

Data Gap

Amount of United States dollars committed to public-private
and
civil society partnerships

17.17.1

if you counting on us, ... then count us

2025 DataViz Challenge – Static Category

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Problem Statement

There is a lack of indicators and means of verification to track the progress of NSA¹, CSO², NGO³ and FBO⁴ participation, engagement and contribution in the implementation of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent dashboard and Pacific Data Hub (PDH).

Scope

This submission explores 2 questions:

1. Are NSA, CSO, NGO and FBO **expected to participate, engage and contribute** to the implementation of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent?
2. If the answer to above question is yes, the second question asks the **extent these actors are part of the indicators and the data to verify their participation, engagement and contribution.**

The premise being that **if these actors are part of the metrics to be measured**, then their contribution can be tracked and, progress measured against the expectations of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

Methodology

1.The terms CSO, NGO and NSA are sometimes used interchangeably thus the search for all 3. FBO is a subset of the NSA/CSO/NGO space separately mentioned in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, thus their inclusion.

2.The above 2 questions are answered by comparing the number of times the following: NSA, CSO, NGO and FBO (columns B, C & D) are mentioned in the following documents, dashboard and dataset as presented in Table A and visualized in Graph A.

- a) 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent (column A)
- b) Blue Pacific Dashboard (columns L, G, O & I)
- c) Transforming Our World:The 2030 Agenda For Sustainable Development A/RES/70/1 (column E)
- d) UN Sustainable Development Goals, Targets and Indicators (column F)
- e) Sustainable Development Goals in the Pacific The 132 Indicators, agreed in June 2017 by the Pacific SDG Taskforce (column G)
- f) Pacific Data Hub @ <https://pacificdata.org/dashboard/sdg-17-partnerships-goals> (column H)

3.Documents c) and d) above are reviewed to check the basis on which document e) is based, especially as the Pacific 132 Indicators “...will be used to monitor implementation of each of the thematic areas” (2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, 2022, p.30).

4.Table B: Data Gap - 17.17.1, tracks the mention of CSO from: 1) UNSDG targets, 2) Its indicators, 3) drilling down to the datasets: Agenda 2050 Dashboard and PDH, and 4) checking the metadata if the means of verification actually measures CSO engagement. This is to confirm whether these actors are part of the indicators and the data to verify their participation, engagement and contribution.

¹ Non State Actors

² Civil Society Organizations

³ Non-Government Organizations

⁴ Faith Based Organizations

Findings

Table A:– Number of Mentions of NSA, CSO/NGO and FBO in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, Blue Pacific Dashboard, UNSDG Declaration, UNSDG Targets and Indicators, Pacific SDG 132 Indicators and PDH.

2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent	Number of mentions			Instances NSA, CSO/NGO and FBO mentioned in below references							
	NSA	CSO/ NGO	FBO	Blue Pacific Dashboard LoA ⁵ , Goals, Outcomes, Indicators				UN SDG Declaration	UN SD Goals Targets & Indicators	Pacific SD Goals, 132 Indicators ⁶	Pacific Data Hub
A	B	C	D	L	G	O	I	E	F	G	H
Foreword		1	1								
Table of Contents											
06 Leaders' Vision for 2050											
07 Our Values											
08 Leaders' Commitments to 2050											
08 Strategic Context: The Influences that Shape Our Region											
09 2050 Strategy: The Opportunity to Shape our Future											
10 Leaders Commitments to 2050		1	1								
11 Strategic Context	1										
12 Overarching Approach	1										
13 Strategic Pathway Definitions											
15 Thematic Areas											
17 Thematic Area – Political Leadership And Regionalism	3			0	0	0	0				
19 Thematic Area – People-Centered Development	1			0	0	0	0				
21 Thematic Area – Peace And Security	1	1	2	0	0	0	0				
23 Thematic Area – Resources And Economic Development				0	0	0	0				
25 Thematic Area – Climate Change And Disasters				0	0	0	0				
27 Thematic Area – Ocean And Environment	1			0	0	0	0				
29 Thematic Area - Technology And Connectivity				0	0	0	0				
30 Implementation Approach											
31 Guiding Principles	1		1								
TOTALS	9	3	5	0	0	0	0	11	2	1	-1
UN SDG Declaration & SDG											
1. NSA								1	0	0	0
2. CSO or NGO								10	2 (1x I=11.3.2) (1xT=17.17) ⁷	1 (1xI=17.17.1) ⁸	-1 (1xI=17.17.1) ⁹
3. FBO								0	0	0	0

⁵ Level of Ambition

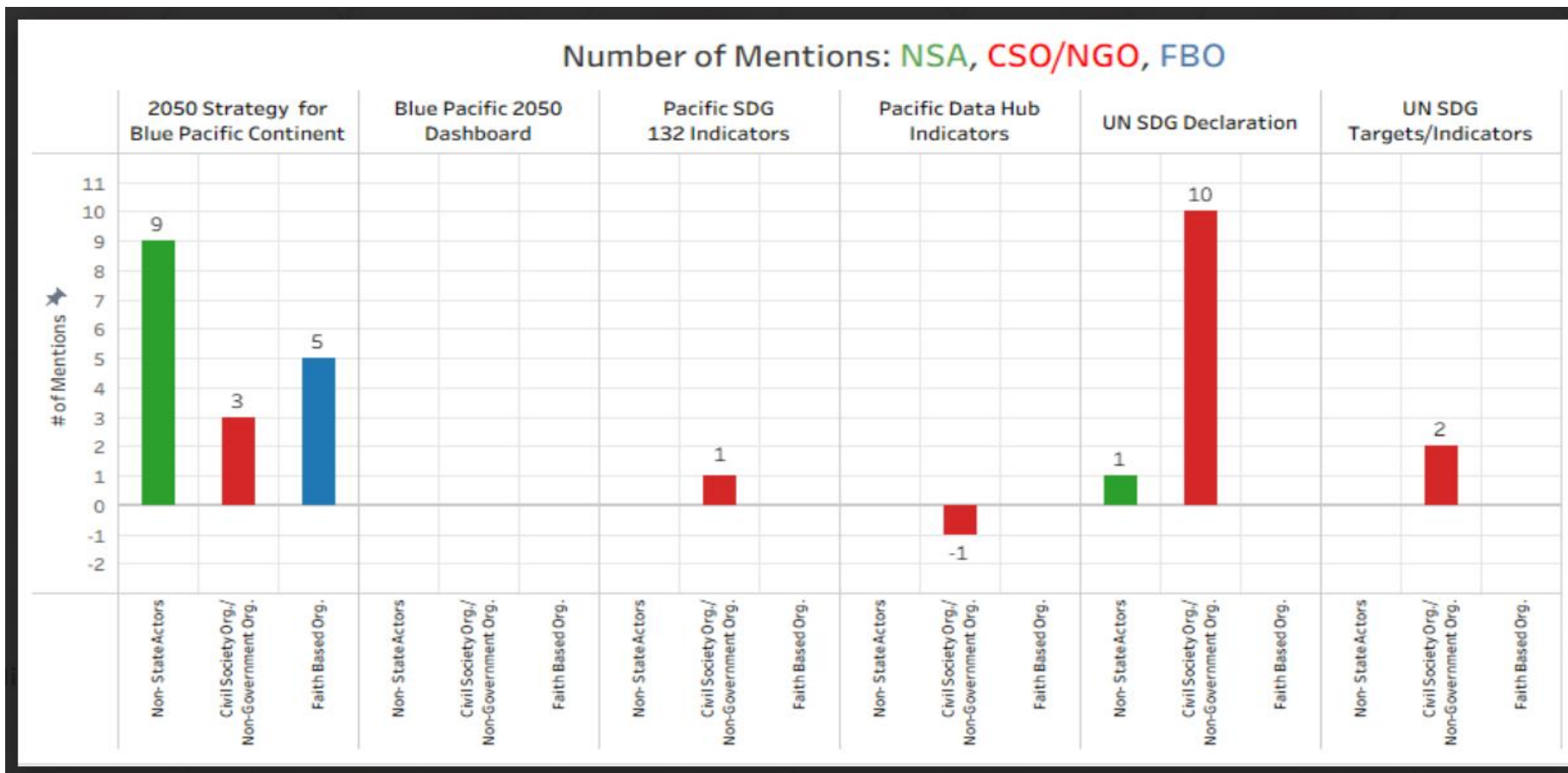
⁶ Under the Pacific SDG Taskforce, agreed in June 2017 and subsequently endorsed as part of The Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development.

⁷ T=Target:17.17 *Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships*

⁸ I=Indicator:17.17.1 *Amount of United States dollars committed to public-private and civil society partnerships.*

⁹ Instead of using the above indicator the Pacific DATAHUB **omitted the words “civil society”** and **adds the words “for infrastructure”** as follows: “Indicator 17.17.1: *Amount of United States dollars committed to public-private partnerships for infrastructure*”.

Graph A: Number of Mentions of NSA, CSO/NGO, FBO



Graph A Observations:

1. Combined mention of NSA, CSO/NGO is 17 in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, compared to 11 times in the UN SDG Declaration.
2. The 5 FBO mentions in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent is 29% of total mentions. Possibly a reflection of how vocal FBOs are in this space.
3. The high mention of NSA in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and once only in the UNSDG Declaration, could be a reflection of many CSO in the Pacific being categorized as NSA after their engagement with the PIF was strengthened under the 10th Regional EDF when NSA engagement was enforced under the Cotonou Agreement and 4 million Euro envelope provided for NSAs. Also the PIFS Policy on consultative status is titled *“Policy on Consultative Status and Accreditation Between the Pacific Islands Forum and Pacific Regional **Non State Actors**”*.ⁱ
4. The -1 value for CSO/NGO under the PDH Indicators, is due to PDH not aligning to the Pacific SDG Taskforce definition of Indicator 17.17.1 and removing the word “civil society” and including the word “infrastructure”. Observations on Table B below explain this in more detail.
5. The 2 mentions of CSO in the UNSDG Targets and Indicators are in 17.17 Target (refer footnote 4 for Table A above) and Indicator 11.3.2 *“Proportion of cities with a direct participation structure of civil society in urban planning and management that operate regularly and democratically.”*

Table B: Data Gap - 17.17.1 – Drilldown from UNSDG to Pacific SDG 132 Indicators to PDH & 2050 Dashboard Indicators & Data

		UN Sustainable Development Goals Targets & Indicators	Pacific Sustainable Development Goals Targets & 132 Indicators ¹⁰	Pacific Data Hub Indicators	2050 Dashboard indicators
1	Goal 17	Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development	Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development		
2	Target	17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships	17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships		
3	Indicator	Zero	17.17.1 Amount of United States dollars committed to public-private and civil society partnerships	Indicator 17.17.1 Amount of United States dollars committed to public-private partnerships for infrastructure Note: Words “ civil society ” has been removed and words “ for infrastructure ” added. Even though the Pacific SDG taskforce had already decided on wording of indicator 17.17.1 as per cell on the left.	At the time this paper is written, the dashboard states that some “indicators are still under a validation process”.
4	Data used to measure	Zero	Refer next column which contains datasets	Metadata-17-17-01.pdf http://ppi.worldbank.org/methodology/ppi-methodology “Unfortunately, the Private Participation in Infrastructure (PPI) database does not collect data on civil society partnerships ..” from metadata	Refer above. As indicators are still under validation process, once these are confirmed so will the appropriate means of verification/data.

Table B Observations:

1. That UNSDG Target 17.17 does not have any indicators. Therefore leaving to member governments to create their own.
2. The Pacific SDG Taskforce developed Indicator **17.17.1 Amount of United States Dollars committed to public-private and civil society partnerships**.
3. The PDH instead of adopting indicator 17.17.1 removes the word “civil society” and adds the words “for infrastructure” receiving a -1 value in Table A column H.
4. In the PDH, Indicator 17.17.1 reads “Amount of United States Dollars committed to public-private partnerships for infrastructure”. Site reads “No data for this Indicator currently available”. However provides option “Download metadata for indicator 17.17.1” which is the World Banks indicator which measures “any contractual arrangement between a public entity or authority and a private entity, for providing a public asset or service, in which the private party

¹⁰ Sustainable Development Goals in the Pacific The 132 Indicators, agreed in June 2017 by the Pacific SDG Taskforce

bears significant risk and management responsibility” and **acknowledges a limitation** “Unfortunately, the Private Participation in Infrastructure (PPI) database **does not collect data on civil society partnerships** and this will not fit the currently methodology of data gathering and is outside the present work’s scope.”

5. The 2050 dashboard is still populating its dashboard and has posted that some “*indicators are still under a validation process*”, at the time of writing this paper. Current indicators in the 2050 dashboard do not have any that measure NSA, CSO/NGO or FBO engagement.

Conclusion

1. The expectation for participation, engagement and contribution of NSA/CSO/NGO/FBO in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent is clear.
2. Target 17.17 is the only target that can be used to measure any meaningful engagement that “*Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships.*”
3. It is commendable therefore that the Pacific SDG Taskforce developed the Indicator 17.17.1 despite the lack of indicators for 17.17 at the UN level.
4. Unfortunately at present, this is not reflected in the PDH and Agenda 2050 dashboard.

Recommendations

1. That the PDH adopt the wording of Indicator 17.17.1 as decided by the Pacific SDG Taskforce. Given the reliance of the Agenda 2050 Dashboard on the PDH. It is likely to also adopt the same indicator.
2. In addition to Pacific Indicator 17.17.1 that the Pacific SDG Taskforce develop other Pacific metric(s) that “*Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships.*” This is in line with the Leaders decision in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, “*It will also be important to consider the need for other Pacific-relevant targets and indicators that monitor the success of partnerships as well as progress made to deepen regionalism in the terms defined in the Framework for Pacific Regionalism.*” (2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, 2022, p.30).

ⁱ Refer *Pacific Concerns Resource Centre’s Submission to the Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on Fiji, February 2010 in Geneva*, accessible on https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/lib-docs/HRBodies/UPR/Documents/Session7/FJ/PCRC_UPR_FJI_S07_2010_PacificConcernsResourceCentre.pdf , sourced 28 July 2025 10:53pm Fiji time.