**PACIFIC RESILIENCE MEETING**  
*“Youth Futures in a Resilient Pacific”*

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**Session: The European Union Global Climate Change initiative: BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE**

**Mitigation and adaptation in a changing climate**

**Day 3: Friday 03 May 2019, 1:30 to 3:30 PM**

## Introduction

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| **WHAT IS THE GCCA+ INITIATIVE?** | |
| The Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA+) is the **European Union flagship initiative to address climate change** in the world's most vulnerable countries. Having started with just four pilot projects in 2008, it has become the largest climate initiative for vulnerable countries funding 77 projects of national, regional and worldwide scope in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and the Pacific (as of end of 2018). | |
| **WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THE GCAA+?** | |
| The EU GCCA+ flagship initiative targets mostly but not exclusively:   * **Least Developed Countries (LDC)** * **Small Island Developing States (SIDS)**   in line with the official [OECD/DAC](http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/daclist.htm) and UN lists. | **FROM PARIS TO THE NEW CONSENSUS**  The GCCA+ supports countries in implementing their commitments resulting from the [**2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change**](https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/international/negotiations/paris_en) **(COP21)**, in line with the [**2030 Agenda for Sustainable Developmen**t](https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/policies/european-development-policy/2030-agenda-sustainable-development_en) and the **new** [**European Consensus on Development**](https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/policies/european-development-policy/european-consensus-development_en). |

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| **WHAT DOES IT DO?** | |
| The EU GCCA+ initiative funds multi-year programmes 2018) with a focus on:   * **climate change mainstreaming and poverty reduction** * **increasing resilience to climate-related stresses and shocks sector-based climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies** | **Key figures (not including intra-ACP GCCA+ programme):**  Financial commitment 2007-2020: 750 M€  Total allocated by end of 2018: 470 M€  Allocation to SIDS by end of 2018: 132 M€  72 countries supported  77 projects (69 national, 8 multi country)  54% of countries targeted are SIDS (39, including 14 countries from the Pacific) |
| **HOW DOES IT WORK?** | |
| The GCCA+ primarily works through financing agreements with partner countries, including via budget support, grant and delegation agreements with EU Member State agencies and other agreements with international organisations. Regional organisations and civil society organisations (CSO) may also be supported by GCCA+ actions via grants.  As part of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) – EU policy dialogue and cooperation on climate change, there is a specific [GCCA+ Intra-ACP Programme](http://vps532189.ovh.net/services/gcca-intra-acp). | |
| **GCCA+ PROGRAMMES** | **GCCA+ FACILITIES** |
| The GCCA+ initiative promotes **national, regional and global projects and programmes** that support climate change adaptation and mitigation and thus the transition to climate-resilient, low-carbon societies. Click on the [map](http://www.gcca.eu/programmes) on our website to see the projects. | **Technical support and knowledge sharing** is provided by the global [GCCA+ Support Facility](https://gcca.uat.dc.mostra.eu/services/gcca-intra-acp) and by the [Intra-ACP Support Facility](http://www.gcca.eu/about-the-gcca/intra-acp/climate-support-facility). |

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| **GCCA+ AND THE PACIFIC** |
| Since its launched the GCCA+ global initiative work in 14 countries of the Pacific also all members of the ACP group. 68,4 M€, including funding from the intra-ACP GCCA+ programme have been channeled through the region through global, regional or national projects. | |

## Objectives of the session

The session is aiming at sharing information on the GCCA+ to a general public and foster dialogue with and between GCCA+ project focal points in the Pacific.

Starting from a general presentation of the GCCA+ flagship initiative, and continuing with overviews and updates from the ongoing projects funded in the Pacific, the session will highlight and discuss GCCA+ climate action focus, progress as well as challenges faced worldwide and in the region.

The audience will then be invited through various means to comment and question the various presenters.

## Intended Outcomes

Key outcomes of these sessions will include:

* Informing and reaching out to the general public (including youth) on the EU GCCA+ flagship initiative and action worldwide and in the Pacific.
* Sharing and discussing status and issues related to the implementation of GCCA+ climate action in the Pacific between DEVCO, implementers and national representatives.
* Improving knowledge of GCCA+ mandate and services
* Exploring venues for stronger climate action inclusive of youth vision for the future.

## Session Format & Speakers:

The European Union Global Climate Change initiative: BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE - Mitigation and adaptation in a changing climate is a 120 minutes session opened to all participants.

The format of the session will be split into the following five phases:

**1 – Opening (15 minutes max)**

The session facilitator welcomes the participants introducing the key objectives and outcomes required from the session.

The Head of Cooperation of the European Union Delegation then opens the event with introductory remarks.

**2 - The EU GCCA+ flagship initiative worldwide and in the Pacific (30 minutes max.)**

Mr. Etienne Coyette, Head of Sector Climate, DEVCO-C6 - Sustainable Energy, Climate Change will make a concise (5-10 minutes max) presentation highlighting key features of the GCCA+ flagship initiative, actions with SIDS, Support services and Knowledge Management tools.

The presentation is then followed by a Q/A session with the audience (15-20 minutes max)

**3 - Overview of the opportunities for the countries under the GCCA+ and other EU related regional projects (40 minutes max.)**

A facilitated panel session with selected speakers within the regional project lead members and EU institutions will intervene with the intention to outline opportunities for the countries offered by the various EU and GCCA+ projects in the region contributing to building resilience in the Pacific. Specific time of the panel is dedicated to the role of youth and specific opportunities these actions are offering to them.

Tentative panel members (TBC) will include (20 minutes max.):

* Panel facilitator: Guido Corno, GCCA+ Support Facility
* Panel members:
  + Ms Titilia Rabuatoka, Project Implementation Officer, EU - Scaling up Pacific Adaptation (SUPA) - GCCA+ project, SPC
  + Dr Martin Sharp, Project Manager, Intra-ACP GCCA+ Pacific Project, SPREP
  + Prof. Elisabeth Holland, Project Manager, Intra-ACP CGGA+ Pacific Project, USP
  + Mr. Taito Nakalevu Project Manager, Building safety and resilience in the Pacific project, SPC
  + Mr Adrian Nicolae, Team Leader Climate Change, Energy, Circular Economy; Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific; EU project pipeline for resilience in the Pacific (Intra-ACP GCCA+ Climate Services project and Building safety and resilience in the Pacific phase 2 project)

The panelists are then taking questions from the audience (20-minute max)

**4** **- GCCA+ bilateral action in the Pacific – Showcasing Papua New Guinea, Tuvalu, and Samoa GCCA+ projects (25 minute max)**

One speaker from each of these projects presents key features, (planned) achievements and challenges faced in implementing GCCA+ projects (5-7 minutes per project).

Presenters:

* + “Technical support to the PNG Forest Authority to implement a continuous and multi-purpose national forest inventory GCCA+ project”, Mr Gewa Gamoga, Acting Manager, REDD & Climate Change Branch, Forest Policy & Planning Directorate, PNG Forest Authority
* “Tuvalu LoCAL project”; Mr Lete Avanitele, Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Rural Development

The presentations are then followed by a Q/A session with the audience (10 minutes max)

**5 – Closing (10 minutes max)**

The facilitator captures key points discussed and thanks the audience.

If technology allows, questions will be collected in two ways for this session:

* live through an online Q/A platform during the phases,
* from the audience after each phase as part of the Q/A.

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| Summary of Session Plan: The European Union Global Climate Change initiative: BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE - Mitigation and adaptation in a changing climate | | |
| Time allocation | Presenter & Leading Questions | **Outcome** |
| 15 mins  [5 min]  [10min] | **Opening**   * Welcoming – Guido Corno, GCCA+ Support Facility and facilitator * Opening – Christoph Wagner, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific | Open the session introducing the key objectives and outcomes required from the session. |
| 30 minutes  [10 min for presenter]  [20min] | **The EU GCCA+ flagship initiative worldwide and in the Pacific**   * Mr. Etienne Coyette, Head of Sector Climate, DEVCO-C6 - Sustainable Energy, Climate Change : The EU GCCA+ flagship initiative worldwide and in the Pacific * Facilitated questions and answers | Informing and reaching out to the general public (including youth) on the EU GCCA+ flagship initiative and action worldwide and in the Pacific.  Improving knowledge of GCCA+ mandate and services |
| 40 minutes  [20 min for discussion]  [20 min] | **Overview of the opportunities for the countries under the GCCA+ and other EU related regional projects**   * Facilitated panel by Guido Corno, GCCA+ Support Facility, Facilitator   + Ms. Titilia Rabuatoka, Project Implementation Officer, EU - Scaling up Pacific Adaptation (SUPA) - GCCA+ project, SPC   + Dr. Martin Sharp, Project Manager, Intra-ACP CGGA+ Pacific Project, SPREP   + Prof. Elisabeth Holland, Project Manager, Intra-ACP CGGA+ Pacific Project, USP   + Mr. Taito Nakalevu Project Manager, Building safety and resilience in the Pacific project, SPC   + Mr. Adrian Nicolae, Team Leader Climate Change, Energy, Circular Economy; Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific * Facilitated questions and answers from the audience | Sharing and discussing status and issues related to the implementation of GCCA+ climate action in the Pacific between DEVCO, implementers and national representatives.  Improving knowledge of GCCA+ mandate and services  Exploring venues for stronger climate action inclusive of youth vision for the future |
| 25 minutes  [2 x 5-7 min for presenter]  [10 min] | **GCCA+ bilateral action – Showcasing Papua New Guinea, Tuvalu and Samoa**   * Presentations of GCCA+ national study cases in the Pacific   + Mr Gewa Gamoga, Acting Manager, REDD & Climate Change Branch, Forest Policy & Planning Directorate, PNG Forest Authority   + Mr Lete Avanitele, Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Rural Development * Facilitated questions and answers | Sharing and discussing status and issues related to the implementation of GCCA+ climate action in the Pacific between DEVCO, implementers and national representatives.  Exploring venues for stronger climate action inclusive of youth vision for the future. |
| [10 mins] | **Closing**   * Facilitator – Guido Corno, GCCA+ Support Facility and Facilitator | Key points of discussion and potential recommendations are summarised by the facilitator |

## Composition of the Session Preparatory Working Group

The below are members of preparatory working group for this session:

**Co- Leads:**

* GCCA+ Support Facility: Christophe Legrand, GCCA+ Support Facility Team leader, [Christophe.Legrand@gcca.eu](mailto:Christophe.Legrand@gcca.eu)
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**Other members (2-3 max):**

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**Key Documents & Hyperlinks**

* [www.gcca.eu](http://www.gcca.eu)
* [GCCA+ Factsheet](http://gcca.eu/stories/gcca-glance-factsheet)
* [The Global Climate Change Alliance Plus – Scaling up Pacific Adaptation (GCCA+ SUPA) Project](http://ccprojects.gsd.spc.int/gccasupa/)