (9-11 September 2014)

- Think Tank 1 - Health NCDs - Tackling Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs): Lifestyle Options for Improved Nutrition and Well Being
 - Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are currently recognized by WHO as the leading cause of death in the world.
 - The four major NCDs upon which this Think Tank largely focused are: cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), chronic respiratory diseases, cancers, and type two diabetes mellitus (hereafter diabetes).



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B: Situational Analysis

- Wide range of public initiatives across the (South) Pacific region.
- One-size-fits-all approaches are unlikely to be successful.
- Strong interest from both Pacific and EU in research collaboration - first step is understanding of current situation.



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B: Situational Analysis

- ‘Strengths’ may simultaneously be ‘Weaknesses’: e.g.: country size.
- Lack of resources (money, human resources, evaluation and surveillance).
- Main challenges:
 - turning policy statements and commitments into real actions;
 - achieving multi-sectoral cooperation;
 - engaging local communities;
 - improving communication between stakeholders.



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C: Main Cross Cutting Issues

Across Cultures

- Create conditions for community project design
- Consider how to get funding
- Involve local communities and civil society
- Consider how to tackle Brain Drain

Across Disciplines

- Engage community to understand real needs
- Consider multi-sectoral approaches
- Create platforms for communication within network
- Build on existing plans and structures

Across Disciplines

- Assess impact
- Cooperate cross borders
- Avoid creating barriers
- Frame projects within existing country structures

Sustainability and Accountability

- Network
- Lobby
- Develop projects beyond PACE NET +
- Be accountable and responsive to communities

II. Seed Funding Projects

A: Selected `Societal Challenge –Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing` Projects

Theme	Contact Person	Project Leader	Project Title
NCD	Dr Olivier Gary	University of New Caledonia-UNC (NC)	Physical activity for today's Oceanian youth
NCD	Prof Richard Taylor	University of New South Wales (Australia)	Monitoring non-communicable disease (NCD) mortality in Pacific Island States
Infectious Disease	M. Dupont-Rouzeyrole	Pasteur Institute in New-Caledonia IPNC (NC)	Nano-biosurfacing & diagnosis of infectious diseases

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