



Concept Note and Agenda

Regional Dialogue

Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) - Promise and Offer to Pacific Island Countries and Territories amid the pandemic

26-27 May 2021 | Blended Platforms
10.00 am – 1:30 pm Samoa Standard Time

The Challenge of Climate Change

Pacific Island Leaders have consistently stated that climate change is the biggest threat facing the region, with the potential to affect a range of sectors vital for the survival and sustainable development of Pacific Island communities and their unique environments. Climate change presents the single biggest threat to sustainable development and is already causing widespread, unprecedented impacts that disproportionately burden the poorest, marginalized and most vulnerable. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) indicates that urgent and transformative action is necessary to keep global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees or below, adapt to global threats, and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Pacific Climate Change Centre Vision

The Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) is highly valued by Pacific Island countries and territories as it provides practical support, knowledge and training to address their adaptation and mitigation priorities. It is underpinned by strong partnerships with Pacific Governments, applied research institutions, donors and the private sector. It is a trusted source of user-friendly, scientifically robust information. This leads to better decision-making and innovative products which are increasing resilience in the Pacific.

Pacific Climate Change Centre Roles and functions

The Pacific Climate Change Centre will:

- Deliver capacity development programmes in adaptation, mitigation, climate science and services and climate finance. It will promote and foster applied research, drive innovation and build capacity in these areas.
- Improve the flow of practical information between met services, climate practitioners, policy makers, researchers, scientists and those implementing policies, programmes and projects.
- Provide space for visiting researchers and experts to work from the PCCC and work directly in providing support to and for the benefit of Pacific island countries and territories.
- Bring together partners to find innovative solutions to the challenges that climate change presents.

Who will participate?

The virtual dialogue is expected to engage over 100 participants who are composed of the following leaders/advocates from the Pacific region:

- Government leaders.
- Research Institutions leaders
- Donor agencies
- CROP agencies
- Private sector leaders;
- Non-Government Organizations (NGO)



- Civil society leaders/advocates; and
- CC leaders/advocates.

COVID-19 has provided a new norm of operation for the PCCC center via the virtual regional dialogue. All virtual delegates will have the opportunity to participate in plenary and panel sessions.

Please find the link below to register in advance for this webinar:

https://sprep.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dQrkiwIqTcGYaOSTc4nsJQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Speakers will include leaders from governments who are implementing best practices in their countries, research institutes, donor agencies and CROP agencies.

For those attending in country the venue will be the PCCC center hosted at SPREP, Vailima.

What are the expected outcomes and outputs?

The virtual dialogue is designed to enhance the key roles and functions of the Pacific Climate Change Centre and strengthen partnerships. The virtual dialogue outcomes are:

- **Inspire** - Through the presentations through the panel discussions, participants are expected to be motivated to engage with the Pacific Climate Change Centre in driving the climate agenda of their countries (keynote speeches, panel discussion)
- **Knowledge** - Acting on climate agenda require up to date knowledge and skills, dedicated sessions will be curated to provide essential knowledge and discussions for various participants.
- **Action** - Success of this dialogue will rely on the key actions/interventions that will be developed/ improved and executed by the participants, a knowledge and collaboration platform will be launched with the Pacific Climate Change Centre with the key actions by various organizations and individuals (launch of knowledge products and platform).

DRAFT AGENDA

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DAY 1: "Pacific Climate Change Centre functions through capacity building and applied research"

Time (Samoaan GMT+)	Program
10:00 - 11:00am	<p>[Plenary] Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Opening Prayer ● Key remarks from the conveners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief Executive Officer – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ms. Peseta Noumea Simi - Director General SPREP – Mr. Leota PCCKosi Latu - Resident Representative JICA – Samoa Mr. Akihiko Hoshino - Acting High Commissioner, MFAT – Mr. Desmond Tupangaia ● Group Photo ● Morning Tea <p>Moderator: Ms. Tagaloa Cooper – Halo – Director, Climate Change Resilience, SPREP</p>
11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>[Panel Discussion] Capacity Building through training and learning</p> <p>The PCCC will be a one-stop-shop for the improved coordination of climate change training and will help the region to more effectively learn from climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts to date.</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Fred Patison – Climate Change Finance Readiness Advisor, PCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaker 1 – Ms. Masako Ogawa – Chief Adviser, Project for Capacity Building on Climate Resilience in the Pacific - PCCC, JICA ● Speaker 2 – Sala Dr Siaosi Carter, Research Fellow – Geopolitics and Regionalism, Dept of Pacific Affairs, College of Asia and the Pacific/ Co-Director/Convenor Pacific Studies, Australian National University ● Speaker 3 – Ms. Chandra Legdesog, Project Manager Federated States of Micronesia Third National Communication & First Biennial Report to the UNFCCC
12:00 - 1:00pm	<p>[Panel Session] Introduction to the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (5Cs)</p> <p>Key Functions and Opportunities for collaboration with PCCC</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Ofa Kaisamy – Manager, PCCC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker – Dr. Mark Bynoe - Senior Environmental Resource Economist, CCCCC
1:00 – 1:30	<p>[Panel discussion] Applied Research</p> <p>The PCCC will host research projects that are designed to address specific research objectives and priorities identified in the region and which lead to practical outcomes for the Pacific.</p> <p>Moderator: Salesa Nihmei – Meteorology & Climatology Adviser, SPREP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker 1 – Ms. Yvette Kerslake - Technical Adviser – Science to Services, PCCC • Speaker 2 – Dr. Sascha Fuller – Pacific Node Coordinator, Research and Innovation Division, University of Newcastle • Speaker 3 – Mr. Tsugito Nagano – Remote Sensing Technology of Japan
1:30 pm	Wrap Up Session for Day 1

DAY 2: “Pacific Climate Change functions through Knowledge Brokerage and Innovation”

Time	Program
10:00 - 10:15	Recap of agenda from Day 1 and Overview of Agenda for Day 2 – Yvette Kerslake
10:15 - 11:15	<p>[Panel discussion] Pacific Climate Change Centre – Knowledge Brokerage</p> <p>Building relationships between the producers and users of climate change knowledge so that Pacific Governments and other decision-makers receive timely, robust information in user-friendly formats.</p> <p>Moderator: TBC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker 1 Mr. Paddy Pringle - Climate Analytics • Speaker 2 Dr. Martin Sharp – Manager, PACRES Project • Speaker 3 – Ms. Frances Reupena – Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), Samoa
11:15 - 12:15	<p>[Panel Discussion] Innovation</p> <p>The PCCC will support the development of innovative products and services which can increase resilience in the Pacific.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Vanda Chan Ting, Pacific Nationally Determined Contributions Hub Technical Adviser</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speaker 1 – Mr. Andrew Toimoana –Director, Information Technology, Ministry for Meteorology, Energy, information, Disaster Management, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDCC), Tonga ● Speaker 2 – Ms. Siosina Lui SPREP -COSPPAC Climate Traditional Knowledge Officer ● Speaker 3 – Ms. Taimalelagi Kaisarina Salesa – Head of Exploration, Accelerator Lab, UNDP
12:15 - 1:30	<p>[Plenary] Closing Session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summary of Day 1 & 2 ● Launch of key partnerships and events. ● Wrap Up and Way Forward of the Virtual Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - launching of the PCCC knowledge hub e- learning course ● Words of thanks – Ms. ‘Ofa Kaisamy, MPCCC <p>- END -</p>
