



Advancing Climate, Health, and Equity Outcomes through Local Action in the Indo-Pacific:

Second stage Fellowship organised by SPREP through the PCCC and the UOM

Background

The health impacts of climate change in the Pacific will be extensive yet there has been limited cross-sectoral engagement with climate-related health considerations in many Pacific countries. According to the latest IPCC Reports Climate change has adversely affected physical health of people global and mental health of people in the assessed regions. Climate related illnesses, premature deaths, malnutrition in all its forms, and threats to mental health and well-being are increasing. To address the need for cross-sectoral responses to climate-related health impacts, The Pacific Climate Change Centre and the University of Melbourne developed and delivered a training program on climate, health, and equity to a cohort of 15 policy makers and researchers from the Pacific and Southeast Asia. Pacific Fellows have previously completed the PCCC's training on 'Health Systems and Climate Change: Enhancing Resilient and Low-carbon Development in the Pacific' from 29 August – 6 October 2022 and are members of a Community of Practice currently administered under the core function of the PCCC on capacity building. The program enabled knowledge exchange and enhanced capabilities through mentoring and the development of policy/practice outputs for implementation post-program. The cohort were supported prior to, during and following the program via an online platform that facilitated a Community of Practice.

The second stage of the program will be delivered in-person over a week in Samoa in 18 – 22nd March. This includes the presentation of the CC and health policy/practice outputs implementation post programme, the development of health-specific funding proposals and prioritized research. The cohort are also collaborating on a series of publications with abstracts submitted to the Pacific Oceans Climate Change Conference in Samoa May 2024 and Berlin 9 – 12 June 2024 What Works Climate Solution Summit. The fellowship and COP are developing articles to be considered for the SIDS chapter ahead of the development of the 7th IPCC Assessment Report.

Fellowship Organisers

This Fellowship, delivered in partnership between the Pacific Climate Change Centre hosted at SPREP and the University of Melbourne (Melbourne Climate Futures and the Melbourne School of Population and Global Health) second stage that will bring together leaders from across the Indo-Pacific to advance action and expertise on practical climate change, health and equity issues.



About the Australia Awards Program

Australia Awards are an Australian Government initiative bringing together prestigious international scholarships, Fellowships and short courses managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and provided as part of Australia's development program.

The Awards strive to develop leadership potential and stimulate lasting change by empowering a global network of talented individuals through high-quality education experiences in Australia and overseas. Australia Awards Scholars and Fellows return home with new ideas, knowledge and networks, and the ability to make a significant contribution to their home countries as leaders in their field. Through the Awards, alumni develop links to Australia and Australians, helping to build positive relationships between individuals, organisations and businesses in Australia and partner countries.

About the University of Melbourne

The Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) is a regional centre of excellence for climate change information, research, and innovation, hosted by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). The PCCC is a partnership between the Governments of Japan and Samoa, and seeks to:

- Deliver capacity development programmes in adaptation, mitigation, climate services and project development. 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.

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Fellowship Objectives

- Presentation of the summary of the policy/ practice outputs on Climate Change and health outputs from Stage 1 – implementation post programme.
- Mapping and development of future Climate Change and Health funding proposals
- Scoping and pathway for Climate Change and Health research
- Climate Change and Health fellowship Community of Practice launch



Program: 18 – 22 March 2024

Date	Details
Monday (18 March)	Opening Presentation of the summary of the policy/ practice outputs on advancing climate, health, and equity outcomes through local action in the Indo-Pacific change Stage 1 – implementation post program.
Tuesday (19 March)	Mapping and development of future climate change and health proposals and resource mobilisation for future funding proposals
Wednesday (20 March)	Scoping and pathway for climate change and health research
Thursday (21 March)	Climate change and health Fellowship Community of Practice launch
Friday (22 March)	Field Visit Closing