



## KEYNOTE ADDRESS



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# Mission

**Enhance the resilience of coastal reef ecosystems, communities and economies by unlocking new public and private resources that accelerate sustainable businesses and financial solutions**

# Pathways to Scale

*Pathway 4: Knowledge, Learning & Impact Cycles*

**Pathway 1:  
Finance  
Solutions**

**Pathway 3:  
National  
Investment  
Ecosystems**

**Pathway 2:  
Ocean  
Positive  
Businesses**

**Pathway 5:  
Global Ocean  
Finance  
& Policy Shift**

# Portfolio Overview

## ASIA & THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Country/Regional  
Programmes Under  
Implementation

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Priority Sites  
Supported

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Businesses & Financing  
Facilities Supported to Date



### Under Implementation:

- Indonesia
- Maldives
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka
- Fiji
- Marshall Islands
- Micronesia
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Solomon Islands



# Philippines

## BLENDED FINANCE FACILITY

### Grants

Up-front and early GFCR stage working capital to operationalize facility



### Impact loans & Refundable grants

Investments for scaling reef-positive businesses



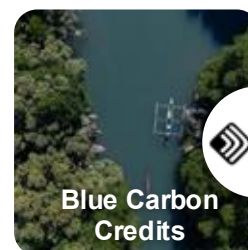
### Ecotourism Enterprises



### Pipeline of reef-positive enterprises



Community Based Aquaculture



Blue Carbon Credits



### Special Purpose Entity MPA structures



Long-term Collaborative management with local governments and communities

### 2030 Targets



14 M USD private investment, returns & co-financing leverage



1.5M Hectares of MPAs/OECM with sustainable financing



80K Hectares of coral reefs under improved management



2.6M community members with increased resilience

# Thank You!





# Fiji



## Locally Managed Marine Areas

- **Shark Reef Marine Reserve:** \$310K concessional loan for constructing a diving base and research space. Halfway through repayment.
- **Korolevu-i-Wai LMMA:** Project suspended due to lack of community buy-in and project viability.
  - *Credit guarantee to Fiji Development Bank to lend to reef-positive businesses operating in LMMAs proposed as pivot.*

## Priority Sites

- Viti-Levu (Greater Suva Area)
- Vanua Levu
- Qoliqoli Cokovata and Qoliqoli Nadogo
- Cuvu Tikina on the Coral Coast
- Shark Reef Marine Reserve – Serua
- Beqa Lagoon and Kuata Marine Protected Areas

## Sanitary Landfill

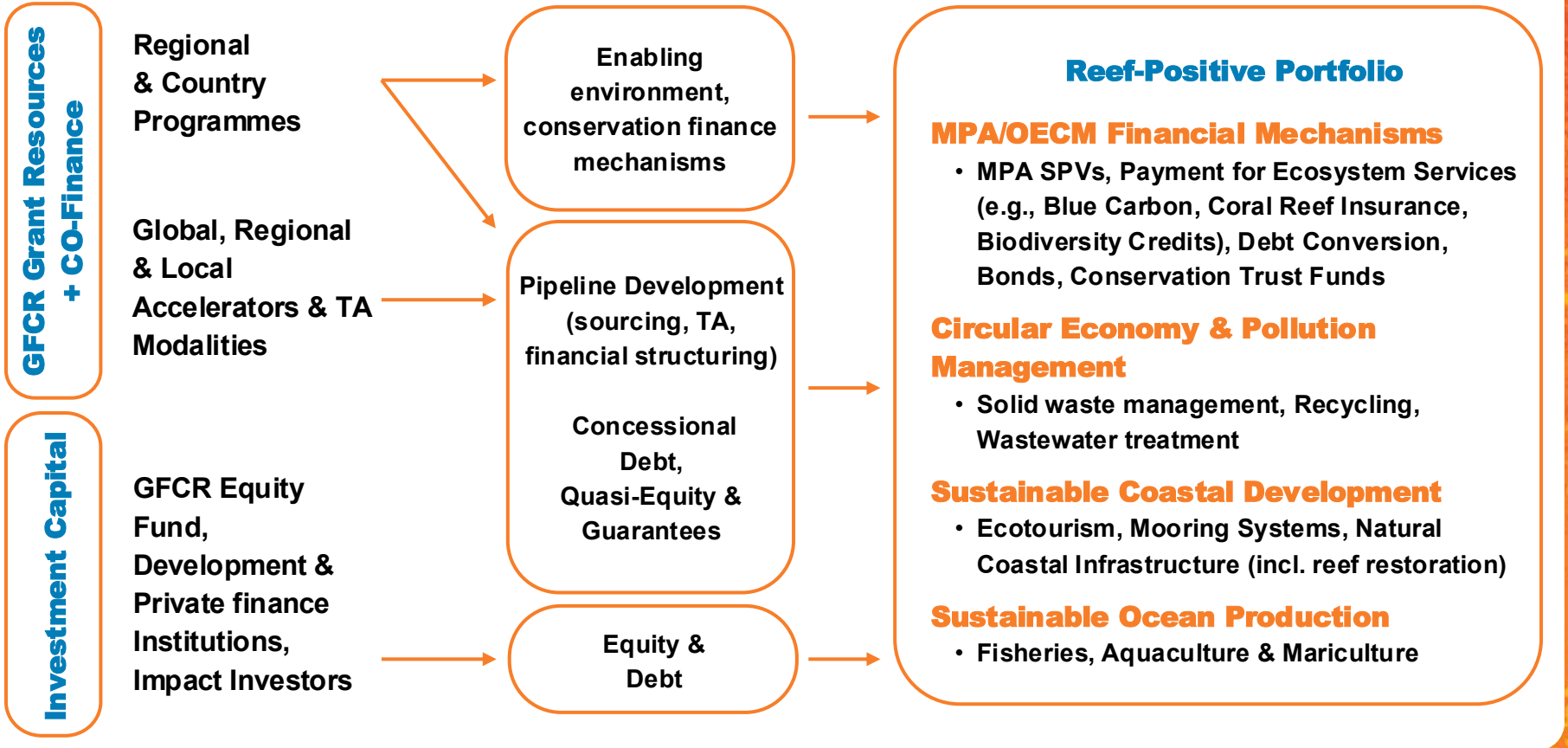
- Cabinet of Ministers agreed to an Open Tender process for a new landfill project costing between **US\$17 and 30 million**.
- Phased approach to landfill development proposed by the Gov, starting with dumpsite rehabilitation into a Material Recycling Facility.
  - **Open tender process to be launched in 2025.** ADB as transaction advisor.
  - *Feasibility study, grant funding for rehabilitation, credit/guarantee for equipment purchase proposed as pivot.*



## TA Facility

- Pipeline developed by Matanataki produced 5+ reef-positive businesses.
- Deemed not investment-ready by Convening Agent.
- Matanataki terminated partnership in 2024.

# Blended Finance Strategy



# Philippines



Convening Agent:  
**Blue Alliance**

Transferred:  
**USD 5.9M**

## Reef-positive businesses around MPAs



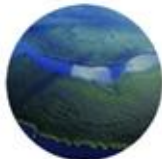
**AQUAHUB**  
Community-based  
regenerative aquaculture



**BLUE WILD  
ECOVENTURES**  
Ecotourism



**SAMAKI BLUU**  
Sustainable fishing



**BLUE CARBON**  
Mangrove conservation

Profits ▶

**MPA  
Management  
entities**  
(non-profit)

Positive  
impacts ▶

Direct Positive  
impacts ▶

