

PACIFIC RESILIENCE MEETING 2023

11-13 OCTOBER















OUR PEOPLE, OUR STRENGTH: SECURING OUR PACIFIC FUTURE

PROGRAMME

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Day 1: 11 October 2023				
FIJI TIME	[careful note: the time in this document is UTC +12 - Fiji]			
10:20	HUB TO CONNECT TO THE VIRTUAL PLATFORM FOR ONLINE SESSIONS			
10.30 – 10.50	OPENING SESSION* Cook Islands STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER Honorable Mark BROWN			
11.00 -11.50	PLENARY 1 * YOUTH TAKING ACTION Sevuloni Rokomatu Moderator Miliana Carpenter Iga Sotiana Sorovakatini, Bua Urban Youth, Cogea Project, Fiji Olive Mafi Tonga National Youth Congress, Tonga Ikloi Reebelkuul Palau Red Cross Society, Palau			
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12.00 - 13.00	SESSION 1: INTEGRATE	SESSION 2: INFORM *		
	Pacific community perceptions and experiences of resilience Christine Lemau Moderator Program Director, ADRA Nete Logavatu Fiji Red Cross Society Female Community Health Worker & Turagani-koro Representatives from Naviyago Village	Enhancing Resilience in the Pacific Education Sector: Implementation of Comprehensive School Safety in the Pacific John Lilo Moderator Save the Children Selina Kuruleca Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts, Fiji Christopher Sakiri Deputy Secretary Education Services, Ministry of Education Human Resource Development, Solomon		
	Tazrina Chowdhury University of Technology Sydney	Islands		

	Sharing insights into assessing community resilience in a way that genuinely reflects local Pacific perspectives through highlighting the need for civil society organisations and others working in community development programming to engage with communities, integrate their perspectives, and use participatory methods that represent community's voice.	Tokasa Senibiau Child advocate for DRR and Climate Change Adaptation Raising awareness, fostering collaboration, and inspiring actionable initiatives to advance school safety across the region towards a secure and prosperous future for the Pacific region.
13.00 -13.30	BREAK	
13.30 - 14.30	SESSION 3: INCLUDE * Reimagining capacity-building to scale-up and accelerate climate finance mobilisation in the	SESSION 4: SUSTAIN Community-driven Nature-based Solutions: Build Resilience and Sustainability
	Pacific and risk-informing public finance with climate budget tagging (CBT) Asif Shah UNDP Moderator Yemesrach Workie and Laetitia De Marez Ministry of Finance Solomon Islands Tobias Bule Ministry of Finance and Treasury Solomon Islands Sivoki Lavemaau Ministry of Finance, Tonga Jale Samuwai Rocky Mountain Institute Discussion on access to finance and ensuring value for money in investments. The session will include reflections on the innovative capacity	Ludovic Branlant Nature-based Solutions Mainstreaming Advisor, Pacific Community (SPC) Moderator James Tremlett Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT) Kevin Egu Coral Gardner, Papua New Guinea Ratu Ovini Bokini Community representative from Ba Reminvai Vitau President of the Women's Association, Semo Village, Nadroga Province Thomas Yalu Community Engagement Officer, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Solomon
	building approaches on climate finance access that are currently being implemented, and strategies on how they can be leveraged to ensure sustained capacity in the region.	Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Solomon Islands Emphasising the central role of communities in driving and implementing natural-based solutions drawing from specific practical experiences.
14.45 - 15.45	LEARNING LAB * Understanding the Knowledge Brokerage Journey: From Information and Knowledge to Decision-Making and Action. Rachel Nunn-Crichton Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Nicollette Goulding Talanoa Consulting	
16:00 – 17:00	Explore activity/side-event at country hub	

Day 2: 12 October 2023				
FIJI TIME 10:50	HUB TO CONNECT TO THE VIRTUAL PLATFORM FOR ONLINE SESSIONS			
11.00 -11.50	PLENARY 2 * RESILIENCE RELIES ON WATER: The role of water security in Pacific Resilience Nathalie Andre Moderator Pacific Regional Lead Adaptation and Nature Based Solutions · Global Green Growth Institute Dave Hebblethwaite Water Security and Governance Coordinator, Pacific Community Lusia Sefo—Leau Chief Executive Officer Pacific Water and Wastewater Association David Hiba Hiriasia Director, Solomon Islands Meteorological Service Navara Kiene Program Director, Water Aid PNG Everlyn Mikasimo Markham Project Coordinator, Menstrual Hygiene Champion, World Vision Papua New Guinea			
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12.00 - 13.00	SESSION 5: INTEGRATE *	SESSION 6: INFORM		
	The Building Blocks to a Resilient Food System	Building Resilient Water Systems at the Community Level		
	Alisi Tuqa Moderator Food Systems Programme Lead - SPC Philippe Couraud Director of Agriculture, Government of French Polynesia	Akmal Ali Moderator Co-Chair Pacific Resilience Partnership Water Security Technical Working Group and Project Coordinator of the Facility Aiding Locally Led- Engagement (FALE)		
	Dorah Wilson <i>PhD Candidate Food Systems Vanuatu</i>	of the Pacific Islands Alliance for Non- Government Organisation (PIANGO)		
	Michaela Cosijin Team Leader Livelihoods and Adaptive Environments CSIRO Minoru Nishi Managing Director – Nishi Trading Tonga and President, Pacific Farmers Organisation	Anawaite T. Vuetaki Scientific Officer (Hydrogeology), Geological Services Division, Mineral Resources Department, Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, Fiji Frances Qounadovu FEMlink Central FEMLINK Women's Weather Watch Convenor.		
	Showcasing that addressing food systems challenges and deficiencies in light of resilience and preparedness is everyone's business, through science and information, community and private sector engagement.	Pualua Paneva Assistant Engineer, Water and Sanitation Division – Ministry of Line and Phoenix Islands Development, Kiribati Sally Rimon Disaster Risk Reduction Officer, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division, Kiribati		
13.00 -13.30		With the climate crisis, there is an urgency to accelerate access to sustainable, safe, and reliable water systems. This session will bring real community experiences and stories on innovative approaches to building resilient water systems at the community level.		

13.30 - 14.30

SESSION 7: INCLUDE

Resilience Amidst Rising Tides

Maraia Tabunakawai | Moderator I Gender & Partnership Coordinator, Shifting Power shifting voice program, Oxfam in the Pacific

Allan Taman | Santo Sunset Chairman member of the Vanuatu Climate Action Network

Ellena Kelly | People with Disability Solomon Islands (Solomon Islands Climate Action Network)

Elena Seneka | Shifting the Power Coalition - Young Women's Programme Coordinator PNG

Flora Vano | ActionAid Vanuatu (Shifting the Power Coalition)

From the lens of Loss and Damage, building an understanding of the crucial work undertaken by Pacific Island women to shaping locally womenled response to the climate crisis through an intergenerational and intersectional lens that showcase how women are engaging in innovative ways to link their lived realities to commitments made towards women's rights in climate policy and political decision-making at all levels

SESSION 8: SUSTAIN *

An Equitable Shift: From 'Empowering Pacific Women' to Recognition, Inclusion and Investment in Pacific Women-led Resilience Strategies

Sharon Rolls-Bhagwan | Moderator | Co Chair Gender & Social Inclusion Technical Working Group and Regional Representative GPPAC Pacific & Programme Manager Pacific Women Mediators Network

Selai Korovusere | *Director, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection, Fiji*

Noelene Nabulivou | Executive Director, DIVA for Equality, Fiji

Naomi Tai | *Disaster Risk Reduction Officer, People with Disabilities*

Carolyn Kitione | Learning Coordinator, Shifting the Power Coalition, Fiji

Share ways in which women, girls, and gender non-binary people lead local and global climate justice work and how they prepare for and recover from disasters including reframing discussions around gendered roles in the climate justice and disaster risk resilience space.

14.45 - 15.45

LEARNING LAB*

Measuring water security for Pacific Resilience

Exsley Taloburi | Deputy Director – Disaster and Community Resilience Programme, Pacific Community

Dave Hebblethwaite | Water Security and Governance Coordinator, Pacific Community (Overview of Water Security – Post-Disaster Needs Assessments)

Bronwyn Powell | Water and WASH Specialist, International WaterCentre – (Asian Water Development Outlook)

Misileti Satuala | Development Project Coordinator, Pacific Water and Wastewater Association (PWWA Benchmarking Indicators: challenges and successes, gender benchmarking)

James Robertson | UNICEF Pacific

- Review water security definitions, measures, and indicators, and how these relate to Pacific contexts and resilience;
- Consider community water management governance and building on traditional knowledge and Pacific strengths for water security;
- Facilitate participants to share their knowledge base of how to incorporate Pacific traditional knowledge, strengths and community water management governance in water security measurements moving forward.

16:00 – 17:00	Explore activity/side-event at country hub			
Day 3: 13 October 2023				
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11.00 -11.50	PLENARY 3 * THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP & INCLUSIVE EARLY WARNING			
	Litea Biukoto Moderator Pacific Community (SPC) Katie Greenwood International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Ms Tala Mauala Samoa Red Cross Society Mr Ofa Fa'ununu Tonga Meteorological Service Jonathan Tafiariki Solomon Islands National Disaster Management Office Flora Vano Action Aid Vanuatu			
12.00 12.00	Buffer			
12.00 - 13.00	SESSION 9: INTEGRATE *	SESSION 10: INFORM		
	Preparing our Vaka for the Future of Climate (im)Mobility	Financial Protection Against Disasters: Strengthening Our Community Focus in the Pacific		
	Adi Litia Nailatikau Moderator, Conciliation Resources programme officer	Karlos L Moresi Moderator Pacific Islands		
	Jone Mahemahe Representative of Nanuku settlement, Fiji	Forum Vimal Dutt Chief Executive Officer, Fiji Sugar		
	Ben Salacakau Representative of Vunisavisavi village, Fiji	Cane Growers Council Silia Tupou Tonga Development Bank		
	Bedi Racule Youth climate activist working with Pacific Conference of Churches	Saane Lolo <i>Ministry of Finance, Tonga</i>		
	Ensuring the protection and practice of the rights, cultural values and heritage and traditional knowledge of Pacific peoples in global and regional protocols for climate and disaster risk reduction, and mobility including relocation, migration, and displacement	Elevating the value of community-level/focused Disaster Risk Finance (DRF) products by drawing from the experiences in the Pacific that can be translated for application in all countries.		
13.00 -13.30	BR	EAK		
13.30 - 14.30	SESSION 11: INCLUDE *	SESSION 12: SUSTAIN		
	Inclusive Resilience for ALL	Resilience of our Mental Health		
	Ruci Senikula AHP Coordinator with Pacific Disability Forum Moderator	Nacanieli Bolo Regional Advisor- Disaster Displacement (IDMC) Moderator		
	Naomi Navoce Co-Chair and member of Spinal Injuries Association of Fiji	Filimone Ralogaivau Climate Adaptation Specialist, Climate Change Division, Office of		
	Sera Osbourne Office Manager Psychiatric Survivors Association- Fiji	the Prime Minister, Fiji Prof. David Sattler Professor, Climate Change		
	Ana Lumoni Member of United Blind Persons Association of Fiji	Researcher, Western Washington University		

Veronica George | Woman with hearing impairment - DRR Officer for Cook Island National Disability Council

Inspiring participants to take action in their respective fields to promote inclusivity in resilience efforts through raising awareness of the importance of disability-inclusive resilience.

Michael Copland | Chief of Child Protection, UNICEF

Michael Armstrong | Head of Social Responsibility, Oceania Football Confederation

The psychological impacts of climate change and devastating climatic events is not always visible nor given adequate attention. But it is a risk that needs to be better understood in the varying forms that it manifests itself so that targeted interventions and responses are adequately built in our resilience efforts.

14.45 - 15.30

LEARNING LAB*

The Future of Integrated Approaches

Dr Viliamu Iese | Senior Research Fellow, University of Melbourne Anna Saxby | Executive, Humanitarian Advisory Group Dibyashree Datta and Anais Rouveyrol | Pacific Community (SPC) All connected Hubs

- Let's discuss about the future of integrated approach to DRR and CCA;
- Learn about research outcomes on successes and challenges;
- Participate in an interactive exercise reflecting on extracts from the Framework for a Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) and provocative statements;
- Learn about the FRDP Mid-term Review.

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15:45 - 16:00

CLOSING SESSION

Lealaisalanoa Frances Brown Reupena,
 Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment | Pacific Resilience Partnership Taskforce Chair

• Youth Representative



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