



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Climate Reporting Masterclass

From 1 – 3 May 2019, the inaugural Pacific Resilience Meeting will be held in Suva, Fiji. The meeting brings together climate change and disaster risk reduction experts from across the Pacific under the theme “Youth Futures in a Resilient Pacific”.

From 29 April – 3 May, a **Climate Reporting Masterclass** will support Pacific journalists to develop their reporting skills and form a Pacific Media Unit that will report on the Pacific Resilience Meeting (PRM).

The activity is being delivered by the Pacific Media Assistance Scheme (PACMAS) in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and is supported by the Australian Government through the Australia Pacific Climate Partnership Support Unit.

The opportunity

We are seeking Expressions of Interest from Pacific Island media workers based in Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, PNG, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu to participate in the Climate Reporting Masterclass and become a member of the PRM Pacific Media Unit.

As part of this activity you will spend two days learning more about climate change, strengthen your reporting skills, spend time with Pacific practitioners and experts in this field, and be mentored by journalism trainers while reporting on the Pacific Resilience Meeting.

The PRM will feature a wide range of national actions, new climate innovations and bring together a host of Pacific regional practitioners and experts in the climate change and disaster risk reduction field. There will be opportunities for participant journalists to file stories throughout the meeting.

To accept this opportunity, you must agree to:

- Participate in the two-day training masterclass
- Work as part of a team to develop a minimum of two news stories per day to be published nationally in your local media organisation as well as shared regionally by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- Come equipped with any necessary equipment, i.e. laptop, camera, recorder etc.

The organisers will provide the following:

- Fund your travel via the most economical and direct route to and from Suva, Fiji
- Provide you with a daily stipend
- Coordinate your accommodation
- Provide mentoring and sub-editing services
- Facilitate the workshop, linking you with Pacific experts and practitioners
- Provide you with a reference, and provide a list of all news items developed to your News Editor/Head of Media Organisation

How to apply?

We ask that you fill out the following form and submit back to sprep@sprep.org by 4.30pm Samoa time on 8 April, 2019 with the words Climate Reporting Master Class in the subject. Please note you MUST accompany your application with:

- Two examples of your past work with your application
- A letter from your News Editor or the Head of your Media Organisation outlining their support and commitment to publishing/broadcasting your stories developed from the Pacific Resilience Meeting in their outlet.
- Your CV

Selection criteria:

- Experience/interest in reporting on climate change, environment, disaster preparedness and response
- Motivation to attend the training
- Endorsement by the applicant's media organisation
- PACMAS and SPREP will convene a selection panel to make the final selection.

Please note:

- Final approval for this workshop to proceed is pending. Applicants will be notified of the outcome.
- All selected participants must attend all sessions of the Masterclass and the full days of the PRM
- Each selected participant must develop a minimum of two stories each day during the PRM
- If successful you will be presented with the most direct and economic route airfare to and from Suva, Fiji. It is your responsibility to ensure you read the date and time of departure, keep in touch with the airline to ensure there are no changes to the travel times, make sure your passport is valid for 6 months after travel, have the necessary visas required. ANY REBOOKING OF MISSED FLIGHTS, OR OTHER CHANGES TO FLIGHTS WILL BE AT YOUR OWN COST.