



“Accelerating actions for a resilient Blue Pacific”

7th, 8th, 9th September 2021, Virtual Platforms
12:00pm – 5:00pm Samoa Standard Time

Agenda Item 8.1.3: Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) strategic partnerships and cooperation through the e-learning innovative platform

Purpose of paper

1. To inform the SPREP Members of the status of implementation of the Pacific Climate Change Centre strategic partnerships and cooperation through the e-learning innovative platform.

Background

2. The Pacific Climate Change Centre is uniquely placed as the regional centre of excellence in brokering knowledge, research, innovation, learning and training on climate change in the Pacific. It is the regional hub that connects leaders, policymakers, practitioners, academics, advocates, entrepreneurs, communities and individuals on climate change action and resilience in the Pacific.
3. The development and ongoing management of partnerships will be critical to the effectiveness of the PCCC moving forward. The PCCC communicates to a wide range of national, regional, and global audiences including the PICTs, Regional Partners and CROP agencies, global partners and donors, research institutions and universities and the different programme within SPREP. The PCCC functions have also been carefully aligned to the roles and responsibilities of other organizations as well to key regional policies, strategies, and frameworks such as the Pacific NDC Hub, the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency and the Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Science (PCCOS).
4. One of the key functions of the PCCC is to deliver capacity development programmes in adaptation, mitigation, climate services and project development. In March 2021, the PCCC launched four online learning resources to increase knowledge of Pacific islands people. Since March 2021, all PCCC capacity building activities have been delivered through the online e-learning platform.
5. The four online resources under the PCCC pillar of [Training and Learning](#) are:
 - [Webinar series](#): Part of SPREP and the PCCC talanoa with public audiences interested in Pacific environmental work and SPREP's role in supporting our Pacific islands.
 - [Children's corner](#): online learning resources, toolkits and curricula for children's education, targeting students at all education levels: primary, secondary and tertiary.

- **Open learning courses:** Free, short, online courses open to the public to be undertaken at a self-pace.
 - **Executive courses:** Technical training courses provided by PCCC/SPREP and partners, based on the training requests and capacity training needs of Member countries. These courses are only available by nomination through national focal points.
6. The Capacity Building on Climate Resilience in the Pacific (CBCRP-PCCC) project has benefited from the virtual platforms and tools which can accommodate larger numbers of participants, as well as support the efficient management of the training programs. It has increased the number of participants per country from 2 to 8 participants, with the total number of participants of over 220 as of June 2021. The CBCRP-PCCC is a partnership between the Government of Samoa, SPREP and JICA.
 7. The PCCC E-learning Platform also supports the CBCRP-PCCC project to deliver the training program more effectively. The Platform has improved the quality of learning by allowing a dynamic and active two-way communication during self-paced learning and off-line group work. It also provides an opportunity for the CBCRP-PCCC Project to evaluate the progress made by participants and follow up with participants in a timely manner to ensure the successful completion of the program. The CBCRP-PCCC project plans to deliver three training programs on ecosystem-based adaptation and mitigation, climate change and food production systems, and climate health in 2021. It will have future programs on climate change in tourism, water and understanding access to climate finance.
 8. The PCCC innovative e- learning platform is benefiting more Pacific island countries and territories through its access to a wider audience.
 9. In summary, for the period from January – May 2021, PCCC has hosted and supported the following:
 - a. CBCRP-PCCC Virtual training delivered through the e-learning platform: 220 participants
 - b. Virtual events: 182 virtual events
 - c. Participants and virtual visitors: 2,220 participants/virtual visitors

Recommendation

10. The Meeting is invited to:
 - 1) **note** that PCCC strategic partnerships and cooperation is crucial for the Centre's effectiveness and the Secretariat encourages donors and partners to work with PCCC to secure ongoing funding for the implementation of the key core functions of PCCC; and
 - 2) **note** the progress of PCCC e-learning platform as an innovative online learning solution and the positive impacts through increased number of participants and therefore increasing the opportunities for adaptive capacity and awareness of Pacific island countries and territories on climate change.

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