

Moana Blue Pacific PAVILION



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SCHEDULE OVERVIEW (VERSION 30 – UPLOADED 30TH OCTOBER 2024)

Scheduled Day	Time (Baku)	Title of Side Event
11/11/2024	10.00 - 10.50am	Facilitating Indigenous Community Driven Climate Responses (Indigenous Peoples' Organisation-Australia)
11/11/2024	11.00 - 11.50am	Restoring Island Resilience by Managing Invasive Species (Niue and Tonga)
11/11/2024	1.00-1.50pm	The value of blue carbon: from NDCs to cultural co-benefits (University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, NASA and Conservation International)
11/11/2024	2.00 - 2.50pm	Totemic Protection Project within Nature Repair Market (Currie Country Social Change Aboriginal Corporation)
11/11/2024	3.00 – 3.50pm	Strengthening Pacific Voices through the Pacific Oceans Pacific Climate Change Conference (POPCCC) (SPREP)
11/11/2024	4.00 – 4.50pm	Early Warnings that Reach All People - Experiences from SIDS. Presentations of the Tonga and Jamaica smart weather Apps (Australia, Tonga, WMO, UNDRR, and SPREP)
11/11/2024	5.00 – 5.50pm	Pacific Ocean and Climate Crisis Assessment (POCCA) report launch (University of Canterbury and University of the South Pacific)
11/11/2024	6.30 - 8.30pm	EVENING EVENT: Official opening of the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion (Australia, New Zealand, SPREP)
12/11/2024	10.00 - 10.50am	Rethinking Climate Finance: Role of the Pacific Resilience Facility (Fiji)
12/11/2024	11.00 - 11.50am	Enhancing ocean resilience: tackling sea-level rise, ocean health, and deep-sea minerals (Fiji and Pacific Islands Forum)
12/11/2024	12.00-12.50pm	Bridging the Climate Finance Gap: Innovative Insurance Solutions for Vulnerable Communities (PCRIC and SPREP)
12/11/2024	1.00-1.50pm	Silent No More (Pacific Disability Forum and SPREP)
12/11/2024	2.00 – 2.50pm	OACPS Leaders Statement for Urgent Climate Action and Justice at COP29 (Vanuatu, Suriname, Bahamas and OACPS)
12/11/2024	3.00 – 3.50pm	Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) Project for Innovative Solutions for the Pacific Climate Change Resilience (ISPCCR) (SPREP)
12/11/2024	4.00 – 4.50pm	Critical Climate Actions Outside the UNFCCC (IECS)
12/11/2024	5.00 – 5.50pm	Climate Action from the land, sea and space: Traditional knowledge stories of resilience (SPREP)
13/11/2024	10.00 - 10.50am	Driving mitigation ambition and action from within the Pacific-SIDS: Nexus between the findings of the IPCC AR6 and policy directions. (Samoa and Pacific Islands Forum)
13/11/2024	11.00 - 11.50am	Peer-to-peer exchange event for the Pacific region on the current state and the perspectives of capacity building under the ETF and the Paris Agreement using advanced data management platforms (Fiji and Vanuatu)
13/11/2024	12.00-12.50pm	Launching of Tuvalu's Third National Communication and First Biennial Transparency Report (Tuvalu)
13/11/2024	1.00-1.50pm	Pacific Leadership for Climate Justice: Ambition, Finance, and Global Action on the Triple Planetary Crisis (PICAN)

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13/11/2024	2.00 - 2.50pm	Plastics and Climate Change (Federated States of Micronesia)
13/11/2024	3.00 – 3.50pm	Launch of Fiji’s Comprehensive Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Methodology (CRVAM) a tool for the Standard Operating Procedures for Planned Relocation in Fiji (Fiji)
13/11/2024	4.00 – 4.50pm	Early Warnings that Reach All People - Experiences from SIDS. Presentations of the Tonga and Jamaica smart weather Apps
13/11/2024	5.00 – 5.50pm	Innovative funding sources for the Pacific Island region (Lowy Institute, Vanuatu Government, and SPREP)
13/11/2024	6.30 - 8.30pm	EVENING EVENT: Solutioning Climate-Nature Finance for Small Island States (Fiji)
14/11/2024	10.00 - 10.50am	Long-term investment for safeguarding Kiribati's Coastlines in the Face of Climate Change (Kiribati)
14/11/2024	11.00 - 11.50am	Pacific Ocean Alliance (Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner)
14/11/2024	12.00 – 12.50pm	Pacific Blue Shipping Partnership: Charting a Pathway for Pacific Shipping Decarbonization (Marshall Islands)
14/11/2024	1.00-1.50pm	Nature-based Financing for Climate Resilience (Fiji and SPC)
14/11/2024	2.00 - 2.50pm	Accelerating climate finance access and mobilisation in the Pacific region (Pacific Islands Forum)
14/11/2024	3.00 – 3.50pm	Strengthening our Pacific Vaka (Pacific Disability Forum and SPREP)
14/11/2024	4.00 – 4.50pm	Niue's Climate Leadership: Advancing Ocean Conservation and Resilience (Niue)
14/11/2024	5.00 – 5.50pm	Reimagining project pipeline development for Pacific Islands Countries (Rocky Mountain Institute and SPREP)
14/11/2024	6.30 - 8.30pm	EVENING EVENT: Pacific Climate Finance Access (Rocky Mountain Institute and SPREP)
15/11/2024	10.00 - 10.50am	Pacific Perspectives on Advancing National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Systems (Fiji)
15/11/2024	11.00 - 11.50am	Advancing climate resilience in the Pacific: Achievements and best practices from the "Adaptation to Climate Change in the Coastal Zone of Vanuatu" VCAP project. (Vanuatu and UNDP)
15/11/2024	12.00-12.50pm	Maua'a faatinoga, mo se Samoa malosi: Grounded Actions, Stronger Samoa- 1.5 to Stay Alive (Samoa, New Zealand and GGGI)
15/11/2024	1.00-1.50pm	Leveraging SOE Reporting for UNFCCC Processes (Samoa and SPREP)
15/11/2024	2.00 - 2.50pm	Becoming a loss and damage ready region: What needs to happen to address loss and damage at scale in Pacific Island Countries? (Vanuatu)
15/11/2024	3.00 – 3.50pm	Launch of Fiji's Health Adaptation Plan (FHAP) Fiji's health sector's response to the health impacts of climate change (Fiji)
15/11/2024	4.00 – 4.50pm	Enhancing Climate and Health Action in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories (WHO, SPC and SPREP)
15/11/2024	5.00 – 5.50pm	Climate Finance - the Pacific ambition (Greenpeace and PICAN)
16/11/2024	10.00 - 10.50am	Loss, damage and Unlocking Tokelau's Resilience (Tokelau and New Zealand)
16/11/2024	11.00 - 11.50am	Adaptation Fund Readiness Programme: Lessons from the Pacific (Adaptation Fund)
16/11/2024	12.00-12.50pm	Evoking the past for a sustainable solution for the future of sea transportation - building manuals from the Marshall Islands (Waan Aelon in Majel, INC)
16/11/2024	1.00-1.50pm	Addressing Gaps, Needs, and Challenges for Ocean-based Climate Action (Fiji and SPC)
16/11/2024	2.00 - 2.50pm	Kiribati's Progress on Adaptation Action: Successes and additional support needed for implementation (Kiribati and NAP GN, IISD)
16/11/2024	3.00 – 3.50pm	Charting the Future: Long term Investment Strategy of Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) for Prosperous and Resilient Pacific Island Countries and Territories- The Pacific Climate Innovative Investment Hub (SPREP)
16/11/2024	4.00 – 4.50pm	A COP of Peace: Addressing Militarism for Climate Justice in the Pacific (Peace Boat and Peace and Demilitarization Working Group)

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16/11/2024	5.00 – 5.50pm	RISE: Revitalising Informal Settlements and their Environments (Monash University, Fiji, Fiji National University, and UN-Habitat)
17/11/2024	ALL DAY	OFFICIAL REST DAY: CLOSED
18/11/2024	10.00 - 10.50am	Empowering Women for Climate Resilience (Kiribati and UN Women)
18/11/2024	11.00 - 11.50am	Opportunities and needs for developing cooperative approaches under Article 6 to accelerate climate action in the Pacific (GGGI and New Zealand)
18/11/2024	12.00-12.50pm	Assessing non-economic loss and damage Fiji's experience and progress (Fiji)
18/11/2024	1.00-1.50pm	Pacific Community of Practice to Strengthen Climate Finance Access (Niue and SPREP)
18/11/2024	2.00 - 2.50pm	Higher Ground Initiative (Nauru)
18/11/2024	3.00 – 3.50pm	Seeding Diverse First Nations Leadership and Movements for Global Climate Justice (Common Threads, 350 Pacific, and GetUp Australia)
18/11/2024	4.00 – 4.50pm	The Witness Stand: Future Generations & the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Climate Change (Vanuatu, Pacific Youth and SPC)
18/11/2024	6.30 – 8.30pm	NETWORKING EVENT: Science Connect: Strengthening Pacific Collaboration for Climate Action (CSIRO and SPREP)
19/11/2024	10.00 - 10.50am	Advancing Climate Resilience in the Pacific: Successes from Van-KIRAP and Future Directions with OSCAR (Vanuatu and APCC)
19/11/2024	11.00 – 11.50am	Innovative Approaches – Flexible Climate Finance (New Zealand)
19/11/2024	12.00-12.50pm	Our Call to the International Court of Justice (Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change and Greenpeace)
19/11/2024	1.00-1.50pm	Assessing the impact of parametric climate risk insurance payouts in Fiji (UNU-EHS)
19/11/2024	2.00 – 2.50pm	Building resilience through innovative anticipatory action solutions in the Pacific (UNU-EHS)
19/11/2024	3.00 – 3.50pm	Hunger and Climate Change: A Challenge to child wellbeing (Solomon Islands and World Vision)
19/11/2024	5.00 – 5.50pm	Climate migration with dignity: Lessons from the Banaban Experience (Banaban Human Rights Defenders Network)
20/11/2024	10.00 - 10.50am	Asian Development Bank's Maritime Decarbonization Initiative (ADB)
20/11/2024	12.00-12.50pm	Strengthening Pacific Engagement in Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC) (SPREP)
20/11/2024	1.00-1.50pm	Increasing Climate Resilience in the Tourism Industry Investments for Vanuatu (Vanuatu)
20/11/2024	2.00 – 2.50pm	Building Resilience in Pacific Small Island Developing States: A Pathway to Climate Justice (Island Innovation)
20/11/2024	3.00 – 3.50pm	Empowering SIDS Youth: Driving Climate Justice Through Interregional Collaboration (Island Innovation)
20/11/2024	4.00 – 4.50pm	Building Science-Policy interface to promote climate policy development (OACP)
20/11/2024	5.00 – 5.50pm	State of the Climate in Samoa (Samoa and WMO)
20/11/2024	6.30 – 8.30pm	EVENING EVENT: Weather Ready Pacific: Starting our Journey to navigate together through the challenges in a Climate Change World (Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Vanuatu, CREWS, WMO, SPREP)
21/11/2024	10.00 - 10.50am	Advancing Blue Economy through Marine Spatial Planning: Case study of Malake and Ovalau Islands in Fiji (PIDF, National Ocean Technology Center Ministry of Natural Resources, China; Blue Praxis, Australia; CODF; University of Fiji; First Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources, China; and IOC/WESTPAC)
21/11/2024	11.00 – 11.50am	Torres Strait Islander Voices on Climate Action (Australian Youth for International Climate Engagement)

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21/11/2024	12.00-12.50pm	Empowering Youth Through Capacity Building: Elevating Voices for Climate Action and Ambition (Peace Boat, Alliance for Future Generations and Climate Youth Negotiators)
21/11/2024	2.00-2.50pm	ClimateWatch Vanuatu: Building community climate resilience (Vanuatu, Deakin University and Earthwatch Australia)
21/11/2024	6.30 - 8.30pm	EVENING EVENT: 'Fish and Sips': A networking event for World Fisheries Day (Australia)
22/12/2024	ALL DAY	NO SIDE EVENTS SCHEDULED

SCHEDULE DETAILS

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2024

COP29 OPENING		
TIME (BAKU)	ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS	EVENT
10.00am – 10.50am (11 Nov)	Indigenous Peoples' Organisation-Australia Contacts: Cathryn Eatock CEO and Co-Chair: Indigenous Peoples' Organisation-Australia & Co-Chair & Pacific; Member: Facilitative Working Group (FWG); Local Communities & Indigenous Peoples Platform (LCIPP) of the UNFCCC. E: CathyE@ipoa.org.au Cassandra Jones Community Engagement Indigenous Peoples Organisation-Australia E: cassandraj@ipoa.org.au	Facilitating Indigenous Community Driven Climate Responses About: First Nations direct participation will directly boost Australian representation in the UNFCCC and strengthen Australian global clean energy ambitions to drive decarbonisation efforts to transition to net-zero by 2050. First Nations peoples should help shape this market and it is incredibly important to the current climate impact and the future of transformation to reach global targets. The ability to contribute to Australia's inclusive climate engagement at COP29, to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 11 to 22 November 2024, is a rare and invaluable opportunity in self-determined conversations and connection for First Nations peoples and this opportunity will be used to advance discussions on clean energy, climate transformation and First Nations roles within these spaces and the future gathering leading to COP 31. The side event will be a panel of First Nations Traditional owners who will discuss these intersections, and how to value and protect totemic species within the biodiversity credit system and the Nature Repair Market and Task Discourse on Nature Disclosures (TFND).
11.00am – 11.50am (11 Nov)	Partnership: Governments of Niue and Tonga Contact: Haden Talagi Director Niue's Department of Environment E: Haden.Talagi@mail.gov.nu	Restoring Island Resilience by Management of Invasive Species to Increase Climate Resilience at a Large Landscape Scale in Niue and Tonga About: This panel discussion will discuss how Pacific Island countries and territories can secure funding of USD20-50m needed to scale up the management of invasive species at large landscape scales to increase the resilience of ecosystems and communities. This funding will enable countries to engage communities in project design and strengthen the national institutions and partnerships required to increase ecosystem resilience to climate change impacts. Moderator: Steve Menzies

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<p>1.00pm – 1.50pm (11 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, NASA and Conservation International</p> <p>Contacts: Rebekah Stein CPAESS Program Specialist University Corporation for Atmospheric Research E: rebekah@ucar.edu</p> <p>Laura Lorenzoni National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) E: laura.lorenzoni@nasa.gov</p>	<p>The value of blue carbon: from NDCs to cultural co-benefits</p> <p>About: This event will address the ways in which blue carbon has been and can be further included in GHG inventories and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), considering the 2025 NDC revision cycle. This event will highlight some of the tools the United States Government and international partners have created to track and quantify blue carbon sinks, and to identify effective opportunities for conservation and restoration. Currently, IPCC GHG accounting guidelines consider tidal marshes, mangroves, and seagrasses. This event will also profile the resource Blue Carbon and NDC Guidelines as published by the Blue Carbon Initiative in July 2023 to incorporate the most updated vision of blue carbon ecosystems into NDCs, as well as emphasise the intrinsic and cultural ecosystem services provided by Blue Carbon.</p>
<p>2.00pm – 2.50pm (11 Nov)</p>	<p>Currie Country Social Change Aboriginal Corporation</p> <p>Contact: Arabella Douglas CEO/CSO Currie Country Social Change E: arabella@curriecountry.com W: www.ccscac.org</p>	<p>Totemic Protection Project within Nature Repair Market</p> <p>About: First Nations direct participation will directly boost Australian representation in the UNFCCC and strengthen Australian global clean energy ambitions to drive decarbonisation efforts to transition to net-zero by 2050. First Nations peoples should help shape this market and it is incredibly important to the current climate impact and the future of transformation to reach global targets.</p> <p>The ability to contribute to Australia’s inclusive climate engagement at COP29, to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 11 to 22 November 2024, is a rare and invaluable opportunity in self-determined conversations and connection for First Nations peoples and this opportunity will be used to advance discussions on clean energy, climate transformation and First Nations roles within these spaces and the future gathering leading to COP 31. The side event will be a panel of First Nations Traditional owners who will discuss these intersections, and how to value and protect totemic species within the biodiversity credit system and the Nature Repair Market and Task Discourse on Nature Disclosures (TFND).</p> <p>Panel: Arabella Douglas (Minyunbal), Rebecca Greer (Quandamooka), and Tara Mercy (Bandjalang)</p>
<p>3.00pm – 3.50pm (11 Nov)</p>	<p>Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contact: Ofa Kaisamy Manager Pacific Climate Change Centre E: ofak@sprep.org W: https://www.sprep.org/pacific-climate-change-centre</p>	<p>Strengthening Pacific Voices through the Pacific Oceans Pacific Climate Change Conference (POPCCC)</p> <p>About: The 4th Pacific Ocean Pacific Climate Change Conference, "Our Ocean, Our Home: Climate Resilience for a Blue Pacific," brought together academics, researchers, scientists, students, civil society actors, decisions-makers and representatives from the arts, faith and local communities, from all over the region and beyond, to discuss contemporary issues and challenges facing the Pacific because of global warming and climate events. The side event will present on the outcomes and sustainability of the conference which includes: the importance that all Pacific nations continue their efforts to build resilience through cooperation at the level of</p>

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		governments, collaboration with international and regional organisations, and partnership between private and public actors; academic, scientific and technical research, data and case studies must be "translated" into plain language to inform decision-makers, law and policy experts, industry and grassroots movements and assist them in finding solutions to tackle climate change; and that the fight against climate change must be informed by the work in the field of grassroots movements and respect for traditional knowledge and indigenous rights. Panel: Dr. Luteru Tauvale, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE); Professor Patila Malua, National University of Samoa (NUS) Vice Chancellor and President; Dame Luamanuvao Winnie Laban, Victoria University of Wellington (VUW); and Dr. Transform Aqorau, Solomon Islands National University (SINU).
5.00pm – 5.50pm (11 Nov)	Partnership: University of Canterbury and University of the South Pacific Contact: Steven Ratuva Distinguished Professor and Pro-Vice Chancellor University of Canterbury E: steven.ratuva@canterbury.ac.nz W: https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/	Pacific Ocean and Climate Crisis Assessment (POCCA) report launch About: The POCCA project, which covers 16 countries and territories in the Pacific region, was a partnership project between the University of Canterbury and University of the South Pacific and carried out by about 90 Pacific academics, researchers and policy experts, is based on evidence-based research on how Pacific communities have developed adaptation innovations and resilience capacities over the years in response to climate crisis. The event will involve a presentation, brief comments and launch.
6.30pm – 8.30pm (11 Nov)	Partnership: Australia, New Zealand, and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Contact: Nanette Woonton Pavilion Manager E: nanettew@sprep.org	EVENING EVENT: Official opening of the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion About: Official launch of the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion.

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2024

COP29 THEME: WORLD CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT		
TIME (BAKU)	ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS	EVENT
10.00am - 10.50am (12 Nov)	Fiji Government Contact: Genevieve Jiva Manager Climate Change Ministry of Environment and Climate Change E: genevieve.jiva@environment.gov.fj	Rethinking Climate Finance: Role of the Pacific Resilience Facility About: The Pacific Resilience Facility (PRF) aims to proactively prepare communities vulnerable to climate change impacts. It embodies transformative solutions which can serve as an example to the international community. The PRF can be used to show the impact of loss and damage financing in action through country specific and context sensitive approaches.

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		<p>This side event will bring together Pacific leaders to discuss the role, implementation, and future opportunities PFR can offer.</p> <p>Panel: Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji; Minister for Climate Change of Tuvalu; Prime Minister of Tonga; and President of Federated States of Micronesia.</p>
<p>11.00am – 11.50am</p> <p>(12 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Fiji Government and Pacific Islands Forum</p> <p>Contacts: Denzel Atumurirava Ocean Officer Fiji Climate Change Division Ministry of Environment and Climate Change E: denzel.atumurirava@environment.gov.fj</p> <p>Andrew Coriakula Ocean Specialist Fiji Climate Change Division Ministry of Environment and Climate Change E: andrew.coriakula@environment.gov.fj</p> <p>Atishma Lal Programme Officer Climate Resilience Engagement & Coordination Pacific Islands Forum E: atishmal@forumsec.org</p> <p>Madeleine Pears Ocean Policy Officer Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC) Pacific Islands Forum E: madeleinep@forumsec.org</p>	<p>Enhancing ocean resilience: tackling sea-level rise, ocean health, and deep-sea minerals</p> <p>About: The panel will delve into the importance of safeguarding ocean health to ensure the resilience of small island nations, aligning with global efforts to protect the oceans under the 2023 Declaration on the continuity of statehood and the protection of persons in the face of climate change-related sea-level rise.</p> <p>The session aims to: (a) Discuss the implications of sea-level rise on the sovereignty and continuity of statehood for Pacific Island countries; (b) Explore the potential environmental and socio-economic impacts of deep-sea minerals on the region's ocean ecosystems; and (c) Highlight strategies for strengthening ocean resilience and health in the face of climate change.</p> <p>The panel will discuss sea-level rise and the 2023 Declaration on the continuity of statehood and the protection of persons in the face of climate change-related sea-level rise; Ocean health and climate change; and Deep-sea minerals and its implications.</p> <p>Panel: Hon. Biman Prasad, Fiji Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Planning, National Development and Statistics and will be also representing the Prime Minister, who is the Oceans Champion; Peter Thomson, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean; and Her Excellency Dr Hilda C. Heine, President, Republic of the Marshall Islands.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Filimon Manoni, Pacific Ocean Commissioner</p>
<p>12.00pm – 12.50pm</p> <p>(12 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Company (PCRIC) and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: Aholotu Palu CEO PCRIC E: ceo@pcric.org</p> <p>Nicole Powell Executive Assistant PCRIC E: nicole@pcric.org W: www.pcric.org</p>	<p>Bridging the Climate Finance Gap: Innovative Insurance Solutions for Vulnerable Communities</p> <p>About: Regional Risk Pools such as PCRIC have a fundamental role to play as a shock absorber, by bringing together multiple countries within their region to share the financial burden of climate and disaster risks, thus the need to ensure that their financing and insurance products are attuned to the risk profile of the vulnerable countries. Collaborating with SPREP in providing the needed education and capacity building to the region enhances the ability of the country to be prepared when natural disasters strike. To this end, a more innovative approach is being explored to inbuild anticipatory action in the parametric product to ensure a portion of funding is available for disaster preparedness.</p>

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	<p>Filomena Nelson Climate Change Adaptation Adviser, SPREP E: filomenan@sprep.org</p>	<p>Keynote Address: The Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, Honourable Mark Brown and the Prime Minister of Tonga, Honourable Hu'akavameiliku.</p> <p>Panel: Mr. Ibrahim Cheikh Diong (Executive Director of the Loss and Damage Fund; Dr. Astrid Zwick, Co-Director of Global Shield Secretariat Implementation and Institutional Development; Ms. Sarah-Jane Wild, Chairperson/Director of the PCRIC Board; and Ms. Tagaloa Cooper, Director Climate Change Resilience Programme, SPREP.</p>
<p>1.00pm – 1.50pm (12 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Pacific Disability Forum and SPREP</p> <p>Contacts: Katabwena Tawaka Manager Pacific Disability Forum E: katabwena.tawaka@pacificdisability.org</p> <p>Patricia Mallam Knowledge Broker Intra-ACP ClimSA SPREP E: patriciam@sprep.org W: www.sprep.org</p>	<p>Silent No More</p> <p>About: This side event will launch the Pacific Sign Language translations of common meteorological terms that are used in the Pacific region to enhance the ability of deaf people to prepare and respond better to hazards. It will focus on: 1) Introduce the User Interface Platform on DRR and possible implementation actions; 2) Showcase available data on Persons with Disabilities in the Pacific, with a focus on the Deaf Community; 3) Highlight the challenges of making early warnings accessible to all; 4) Share the process of co-developing this innovative product for inclusive communications; and 5) Launch the series of common meteorological terms that have been translated into Pacific Sign Language.</p> <p>Panel: Katabwena Tawaka, Manager, Pacific Disability Forum; and representatives from WMO and SPREP.</p> <p>Moderator: Patricia Mallam, ClimSA Pacific</p>
<p>2.00pm – 2.50pm (12 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: The Organisation of African Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) led by Co-Chairs (Suriname and Bahamas) for COP29 and Vanuatu</p> <p>Contacts: Mr Peter Nyongesa Wekesa Environment and Natural Resources Governance Expert, OACPS E: Peter.Nyongesa@acp.int</p> <p>Dr Pendo Maro Team Leader Disaster Risk Reduction Programme (DRRP), OACPS E: pendo.maro@acp.int</p>	<p>OACPS Leaders Statement for Urgent Climate Action and Justice at COP29</p> <p>About: High-level meeting of Heads of State and Government convened in the margins of the Leaders' segment of the COP-29 that will be attended by leaders from OACPS' member states, Regional representatives and Partners. The event aims to push for significant progress to deliver ambitious outcomes at COP 29, and secure commitments that address the unique vulnerabilities and needs of OACPS' SIDS, LDCs and African countries while also promoting ambitious climate action in-line with the COP 29 Presidency priorities.</p> <p>Panel: Leaders from Africa: Mauritania (Chair of AUC), Republic of Congo (Chair of OACPS Council); Mauritius (AWG SIDS-led Resource Mobilisation Conference for Financing NDCs); Caribbean: Suriname (Chair of OACPS Sub-Committee on Sustainable Development), Bahamas (Chair of OACPS SIDS Forum); Pacific: Samoa (Chair of AOSIS), Vanuatu (ICJ AO on Climate Change); COP29 & COP30 Presidency representatives.</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, OACPS Secretary General</p>

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<p>3.00pm - 3.50pm (12 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Government of Samoa, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: Ms. Ofa Ma`asi Kaisamy Manager Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) E: ofak@sprep.org</p> <p>Taiji Watanabe Project Coordinator PCCC-ISPCCR Project E: taijiwatanabepccc@gmail.com W: https://www.sprep.org/pacific-climate-change-centre</p>	<p>Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) Project for Innovative Solutions for the Pacific Climate Change Resilience (ISPCCR)</p> <p>About: This event hosted by the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) will focus on the PCCC Project for Innovative Solutions for Pacific Climate Change Resilience (ISPCCR), launched in March 2024. This initiative is the result of the collaboration between the Government of Samoa, SPREP, PCCC and JICA. It aims to promote innovative climate solutions with the engagement of the private sector and foster public-private partnerships (PPPs) through capacity building.</p> <p>Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the project's objectives and outputs, including result from the assessment of innovative climate solutions tailored to the context of Pacific Island countries and territories emphasizing the importance on integration of traditional knowledge, science, and technology to address local needs effectively. The event will showcase the outcomes of the training held in September 2024, which addressed climate change impacts and innovative solutions specific to the region.</p> <p>Additionally, in the panel discussion representatives from the private sector, development partners and financial institutions will explore strategies and discuss how to enhance public-private partnership to accelerate climate investments and implement effective and innovative climate solutions. This gathering serves as a platform for knowledge sharing and capacity building to strengthen resilience against climate change impacts in the Pacific.</p> <p>Panel: Honourable Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Samoa; Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (President, Director); Representative from the private sector from Pacific region; Asia Development Bank; Fiji Chamber of Commerce & Industry or Fiji Development Bank; Ms. Ofa Kaisamy, Manager, Pacific Climate Change Centre; Mr. Yoshihiro Mizuno, Project Team Leader, PCCC-ISPCCR (tbc)</p>
<p>4.00pm - 4.50pm (12 Nov)</p>	<p>Institute for Energy and Climate Strategies (IECS)</p> <p>Contact: Dennis Clare President IECS E: dmc@iecs.org W: www.iecs.org</p>	<p>Critical Climate Actions Outside the UNFCCC</p> <p>About: This event will feature climate mitigation efforts, many led by PSIDS, that are essential to meeting the 1.5 C target and are taking place outside the UNFCCC. These include improving refrigerant management and cooling appliance energy efficiency under the Montreal Protocol, international efforts to reduce methane emissions, and initiatives to phase down fossil fuels and reduce plastics production and pollution.</p>
<p>5.00pm - 5.50pm (12 Nov)</p>	<p>Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: Lavenia Naivalu Nacula District Council Member Climate Resilience Advocate</p>	<p>Climate Action from the land, sea and space: Traditional knowledge stories of resilience</p> <p>About: The event is a talanoa session with ambassadors, researchers, climate practitioners and NGO's to look at our traditional knowledge stories of resilience, when integrated with</p>

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	<p>NGO, Fiji</p> <p>Siosinamele Lui COSPPac Climate Traditional Knowledge Officer SPREP E: siosinamelel@sprep.org</p>	<p>modern climate action, it can foster a holistic approach that can guide global climate action.</p> <p>Speakers: Lavinia Naivalu, Nacula District Woman representative, NGO, Fiji; Tagaloa Cooper, SPREP; George Carter, ANU; and Laitia Fifita, Tonga Met Director.</p> <p>Moderator: Siosinamele Lui</p>
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WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2024

COP29 THEME: WORLD CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT		
TIME (BAKU)	ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS	EVENT
<p>10.00am – 10.50am</p> <p>(13 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Government of Samoa and Pacific Islands Forum</p> <p>Contacts: Ms. Toiata Uili Assistant Chief Executive Officer Renewable Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa E: toiata.uili@mnre.gov.ws</p> <p>Atishma Lal Programme Officer Climate Resilience Engagement & Coordination E: atishmal@forumsec.org W: www.forumsec.org</p>	<p>Driving mitigation ambition and action from within the Pacific-SIDS: Nexus between the findings of the IPCC AR6 and policy directions.</p> <p>About: The Pacific Island Countries (PICs) are among the most vulnerable to climate change, yet they contribute the least to global greenhouse gas emissions. The mitigation of climate change is therefore a complex challenge for the region, requiring a balance between reducing emissions and ensuring sustainable development.</p> <p>Mitigation efforts in the Pacific focus on transitioning to renewable energy, improving energy efficiency, and enhancing carbon sinks, such as forests and oceans. The region has made significant strides in setting ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement. However, achieving these goals requires substantial financial and technical support, as well as robust international cooperation.</p> <p>The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) plays a critical role in providing the scientific foundation for climate action. The IPCC reports, especially those focusing on mitigation, are essential for guiding policy decisions in PICs. These reports highlight the urgency of reducing emissions globally, provide insights into mitigation pathways, and offer practical solutions that can be tailored to the specific needs of the Pacific region.</p> <p>PICs have also contributed to the work of the IPCC, providing data, case studies, and perspectives that ensure the unique circumstances of small island developing states (SIDS) are considered in global climate assessments.</p> <p>This session will explore the leadership demonstrated within the Pacific-SIDS in driving mitigation ambition and action informed by the findings of the IPCC reports as part of greater international advocacy on practical solutions for Pacific-SIDS and urgent call to keep to the 1.5-degree goal of the Paris Agreement.</p>

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		<p>Panel: Hon. Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster, PSIDS Political Climate Champion for Mitigation & Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of the Government of Samoa; Mr. Solomon Fifita, Head of Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Pacific Community; and 2 PSIDS senior country reps to speak to national mitigation pathways (tbc)</p>
<p>11.00am – 11.50am (13 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Governments of Fiji and Vanuatu, Greenhouse Gas Management Institute, and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)</p> <p>Contacts: Deepitika Chand National Agriculture Expert CCAC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Fiji E: deepitika.chand@environment.gov.fj</p> <p>Ranjila Singh Mitigation Specialist Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Fiji E: ranjila.singh@environment.gov.fj</p>	<p>Peer-to-peer exchange event for the Pacific region on the current state and the perspectives of capacity building under the ETF and the Paris Agreement using advanced data management platforms</p> <p>About: This side event, organised by Fiji, Vanuatu, the Greenhouse Gas Management Institute (GHGMI), and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition, aims to foster peer-to-peer dialogue on capacity building under the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) and the Paris Agreement. It focuses on leveraging advanced data management platforms to enhance Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs 3.0) by incorporating super pollutants, particularly short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs). Including these non-CO₂ pollutants in NDCs is vital for maintaining the 1.5°C temperature limit and fully meeting Paris Agreement goals. Reducing SLCPs like methane, black carbon, hydrofluorocarbons, and NO_x can significantly slow warming and sea level rise, while improving air quality, health, and economic development. The event will also align domestic priorities with the Global Methane Pledge, which seeks to cut human-caused methane emissions by 30% by 2030 from 2020 levels. Methane, a potent greenhouse gas, is a major contributor to recent warming and addressing it can yield substantial co-benefits, including better agricultural productivity and waste management. Proven technologies could cut emissions by up to 45% in key sectors by 2030.</p> <p>Panel: Country representatives from Fiji and Vanuatu; Donovan Storey, Fiona Hurrey, CCAC Secretariat, Dr. Olia Glade, Greenhouse Gas Management Institute (GGMI)</p> <p>Moderator: Deepitika Chand, CCAC, National Agriculture Expert for Fiji (tbc)</p>
<p>12.00pm – 12.50pm (13 Nov)</p>	<p>Tuvalu Government</p> <p>Contact: Jamie Ovia (Ag.) Director of Climate Change, Climate Change Department E: jovia@gov.tv</p>	<p>Launching of Tuvalu's Third National Communication and First Biennial Transparency Report</p> <p>About: This side event will officially launch Tuvalu's Third National Communication and First Biennial Transparency Report. In launching these two important documents Tuvalu will show its commitment to follow the Convention's and Paris Agreement's set out rules on reporting. This will be a great event as Tuvalu will be one of the first to launch its BTR in the Pacific region, which is a significant achievement. Therefore, presenting on lessons learned on formulating both these documents will be very important for the Pacific and the public.</p> <p>Panel: TNC/BTR Coordinator, Minister of Home Affairs, Climate Change and Environment, Director of Climate Change</p>

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<p>1.00pm – 1.50pm</p> <p>(13 Nov)</p>	<p>Pacific Islands Climate Action Network (PICAN)</p> <p>Contact: Dr Sindra Sharma Senior Policy Advisory PICAN E: sindra.sharma@pican.org W: pican.org</p>	<p>Pacific Leadership for Climate Justice: Ambition, Finance, and Global Action on the Triple Planetary Crisis</p> <p>About: Building on from the 'Triple Planetary Crisis Symposium' convened by PICAN, WWF Pacific, BFFP Asia-Pacific, CIEL and EIA, this side event will explore the triple planetary crisis climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution through the lens of climate justice and the leadership of Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS). It will emphasise the critical importance of climate finance that truly delivers for PSIDS, ensuring resources reach those most vulnerable, including youth, women, and marginalised communities. With the urgency of keeping 1.5°C within reach, the event will focus on the need for ambitious climate action and address the growing importance of loss and damage as a central pillar of climate action and therefore climate finance.</p> <p>In this context, we will examine the connections to international processes, including the Plastics Treaty post-COP29, and the role of ICJAO on climate change. The event will highlight Pacific leadership as a beacon for global action, calling for a just transition that prioritizes the most vulnerable and champions equitable solutions. Participants will explore how aligning global efforts can build resilience in PSIDS and advocate for a future that centres youth, marginalised voices, and their vital role in shaping climate action.</p>
<p>2.00pm – 2.50pm</p> <p>(13 Nov)</p>	<p>Federated States of Micronesia</p> <p>Contact: Dennis Clare Legal Advisor E: dmc@iecs.org</p>	<p>Plastics and Climate Change</p> <p>About: Scientists, negotiators and civil society experts discuss the critical need to address plastics production to achieve the 1.5C goal. Experts from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in the United States will present research into the climate change impact of plastics production and panellists of varying relevant backgrounds will discuss.</p>
<p>3.00pm – 3.50pm</p> <p>(13 Nov)</p>	<p>Fiji Government</p> <p>Contact: Matereti Matewai Senior Adaptation Officer Ministry of Environment and Climate Change E: matereti.mateiwai@environment.gov.fj</p>	<p>Launch of Fiji’s Comprehensive Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Methodology (CRVAM) a tool for the Standard Operating Procedures for Planned Relocation in Fiji</p> <p>About: Fiji has progressed in assessing for the loss of cultural and social assets with these processes embedded in the Comprehensive Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Methodology (CRVAM). Fiji has also undertaken studies on how climate change impacts, especially displacement and relocation, affects psychosocial wellbeing and indigenous spirituality - the connectedness to the environment, traditional totems, and traditions.</p> <p>The event is to present on Fiji’s efforts in assessing for non-economic loss and damage especially the cultural and social components. Fiji will be presenting on how L&D is assessed in the CRVAM and will share experiences and stories on the social and cultural losses faced by local Fijian communities.</p>

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		<p>Different perspectives from expert panellists will aim to shed more light on this sensitive and complex topic.</p> <p>The panel discussions will also examine the challenges for adequate and targeted financing to support Pacific Island Countries in their efforts to address this critical issue of cultural and social loss and damage.</p> <p>Panel: Representatives from Fiji Climate Change Division, Fiji L&D/Finance negotiator, Pacific island negotiator on L&D, and Pacific CSO.</p>
<p>4.00pm – 4.50pm (13 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Tonga Meteorological Office (MEIDECC) World Meteorological Organization (WMO), UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), Climate Change Canada, Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: John Harding Head CREWS Secretariat WMO</p> <p>Catherine Thompson CREWS COP29 Events Coordinator WMO E: cthompson@wmo.int W: https://crews-initiative.org/</p>	<p>Early Warnings that Reach All People - Experiences from SIDS. Presentations of the Tonga and Jamaica smart weather Apps</p> <p>About: About: Presentation of the new Tonga Mobile Application for Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Response, known as MACRES, was launched by Celeste Saulo, the World Meteorological Organization Secretary-General as part of the drive to promote multi-hazard early warnings.</p> <p>The app is a direct response to the volcanic eruption and tsunami of 2022 and the request for assistance by Tonga to WMO and the Climate Risk Early Warning Systems (CREWS) Secretariat.</p> <p>The Meteorological Service of Jamaica launched an accurate and easy-to-use weather app for smartphones. It provides hour-by-hour forecasts for all locations on the island for the next five days.</p> <p>The Jamaica Weather app, which is free to download on all types of smartphones, also shows any weather warnings that are in force. The app was designed and created with support from international partners through the Building Resilience Through Climate Adaptation Technologies (BRtCAT) Project.</p>
<p>5.00pm - 5.50pm (13 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Lowy Institute, Vanuatu Government and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: Dr Melanie Pill Research Fellow - Climate Change, Lowy Institute E: mpill@lowyinstitute.org W: https://www.lowyinstitute.org</p> <p>Filomena Nelson Climate Adaptation Adviser SPREP E: filomenan@sprep.org</p> <p>Stephanie Stephens Food and Agriculture Organisation E: Stephens.Stephanie@fao.org</p>	<p>Innovative funding sources for the Pacific Island region</p> <p>About: Innovative financing tools are increasingly discussed as an approach to raise additional capital beyond public climate finance flows. However, these tools are yet to be fully understood and developed at scale, particularly in the Pacific Islands region. This panel event will explore how these funding sources can catalyse additional climate finance through philanthropy, climate-resilient debt pauses or swaps, voluntary economic levers and blended finance. The event intends to bring together Pacific voices and other experts from diverse professional backgrounds including practitioners, policy makers, and representatives from philanthropy and financial institutions. It will explore relevant case studies from other small island states and reflect on key successes, insights and outcomes, as well as practical solutions that could be implemented in the Pacific.</p> <p>Panel: Ms Angelique Pouponneau, former CEO of the Seychelles' Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust and Associate at IIED, Farah Sofa, Ford Foundation, Dr Christopher Bartlett, Head of</p>

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		Climate Diplomacy, Government of Vanuatu; Dr Melanie Pill, Research Fellow for climate change, Lowy Institute, Archi Rastogi, Chief Evaluation Advisor, Independent Evaluation Unit of the Green Climate Fund.
6.30pm – 8.30pm (13 Nov)	<p>Fiji Government</p> <p>Contacts: Dr. Sivendra Michael Permanent Secretary Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Fiji E: sivendra.michael@environment.gov.fj</p> <p>Dr Satyendra Prasad Climate Lead Abt Global E: Satyendra.Prasad@abtglobals.com</p>	<p>EVENING EVENT: Solutioning Climate-Nature Finance for Small Island States</p> <p>About: Pacific leaders have raised issues about speed, scale and quality of climate finance. Caribbean and other Small states have expressed both frustration and the limited success of several recent initiatives such as green and blue bonds, debt for nature swaps and blended finance instruments and are concerned about the hard choices that they have needed to make in ear-marking their limited concessional funds for climate action over and above health and education.</p> <p>The event seeks to identify feasible solutions to scaling up climate-nature finance in ways that do not add to the pressures of SIDS debt levels and that can respond to their growing infrastructure and adaptation costs arising from climate change. Such solutions should be applicable to individual small states, to smaller groups of small states choosing to collaborate and small states more generally. They should be available to low, middle and high-income small states.</p> <p>Pacific leaders and finance ministers will share their constraints and challenges. An external facilitator may help to facilitate discussions as well as take note of the pragmatic steps brought forward for consideration by small states, climate finance institutions and development partners following this solutions-oriented session.</p> <p>Panel: H.E. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda; H.E. Xanana Gusmao, Prime Minister of Timor Leste; Hon. Prof Biman Prasad, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Fiji; Minister for Climate Change and Pacific Forum Chair Representative Kingdom of Tonga Hon. Fekita Utoikamanu (or Prime Minister).</p>

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2024

COP29 THEME: Finance, Investment and Trade		
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10.00am – 10.50am (14 Nov)	<p>Kiribati Government</p> <p>Contact: Takena Redfern Acting Director Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management E: takena@ob.gov.ki</p>	<p>Long-term investment for safeguarding Kiribati's Coastlines in the Face of Climate Change</p> <p>About: This panel discussion hosted by Government of Kiribati at COP29, will share experiences and the programmatic approaches by low lying atoll nation to safeguard coastlines, sustain and strengthen their community resilience. The side event is also aimed to showcase the preliminary outcomes of ongoing efforts to</p>

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		<p>protect Kiribati's coastlines, explore the role of nature-based and resilient infrastructure solutions, and highlight how local communities are actively engaged in shaping their climate adaptation strategies.</p> <p>Panel: Representatives from Kiribati Government, Australian Government, ADB, UNOPS, Tuvalu Government, and Kiribati Youth NGO.</p>
<p>11.00am – 11.50am</p> <p>(14 Nov)</p>	<p>Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC)</p> <p>Contact: Marilyn Moira Logovaka Simmons Ocean Engagement Officer Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner Pacific Islands Forum E: marilyns@forumsec.org W: https://opocbluepacific.org/</p>	<p>Pacific Ocean Alliance</p> <p>About: At the upcoming UN COP discussions, the Pacific Ocean Alliance will host a crucial side event focused on the interplay between ocean health and climate change. This event will bring together Pacific Island leaders, environmental experts, and international policymakers to highlight the unique role the Pacific Ocean plays in climate resilience and global environmental stability.</p> <p>As one of the most vulnerable regions to climate change, the Pacific is already experiencing rising sea levels, ocean acidification, and severe weather events. The Pacific Ocean Alliance representing the collective voice of Pacific Island nations aims to address these challenges by advocating for stronger international policies and increased climate action focused on ocean health. The event will emphasize the ocean's critical function in carbon sequestration, climate regulation, and sustaining biodiversity.</p> <p>This session will explore key issues such as the protection of marine ecosystems, the importance of climate-resilient fisheries, and the need for increased financial and technical support for Pacific Island nations. By strengthening the ocean-climate nexus, the Pacific Ocean Alliance hopes to secure greater commitments from the global community to protect the ocean as a vital climate resource.</p>
<p>12.00pm – 12.50pm</p> <p>(14 Nov)</p>	<p>Government of Marshall Islands</p> <p>Contacts:</p> <p>Clarence Samuel Director of Climate Change Directorate Marshall Islands E: clarencesam@gmail.com</p> <p>Atina Schutz Special Assistant Attorney-General Office of the Attorney-General E: atinaschutz05@gmail.com</p>	<p>Pacific Blue Shipping Partnership: Charting a Pathway for Pacific Shipping Decarbonization</p> <p>About: The work of the Pacific Blue Shipping Partnership (PBSP) and its members' advocacy at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) have been advanced as two sides of the same coin in shipping decarbonization. The Pacific Blue Shipping Partnership is a coalition of countries co-chaired by Fiji and the Republic of the Marshall Islands with membership currently comprising Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. The international efforts at the IMO are about setting international policy and developing the means to decarbonize the fleets everywhere. The group's efforts on the ground in-region are through the PBSP and they have recently made strides with GCF on initial funding to kick-start a decarbonisation pathway for PBSP. Of course, it will be small compared to what could potentially flow from the revenues of a levy at the IMO - which is also part of the group's advocacy at the IMO - however, it could serve as a</p>

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		<p>blueprint for maritime decarbonization efforts, at the very least for other SIDS and LDCs.</p> <p>At the national level, Marshall Islands has already demonstrated this possibility with Juren Ae, a wind-propelled vessel for domestic sea transportation with possibly 80% savings in CO2 emissions. Now we need at least a dozen for the rest of the Pacific.</p> <p>This side event will bring together government stakeholders, development agencies and multilateral agencies to share the PBSP's theory of change and the potential of strong, country-driven partnerships.</p> <p>Panel: Honourable Ro Filipe Tuisawau, Fiji Minister for Transportation; HE. Albon Ishoda, Marshall Islands Presidential Envoy for Maritime Decarbonization; Clarence Samuel, Director of RMI Climate Change Directorate; and representatives from other PBSP Member countries.</p> <p>Moderators: Atina Schutz and John Kautoke</p>
<p>1.00pm – 1.50pm</p> <p>(14 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Fiji Government and Pacific Community (SPC)</p> <p>Contacts: Genevieve Jiva Manager Climate Change Fiji Government E: genevieve.jiva@environment.gov.fj</p> <p>Ravneeth Dewan Climate Finance Specialist Climate Change Division Fiji Government E: ravneeth.dewan@environment.gov.fj</p> <p>Kunal Singh Regional Climate Finance Advisor Pacific Community E: kunals@spc.int</p>	<p>Nature-based Financing for Climate Resilience</p> <p>About: The session will discuss the urgency of climate finance for Pacific SIDS and vulnerable populations. Climate change is rapidly intensifying environmental and socio-economic vulnerabilities across the globe, particularly in developing regions. Nature-based solutions (NbS) offer a unique opportunity to address climate change by leveraging ecosystems to enhance resilience, mitigate impacts, and support sustainable livelihoods.</p> <p>Despite the growing recognition of NbS, financing remains a significant challenge. Many countries, especially Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), face barriers in accessing funding for NbS due to limited financial mechanisms, regulatory frameworks, and institutional capacity. Unlocking nature-based financing is key to scaling up the implementation of these solutions to strengthen climate resilience and biodiversity conservation, while also providing a broad array of socio-economic benefits.</p> <p>This side event will focus on strategies for mobilizing nature-based financing to enhance climate resilience, with a focus on aligning national adaptation plans (NAPs) and climate finance mechanisms with nature-based approaches.</p> <p>The event aims to showcase the progress made by Fiji in facilitating access to and mobilisation of climate finance to create resilient and sustainable communities.</p> <p>Keynote Address: Deputy Prime Minister, Fiji Hon. Biman Prasad.</p> <p>Panel: Ms. Senivasa Waqairamasi, Director, Climate Change Division, Fijian Government; Ms. Coral Pasisi, Director, Climate</p>

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		Change, Environment and Sustainability, SPC; and Ms. Diane McFadzien, GCF Representative.
<p>2.00pm – 2.50pm</p> <p>(14 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Government of Tonga and Pacific Islands Forum</p> <p>Contacts: Mr. Sione Akauola Chief Executive Officer MEIDECC E: folaos@gmail.com</p> <p>Ms. Luisa Malolo Director of Climate Change MEIDECC E: ltuiafitumalolo@gmail.com</p> <p>Atishma Lal Programme Officer Climate Resilience Engagement & Coordination E: atishmal@forumsec.org W: www.forumsec.org</p>	<p>Accelerating climate finance access and mobilisation in the Pacific region</p> <p>About: The Pacific region is at the forefront of the climate crisis, facing unprecedented challenges due to rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and the degradation of marine and terrestrial ecosystems. Despite contributing the least to global greenhouse gas emissions, Pacific Island Countries (PICs) bear a disproportionate burden of climate impacts.</p> <p>The Pacific Regional Climate Finance Access and Mobilization Strategy (CFAMS) aims to enhance access to and mobilisation of climate finance for PICs. This strategy is critical in ensuring that these nations can implement climate adaptation and mitigation projects at scale, thereby safeguarding their communities and natural resources.</p> <p>A key component of the regional response is the Regional Programmatic Approach for Climate Action, championed by the Cook Islands. This approach seeks to streamline climate action through coordinated regional efforts, leveraging economies of scale, and ensuring that funding is directed where it is most needed.</p> <p>This panel discussion will also address the status of the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) on Climate Finance, a mechanism that is set to replace the existing \$100 billion per year commitment under the Paris Agreement. The discussion will emphasise the importance of climate finance principles, such as equity, transparency, and accessibility, which are crucial in ensuring that PICs can access the necessary resources for their climate resilience and sustainability.</p> <p>Panel: Honourable Hu'akavameiliku Siaosi Sovaleni, Tonga Prime Minister and Climate Finance Champion; Mr. Wayne King, Director Climate Change, Cook Islands; Mr. Christian Ellermann, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Asian Development Bank; and Diane McFadzien, Regional Manager, Green Climate Fund</p> <p>Moderator: Coral Pasisi, Director of Climate Change and Sustainability, SPC</p>
<p>3.00pm – 3.50pm</p> <p>(14 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Pacific Disability Forum and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: Katabwena Tawaka Manager Pacific Disability Forum E: katabwena.tawaka@pacificdisability.org</p> <p>Patricia Mallam</p>	<p>Strengthening our Pacific Vaka</p> <p>About: The purpose of the side event is to officiate the relationship between SPREP and the Pacific Disability Forum through the signing of an MOU. It will also focus on highlighting the history of the relationship between SPREP and PDF through various initiatives that have been undertaken; and help showcase available data on Persons with Disabilities in the Pacific.</p> <p>Panel: Katabwena Tawaka, Manager, Pacific Disability Forum; and representatives from WMO and SPREP.</p>

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	<p>Knowledge Broker Intra-ACP ClimSA SPREP E: patriciam@sprep.org</p>	<p>Moderator: Patricia Mallam, ClimSA Pacific</p>
<p>4.00pm – 4.50pm (14 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Government of Niue and Pacific Community (SPC)</p> <p>Contacts: Haden Talagi Director Department of Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources E: Haden.Talagi@gov.nu W: https://www.gov.nu/ministries/</p> <p>Amit Singh Manager NDC Hub E: amitsi@spc.int W: https://pacificndc.org/</p>	<p>Niue's Climate Leadership: Advancing Ocean Conservation and Resilience</p> <p>About: Niue will formally launch its updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) at the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion during COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The launch will align with the Pavilions key themes of climate ambition, resilience, and ocean conservation. Niue's updated NDC emphasizes both mitigation and adaptation, with major goals focused on increasing renewable energy use, improving water resource management, and addressing climate-related challenges like biodiversity loss and disaster risks.</p> <p>The side event will highlight Niue's leadership in ocean protection, spotlighting its ambitious target to sustainably manage 100% of its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), with 40% designated as a Marine Protected Area. These initiatives support the Pavilions broader objective of fostering a resilient Pacific and advancing gender equity, ocean protection, and regional climate ambition. Niue's participation on this global stage underscores its commitment to addressing climate change, despite the challenges it faces as a Small Island Developing State.</p> <p>A highlight of the event will be the symbolic handover of Niue's updated NDC to the UNFCCC NDC Registry, marking an important milestone in its climate efforts. This gesture demonstrates Niue's dedication to global climate action and sets a strong example for other Pacific nations striving for sustainable, climate-resilient futures.</p> <p>Panel: Hon. Dalton Tagelagi, Prime Minister of Niue; Haden Talagi, Coral Pasi, and Amit Singh.</p>
<p>5.00pm – 5.50pm (14 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Rocky Mountain Institute and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: Jale Samuwai Manager Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN) Rocky Mountain Institute E: jale.samuwai@rmi.org W: https://cfanadvisors.org</p> <p>Filomena Nelson Climate Adaptation Adviser SPREP E: filomenan@sprep.org</p>	<p>Reimagining project pipeline development for Pacific Islands Countries</p> <p>About: This side event aims to provide strategic, practical and contextualise solutions on the recurring challenge that PICs face in accessing climate finance at scale and at pace from external sources. It will specifically unpack the underlying issue of bankable project and pipeline development, and the discussion will be geared on how we can reimagine pipeline developments in the region insight of the special circumstances the Pacific is faced with. Partners that will be invited to be part of this panel will include regional institutions such as SPC, SPREP, and PIFS, representatives from CFAN and country delegates will also be invited to be part of this discussion.</p>

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<p>6.30pm – 8.30pm (14 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Rocky Mountain Institute and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: Jale Samuwai Manager Climate Finance Access Network (CFAN) Rocky Mountain Institute E: jale.samuwai@rmi.org W: https://cfanadvisors.org</p> <p>Filomena Nelson Climate Adaptation Adviser SPREP E: filomenan@sprep.org</p>	<p>EVENING EVENT: Pacific Climate Finance Access</p> <p>About: Networking event</p>
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FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2024

COP29 THEME: Energy, Peace, Relief and Recovery		
TIME (BAKU)	ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS	EVENT
<p>10.00am - 10.50am (15 Nov)</p>	<p>Fiji Government</p> <p>Contact: Reshma Ram BUR National Coordinator Climate Change Division Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Fiji E: reshma.ram@environment.gov.fj W: https://fijiclimatechangeportal.gov.fj/</p>	<p>Pacific Perspectives on Advancing National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Systems</p> <p>About: A national greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory is a valuable tool for accumulating and managing national carbon emissions data and serves as a cornerstone of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).</p> <p>The side event aims to bring about a Pacific perspective in facilitating robust policy dialogue and knowledge sharing on developing, managing, and utilising national GHG inventories to advance climate action. The event will also foster dialogue on existing efforts on developing capacities of Pacific Island Countries to support the inventory development process, particularly through the implementation of the Capacity Building Initiative for Transparency (CBIT) projects. The side will also have the audience and input of an expert organisation who will share their experiences of working in the Pacific in supporting the inventory process and more broadly, the implementation of the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF) of the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>Fiji will also utilise the platform to present its National GHG Inventory Report (NIR) developed as part of its ongoing Biennial Update Report (BUR) Project.</p>

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<p>11.00am – 11.50am</p> <p>(15 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Government of Vanuatu and UNDP</p> <p>Contacts: Nelson Kalo Acting Director, Department of Climate Change, Ministry of Climate Change, Government of Vanuatu E: nekalo@gov.vu</p> <p>Jackson Tambe Vire VCAP II Project Manager Vanuatu Department of Climate Change E: Jackson.tambe.vira@undp.org E: jtambe12@gmail.com</p>	<p>Advancing climate resilience in the Pacific: Achievements and best practices from the "Adaptation to Climate Change in the Coastal Zone of Vanuatu" VCAP project</p> <p>About: The side event will present the achievements, best practices and lessons learned from VCAP Phase 1 focusing on its contribution to enhancing climate resilience in Vanuatu and outline objectives and status on implementation of VCAP II in advancing climate resilience. The purpose of this exchange is for knowledge sharing, strengthening implementation of the ongoing VCAP II, fostering collaboration and resource mobilisation for similar climate change initiatives in Vanuatu and the Pacific region. The VCAP project achieved several milestones in its efforts to improve climate resilience in Vanuatu, which will be outlined in the side event.</p> <p>Panel: Hon. Ralph Regenvanu - Special Envoy for Climate Change, Government of Vanuatu, Abraham Nasak - Acting Director General Ministry of Climate Change; Nelson Kalo, Acting Director Department of Climate Change; Florence Kualu Lautu – Manager for National Advisory Board on Climate Change; and Paulyanne Basil – Senior Climate Change Adaptation Officer, Department of Climate Change.</p>
<p>12.00pm - 12.50pm</p> <p>(15 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Governments of Samoa and New Zealand and the Green Global Growth (GGGI)</p> <p>Contacts: Lealaisalanoa Frances Brown Reupena Chief Executive Officer Ministry of the Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa E: fran.reupena@mnre.gov.ws</p> <p>Toiata Uili ACEO Renewable Energy E: toiata.uili@mnre.gov.ws Ministry of the Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa W: https://www.mnre.gov.ws/</p>	<p>Maua'a faatinoga, mo se Samoa malosi: Grounded Actions, Stronger Samoa - 1.5 to Stay Alive</p> <p>About: As part of the Pacific Small Island Developing States, Samoa is extremely susceptible to the risks posed by climate change. However, Samoa is committed to being a leader of climate action in the pursuit of keeping the 1.5 alive. As indicated in its Pathway for the Development of Samoa (PDS), under Key Priority Area 15, it stresses the need to Build a Climate Resilient country. It calls for a comprehensive approach that includes integrating climate change into various sectors but also integrate all sectors in the fight against this global issue.</p> <p>The National Carbon Offset Programme and the Rebatement Programme is its most recent mitigation initiative and the updated Forest Reference Level Report 2023-2024 in assessing Samoa's performance in reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.</p> <p>As a result, the objectives of the side event are to: 1) explore the impact of these Programs on Samoa's national and international climate targets; 2) identify the challenges faced, lessons learned, and the most effective path forward; and 3) discuss methods of engaging various groups, such as youth, to ensure the inclusivity of these programmes.</p> <p>Panel: Bernadette Aмоса, Principal Climate Change; Toiata Uili, ACEO Renewable Energy and Moafanua Tolusina, ACEO Forestry.</p>

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<p>1.00pm - 1.50pm (15 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Government of Samoa and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: Lealaisalanoa Frances Brown Reupena Chief Executive Officer Ministry of the Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa E: fran.reupena@mnre.gov.ws</p> <p>Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra Director General SPREP E: executivesupport@sprep.org</p>	<p>Leveraging SOE Reporting for UNFCCC Processes</p> <p>About: The side event centres on the State of Environment (SoE) reporting and its critical role in climate research and observation in the Pacific. Featuring a panel of experts with direct experience in SoE reporting and its applications, the event addresses key topics such as data challenges, integration of traditional knowledge, and the use of SoE reporting as a vital tool for environmental monitoring and climate change tracking in the Pacific, highlighting its contributions to and benefits from research and systematic observation. The event emphasises the unique challenges of SoE reporting in the Pacific island context, explores how these reports can be better leveraged for climate action, and underscores the importance of capacity building and regional collaboration in enhancing SoE reporting practices across the Pacific. By strategically aligning SoE methodologies with UNFCCC requirements and fostering synergies between local environmental monitoring and global climate action, Pacific nations can ensure their unique perspectives and challenges are documented and effectively represented in international climate discussions and negotiations.</p> <p>Panel: Representatives from Samoa, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, SPREP and climate data scientist. (tbc)</p>
<p>2.00pm - 2.50pm (15 Nov)</p>	<p>Government of Vanuatu</p> <p>Contacts: Dr. Christopher Bartlett Vanuatu Loss and Damage Contact Point Government of Vanuatu E: pacificislandclimatechange@gmail.com</p> <p>Patrick (Paddy) Pringle Climate Risk and Resilience Consultant Tonkin + Taylor. E: ppringle@tonkintaylor.co.nz</p>	<p>Becoming a loss and damage ready region: What needs to happen to address loss and damage at scale in Pacific Island Countries?</p> <p>About: The Pacific region has long fought for greater recognition of, and finance for, loss and damage. The historic agreement on a loss and damage fund at COP28 moves us into a new era of loss and damage action. This event will explore the practical steps needed to address loss and damage at scale in the Pacific. Reflecting on early L&D activities in the region, including those funded by MFAT New Zealand, the event will consider on the following themes: a) Fit for purpose L&D finance mechanisms; b) Defining loss and damage in locally relevant ways; and c) Non-economic loss and damage.</p> <p>The event presents the opportunity to share emerging lessons and look ahead to what needs to be in place if we are to address loss and damage effectively and in locally relevant ways in the Pacific.</p>
<p>3.00pm - 3.50pm (15 Nov)</p>	<p>Fiji Government</p> <p>Contact: Lusiana Biumaiwai Senior Health Inspector Ministry of Health, Fiji E: lusiana.biumaiwai@health.gov.fj</p>	<p>Launch of Fiji's Health Adaptation Plan (FHAP) Fiji's health sector's response to the health impacts of climate change</p> <p>About: The Fiji Health Adaptation Plan 2023 – 2030 (FHAP 2023 – 2030) will be launched and is the Fijian health sectors response to the health impacts of climate change. It sets out the vision, outlines a set of tangible actions, and puts forward an achievable implementation plan for building a climate resilient and environmentally sustainable health system.</p>

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<p>4.00pm – 4.50pm (15 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: World Health Organization (WHO), Pacific Community (SPC) and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: Hon. Sio Aupito William WHO W: https://www.who.int/westernpacific</p> <p>Ofa Kaisamy PCCC Manager E: ofak@sprep.org</p>	<p>Enhancing Climate and Health Action in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories</p> <p>About: The climate crisis is one of the greatest threats to human health in the 21st century. Anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases have caused rapid global warming at a rate unprecedented in the past 2,000 years. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) paints an alarming picture of rapidly growing risks from the impacts of climate change citing climate change as code red for humanity and underscoring the potential impacts of climate inaction as failing to secure a liveable future.</p> <p>The people of the Pacific island countries and territories particularly our Small Island Developing States are at the forefront of climate change. Their islands are facing the reality of sea level rise, increasing tropical cyclones, floods, and prolonged dry weather that are increasingly influencing disease patterns. These impacts are raising concern amongst health leaders who recognise that Pacific people are experiencing a triple threat to their health: communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, and the health impacts of climate change. Their stories are complemented by IPCC reports highlighting that climate hazards are greatly contributing to the increasing incidence of communicable and non-communicable diseases in different geographical areas.</p> <p>The side event will be a talanoa session enhancing priority of projects and programmes to address climate change and health.</p> <p>Panel: Governmental representatives from Pacific island countries and territories; Dr Saia Ma’u Piukala, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific; Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra, SPREP Director General and Dr. Stuart Minchin, SPC Director General.</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Ofa Kaisamy, PCCC Manager</p>
<p>5.00pm – 5.50pm (15 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Greenpeace and Pacific Islands Climate Action Network (PICAN)</p> <p>Contacts:</p>	<p>Climate Finance - the Pacific ambition</p> <p>About: The side event will include government and civil society actors talking about the importance of the finance goal and the</p>

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SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024

COP29 THEME: Science, Technology and Innovation Digitalisation		
TIME (BAKU)	ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS	EVENT
<p>10.00am – 10.50am</p> <p>(16 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Tokelau and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p> <p>Contact: Romero Viane Legal and Policy Analyst Ministry of Climate Oceans and Resilience E: romero.viane@tokelau.org.nz</p>	<p>Loss, damage and Unlocking Tokelau's Resilience</p> <p>About: This event will highlight Tokelau’s resilience in the face of loss and damage and the unique challenges they face in their battle against climate change. It aims to showcase Tokelau’s efforts touching on one of the main obstacles which revolves around sustaining their current and future work against climate change, especially for the future generations to come.</p> <p>Panel: Representatives from Tokelau and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.</p>
<p>11.00am – 11.50am</p> <p>(16 Nov)</p>	<p>Adaptation Fund</p> <p>Contact: Vladislav Arnaoudov Senior Evaluation Officer & Secretariat Coordinator of AF-TERG Adaptation Fund E: varnaoudov@adaptation-fund.org W: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/</p>	<p>Adaptation Fund Readiness Programme: Lessons from the Pacific</p> <p>About: The Adaptation Fund is in the process of revising its readiness programme. As this is one of the key programmes supporting the building of capacity and readiness to access to climate finance, the event will explore the lessons learnt from the work of the readiness programme in the Pacific, as well as some emerging learnings from the ongoing evaluation of the readiness programme and discuss how those can be reflected better in the Readiness Programme 2.0 of the Fund.</p> <p>Panel: Mikko Ollikainen, Manager, Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat; Debbie Menezes, AF-TERG Chair; representative from the Cook Islands or other SPREP member country (tbc).</p>

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<p>12.00pm – 12.50pm (16 Nov)</p>	<p>Waan Aelon in Majel, INC</p> <p>Contact: Tony Alik Associate Director Waan Aelon in Majel, INC E: associate@canoesmarshallislands.com W: www.canoesmarshallislands.com FB: www.facebook.com/wam.rmi</p> <p>Angeline Heine Executive Director Marshall Islands National Energy Office</p>	<p>Evoking the past for a sustainable solution for the future of sea transportation - building manuals from the Marshall Islands</p> <p>About: The event will launch two extensive building manuals for the WAM Proa and WAM Catamaran, which are two sustainable sea transport vessels designed and built by indigenous master canoe builders from the Marshall Islands.</p> <p>Panel: Bremity Lakjohn, Minister in Assistance to the President of the Marshall Islands; Tony Alik, INC Deputy Director, Waan Aelon in Majel; and Angeline Heine, Executive Director, National Energy's Office</p>
<p>1.00pm – 1.50pm (16 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Fiji Government and Pacific Community (SPC)</p> <p>Contacts: Denzel Atumurirava Oceans Officer Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Fiji E: denzel.atumurirava@environment.gov.fj</p> <p>Talei Cavu Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Fiji E: talei.cavu@environment.gov.fj</p> <p>Andrew Coriakula Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Fiji E: andrew.coriakula@environment.gov.fj</p> <p>Espen Ronneberg Senior Advisor - Climate Change Multilateral Agreements Pacific Community E: espenr@spc.int</p>	<p>Addressing Gaps, Needs, and Challenges for Ocean-based Climate Action</p> <p>About: Fiji together with the Pacific Community (SPC) are requesting to hold a side event on specific challenges faced by PSIDS, as a microcosm of the broader Blue Pacific Continent. The side event will focus on challenges related to ocean-based energy systems as well as climate change impacts on the oceans with special attention to Pacific Small Island Developing States. It will explore the challenges of securing finance for even carrying out pilot projects and studies, as well as climate change impacts on coastal and oceanic fisheries, and their cascading effects on Pacific economies, communities and livelihoods.</p> <p>Panel: Representatives from Fiji, Ocean Conservancy, PSIDS, GEF and GCF.</p>
<p>2.00pm – 2.50pm (16 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Kiribati Government and National Adaptation Plan Global Network, International Institute for Sustainable Development</p> <p>Contact: Takena Redfern Acting Director Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Office of Te Beretitenti E: takena@ob.gov.ki</p>	<p>Kiribati's Progress on Adaptation Action: Successes and additional support needed for implementation</p> <p>About: To respond to climate change risks, Kiribati is scaling up implementation of its second Joint Implementation Plan on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management (KJIP) 2019-2028. The KJIP consolidates existing national and sectoral policies and strategies developed on climate change and disaster risk management, articulating 12 strategies and associated priority climate change and DRM actions.</p> <p>Panel: Senior Climate Change Officer Kiribati, SPREP Adaptation Advisor, representatives from Maldives, and Marshall Islands.</p>

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<p>3.00pm – 3.50pm (16 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Government of Samoa, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: Ms. Ofa Ma`asi Kaisamy Manager Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) E: ofak@sprep.org</p> <p>Taiji Watanabe Project Coordinator PCCC-ISPCCR Project E: taijiwatanabepccc@gmail.com W: https://www.sprep.org/pacific-climate-change-centre</p>	<p>Charting the Future: Long term Investment Strategy of Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) for Prosperous and Resilient Pacific Island Countries and Territories- The Pacific Climate Innovative Investment Hub (SPREP)</p> <p>About: The Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC), established through a partnership between the Government of Samoa and Japan with support from JICA, focuses on four key functions: Knowledge Brokerage, Science to Services, Capacity Building, and Innovation. Collaborating with members of the Partners for the Blue Pacific, including Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and various regional partners, the PCCC has delivered crucial services to enhance resilience in the Pacific.</p> <p>To improve service delivery for Pacific island countries and territories, the PCCC is currently reviewing its Strategy and Business Plan for 2025-2030. To secure long term investment the Centre adopts a threefold approach: fostering partnerships for cost-sharing service delivery, mobilising donor support for priority projects, and establishing the Pacific Climate Innovative Investment Hub to facilitate innovative climate financing.</p> <p>The event aims to showcase PCCC achievements, present the new strategy, and discuss securing long-term investments and partnerships focusing on the Pacific Climate Innovative Investment Hub. Key questions will address existing collaborations, strategic priorities of partners, and potential mechanisms for enhancing support for the PCCC and its initiatives in climate action for prosperous and resilient Pacific island countries and territories.</p> <p>Panel: Minister of Finance of Tonga; representatives from the Governments of Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, International Climate Initiative (IKI); Ms. Ofa Kaisamy Manager, PCCC; and Mr. Fred Patison, Climate Change Finance Readiness Advisor, PCCC.</p>
<p>4.00pm – 4.50pm (16 Nov)</p>	<p>Peace Boat</p> <p>Contacts: Karen Hallows International Coordinator Peace Boat E: karen@peaceboat.gr.jp https://womensgenderclimate.org/</p> <p>Lavetanalagi Seru Co-Founder Alliance for Future Generations - Fiji E: lagiseru@gmail.com Rufino Varea Regional Director Pacific Islands Climate Action Network (PICAN) E: regionaldirector@pican.org</p>	<p>A COP of Peace: Addressing Militarism for Climate Justice in the Pacific</p> <p>About: The side event will explore the intersections between peace, demilitarization, and climate justice from a Pacific perspective. Military emissions account for an estimated 5.5% of global emissions, and if the military were a country, it would be the fourth-largest emitter. However, military emissions are not required to be included in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), impacting transparency in meeting national climate targets. In 2023, global military spending reached 3.2 trillion USD, with the increase in military spending alone surpassing the 100 billion USD climate finance goal. Reallocation of resources from military spending would allow financial obligations for Loss and Damage to be fulfilled. The Pacific, which has long suffered from the impacts of militarism and the nuclear legacy, continues to endure these effects today, which are closely linked to the climate crisis.</p>

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<p>5.00pm – 5.50pm (16 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Monash University; Department of Housing Fiji; School of Public Health, Fiji National University; United Nations Human Settlements Program</p> <p>Contact: Dr Matthew French Senior Director of Research Missions and Global Impact Monash University E: matthew.french@monash.edu W: https://www.monash.edu/msdi/initiatives/rise</p>	<p>RISE: Revitalising Informal Settlements and their Environments</p> <p>About: Approximately 20 to 45% of those living in Melanesian capitals reside in informal settlements. In these high-density urban settlements, poor drainage, frequent flooding and poor sewage management create cycles of chronic exposure to contamination and pathogens with conditions compounded by the impacts of the climate crisis where floods, sea-level rise and extreme weather events disproportionately affect those with the least capacity to adapt or rebound. Over the past seven years, Monash University, the Fiji National University (FNU), alongside the Government of Fiji has been leading the RISE (Revitalising Informal Settlements & their Environments) program across seven communities in Fiji. RISE is a community co-designed and integrated sanitation, water management and community empowerment initiative for informal settlements. Underpinned by trust-building with/among the community to foster collaboration, collective advocacy and decision making, leading in turn to a range of sustained co-benefits beyond the physical upgrades, including strengthening of collective agency; resilience to disasters and climate challenges; equitable gender and disability inclusion; and access to food, water, services, healthcare, education and employment. Our side event aims to illustrate how solutions, like RISE, offer cost-effective, integrated and optimised climate-resilient settlement transformations that use nature-based solutions alongside a community-led governance framework for sustainable, equitable systems-level transformation.</p>

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MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2024

COP29 THEME: Human Capital, Children and Youth, Health, Education		
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10.00am – 10.50am (18 Nov)	<p>Partnership: Kiribati Government and UN Women</p> <p>Contacts: Takena Redfern Acting Director Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Office of Te Beretitenti E: takena@ob.gov.ki W: https://www.president.gov.ki/office-of-te-beretitenti/climate-change-and-drm.html</p> <p>Makereta Konrote UN Women</p>	<p>Empowering Women for Climate Resilience</p> <p>About: Climate change poses heightened risks for women. In Kiribati, women face specific challenges due to their roles in food preparation and family care. Rising sea levels and saltwater intrusion increase their unpaid domestic and care work. They also face greater health risks, particularly during pregnancy. Social stresses from climate change exacerbate gender-based vulnerabilities, such as domestic violence. These impacts are not unique to Kiribati. Women across Pacific communities are experiencing similar challenges. Despite these challenges, women hold critical knowledge and are key agents of change, contributing valuable skills to climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction. Their participation can enhance environmental sustainability and support progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Encouraging women’s participation, leadership, and decision-making at all levels strengthens adaptation and resilience efforts. With support from the Women’s Resilience to Disasters Programme by UN Women in the Pacific, Kiribati is integrating gender considerations into climate policies and action. Since COP27, Kiribati has appointed a National Climate Change and Gender Focal Point and increased female representation in its climate negotiation delegation including youth. This event will highlight the importance of women’s involvement in climate action, drawing on research from Abaiang and showcasing efforts from other Pacific gender and climate focal points, ahead of the conclusion of negotiations on the review of the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan.</p> <p>Panel: National Gender focal point representatives from Kiribati, Fiji, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands; High-level Government representative; and UN Women representative.</p>
11.00am – 11.50am (18 Nov)	<p>Partnership: Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and New Zealand</p> <p>Contacts: Fenella Aouane Director, Head of Carbon Pricing GGGI E: fenella.aouane@gggi.org</p> <p>Alison Carlin</p>	<p>Opportunities and needs for developing cooperative approaches under Article 6 to accelerate climate action in the Pacific</p> <p>About: This side event will first focus on the development of cooperative approaches under Article 6 in Pacific nations. The discussion will highlight how these mechanisms can accelerate climate action, with particular emphasis on Pacific-led initiatives and partnerships. Ministers and key stakeholders from Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Samoa, and New Zealand will be invited to share insights and collaborate on future opportunities. The event will also spotlight New Zealand's involvement in supporting these</p>

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	<p>Unit Manager, Climate Change and Environment Policy Development, People and Planet Division Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade New Zealand Government E: alison.carlin@mfat.govt.nz W: https://www.mfat.govt.nz/</p>	<p>nations through GGGI's newest initiative: the Carbon Transaction Facility.</p> <p>Panel: Hon. Toeolesulusulu Cedric Pose Salesa Schuster, Minister, Samoa; Hon. Ralph Regenvanu, Special Climate Envoy, Vanuatu; Minister of Environment, Solomon Islands; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand; and Fenella Aouane, Head of Carbon Pricing, GGGI. (tbc)</p>
<p>12.00pm – 12.50pm (18 Nov)</p>	<p>Fiji Government</p> <p>Contact: Matereti Matewai Senior Adaptation Officer Ministry of Environment and Climate Change E: matereti.mateiwai@environment.gov.fj</p>	<p>Assessing non-economic loss and damage Fiji's experience and progress</p> <p>About: Fiji has progressed in assessing for the loss of cultural and social assets with these processes embedded in the Comprehensive Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Methodology (CRVAM). Fiji has also undertaken studies on how climate change impacts, especially displacement and relocation, affects psychosocial wellbeing and indigenous spirituality - the connectedness to the environment, traditional totems, and traditions.</p> <p>The event is to present on Fiji's efforts in assessing for non-economic loss and damage especially the cultural and social components. Fiji will be presenting on how L&D is assessed in the CRVAM and will share experiences and stories on the social and cultural losses faced by local Fijian communities.</p> <p>Different perspectives from expert panellists will aim to shed more light on this sensitive and complex topic.</p> <p>The panel discussions will also examine the challenges for adequate and targeted financing to support Pacific Island Countries in their efforts to address this critical issue of cultural and social loss and damage.</p> <p>Panel: Representatives from the Fiji Climate Change Division, Fiji L&D/Finance negotiator, Pacific island negotiator on L&D, and Pacific CSO.</p>
<p>1.00pm – 1.50pm (18 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Government of Niue and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: Felicia Talagi GCF NDA Office Government of Niue E: felicia.pihigia-talagi@gov.nu</p> <p>Fred Siho Patison Climate Finance Readiness Advisor SPREP E: fredp@sprep.org</p>	<p>Pacific Community of Practice to Strengthen Climate Finance Access</p> <p>About: To showcase the leadership and bottom-up approach for a climate finance community of practice for GCF National Designated Authorities (NDAs) from Pacific countries.</p> <p>The objective is to showcase the country led initiative by Niue and the lessons learned in accessing the GCF and climate finance in general.</p> <p>Panel: Senior Climate Change Officer of Kiribati, representatives from the Maldives and Marshall Islands, and SPREP Adaptation Advisor.</p>
<p>2.00pm – 2.50pm</p>	<p>Government of Nauru</p>	<p>Higher Ground Initiative</p>

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<p>(18 Nov)</p>	<p>Contacts: Anadella Edward Director Higher Ground Initiative Nauru Government E: enolagayedward@gmail.com</p> <p>Marlaina Aroi Project Manager Higher Ground Initiative Nauru Government E: marlunke@gmail.com</p>	<p>About: Nauru's Higher Ground Initiative is to showcase the HGI project in response to the issues of the onslaught of climate change and increase in sea level rise across the Pacific and which threatens to inundate the islands in low lying coastal areas. Without immediate attention, the long-term survival and viability of these islands and Nauru, particularly as a sovereign nation will be threatened. Due to Nauru's scarcity in land area, the government has proposed the project of the Higher Ground Initiative as an adaptation to climate change, migrating its population and critical infrastructures located in the vulnerable low-lying areas to a much higher elevated region.</p> <p>Keynote Address: Hon. Asterio Appi, Minister for Climate Change and National Resilience, Nauru</p>
<p>3.00pm – 3.50pm</p> <p>(18 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Common Threads, 350 Pacific, GetUp Australia</p> <p>Contact: Tamika Sadler GetUp First Nations Justice Campaigner E: tamika@getup.org.au W: https://www.getup.org.au/</p>	<p>Seeding Diverse First Nations Leadership and Movements for Global Climate Justice</p> <p>About: Indigenous people are on the frontlines of the climate crisis. Our panel discussion focuses on the critical organising work of preparing our grassroots communities for COP30 (Brazil) & COP31 increasing political advocacy, storytelling and participation of Indigenous people in the Pacific standing up to protect the climate.</p> <p>Panel: Joseph Sikulu, Bianca McNeair, Polly Cutmore, Tamika Sadler and Gemma Pol</p>
<p>4.00pm – 4.50pm</p> <p>(18 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Government of Vanuatu, Pacific Youth and Pacific Community (SPC)</p> <p>Contact: Johanna Gusman Human Rights Advisor E: johannag@spc.int</p>	<p>The Witness Stand: Future Generations & the International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Climate Change</p> <p>About: Linking lived experiences to the science and gaps in the law through the documentation of 'Witness Stand' testimonials shared at the ICJ public hearings and/or the 'People's Hearing'.</p>
<p>6.30pm – 8.30pm</p> <p>(18 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: CSIRO and SPREP</p> <p>Contact: Cass Erbs Strategic Engagement CSIRO Australia's National Science Agency E: Cass.Erbs@csiro.au W: https://www.csiro.au/</p>	<p>NETWORKING EVENT: Science Connect: Strengthening Pacific Collaboration for Climate Action</p> <p>About: This networking event, co-hosted by CSIRO and SPREP, aims to bring together leaders and delegates from the science and research sector across the Pacific region to foster collaboration on climate action. The event will provide an opportunity to establish and build new connections, discuss shared climate challenges, promote knowledge exchange, and explore opportunities for increased collaboration. This event will emphasise the importance of regional cooperation in advancing climate science, mitigation, and adaptation strategies. It will also highlight the role of scientific research in informing policy decisions and supporting sustainable development goals across the region. It will also be an opportunity to celebrate achievements over the past year from SPREP and CSIRO ongoing partnership.</p>

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COP29 THEME: Food, Agriculture, and Water		
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10.00am – 10.50am (19 Nov)	Partnership: Government of Vanuatu and APEC Climate Center (APCC) Contact: Ms Moirah Matou Van-KIRAP Project Manager Vanuatu Meteorology & Geo-hazards Department E: mmatou@vanuatu.gov.vu W: https://www.vmgd.gov.vu/index.php Ji Hyun Kim Project Manager APCC E: jee.h.kimm@gmail.com	Advancing Climate Resilience in the Pacific: Successes from Van-KIRAP and Future Directions with OSCAR About: This side event will highlight achievements of the VanKIRAP project in strengthening climate resilience in Vanuatu, with particular emphasis on the OSCAR climate information system developed for the agriculture sector. VanKIRAP has been instrumental in providing local communities and decision makers with critical climate data and tools to better manage the impacts of climate change on agriculture. The session will review key successes from the first phase, showcasing how OSCAR has enhanced agricultural productivity and resilience in Vanuatu. Looking ahead, the event will introduce the objectives of VanKIRAP Phase 2, which will focus on refining and expanding the OSCAR system to enhance its functionality and accessibility for users in Vanuatu. This phase will also aim to intergrade the systems more deeply into the national policies and community practices, ensuring its supports long -term resilience and sustainable development. By sharing insights and lessons from Phase 1 and outlining the next steps, this session seeks to engage stakeholders in discussions on how to further strengthen climate resilience through targeted, innovative approaches in the agriculture sector. Attendees will gain valuable perspectives on the future of climate adaptation efforts in Vanuatu and beyond. Panel: Mr Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General of SPREP; Mr Fred Jockley, Acting Director of Vanuatu Meteorology and Geo-Hazards Department; Mr Sunny Seuseu, VanKIRAP Project Manager, SPREP; Ms Moirah Matou VanKIRAP Project Manager, VMGD; Mr Pakoa Leo, Principal Agriculture Development Officer, SANMA Province, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Mr Jong Ahn Chun, APCC; Mr SeongKyu Lee, APCC; and Mr Imgook Jung, APCC.
11.00am - 11.50am (19 Nov)	New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Contacts: Alison Carlin E: alison.carlin@mfat.govt.nz Julia Wiener E: Julia.Wiener@mfat.govt.nz	Innovative Approaches – Flexible Climate Finance About: New Zealand’s Country Flexible Finance programme is an innovate financing mechanism where finance is not earmarked for specific projects, but instead provided to countries to use flexibly to meet their own climate investment needs. Country Flexible Finance aims to accelerate climate action, foster sustainable development, and serve as a model for delivering accessible climate finance to Pacific Small Island Developing States. New Zealand’s flexible finance programme comprises two main components: a financing element and a capability and capacity building element.

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		<p>This event will highlight Pacific experiences of New Zealand’s innovative Country Flexible Finance mechanism. The event will be opened by New Zealand Minister of Climate Change, Hon Simon Watts, and a panel of High-level Pacific representatives will share experiences of partnering with New Zealand on this new approach. The event will demonstrate the potential of the flexible finance modality and encourage others to use a similar approach to providing flexible partner-led climate finance.</p>
<p>12.00pm - 12.50pm (19 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change and Greenpeace</p> <p>Contacts: Vishal Prasad Director Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change E: vishal@pisfcc.org W: pisfcc.org</p> <p>Shiva Gounden Head of Pacific Greenpeace Australia Pacific E: shiva.gounden@greenpeace.org</p>	<p>Our Call to the International Court of Justice</p> <p>About: The ICJ advisory opinion campaign is currently receiving submissions from states and international organisations. 10 days after COP29, the oral hearings will commence and it is vital for the Pacific to echo the call for justice and have our experiences, and lived realities be a part of this process but also to signpost of the next major moment in the climate movement. This event will bring together grassroots community representatives who will share their stories of impact and echo a call for justice at the ICJ as the proceedings take place. It will focus on key themes, among others, of finance and loss and damage, culture and traditional practices, and migration and displacement.</p>
<p>1.00pm – 1.50pm (19 Nov)</p>	<p>United Nations University – Institute for Environment and Human Security</p> <p>Contacts: Ms. Sinja Buri Team Lead Climate Risk Finance Solutions United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) E: buri@ehs.unu.edu W: https://unu.edu/ehs</p> <p>Mr. Krishnan Narasimhan Lead Specialist and Programme Manager Climate and Disaster Risk Finance & Insurance UN Capital Development Fund, E: krishnan.narasimhan@uncdf.org</p>	<p>Building resilience through innovative anticipatory action solutions in the Pacific</p> <p>About: In 2021, the first parametric climate risk insurance product was introduced in Fiji and since then more than 4000 Fijians have signed up for the insurance. Following heavy rains in the beginning of 2023 and again in 2024, the first claims payouts were disbursed via digital wallets and bank payments to 1,680 policyholders.</p> <p>Against this backdrop, UNU - EHS and UNCDF with the Fijian Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways conducted the study in 4 Tikinas of Ba province in Fiji to evaluate the impact of climate risk insurance payouts on the resilience of farming and fishing communities.</p> <p>The session will present the findings of the study and provide critical insights into how parametric climate risk insurance can enhance the resilience of vulnerable populations, including women farmers and fishers and persons with disabilities, who are disproportionately affected by climate-induced disasters. Additionally, the findings will provide the decision-makers with evidence on how to improve the inclusivity and effectiveness of the risk management strategies in the agriculture sector to improve the livelihoods of those farmers and fishers.</p> <p>Panel: Ms. Sainiana Kirisitiana, Principal Agriculture Statistician, Fijian Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways; Mr. Krishnan Narasimhan, Lead Specialist and Programme Manager Climate</p>

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		and Disaster Risk Finance & Insurance, UN Capital Development Fund; Ms. Losana Kumar, Microinsurance Project Lead, Cane Farmers' Co-Operative Savings & Loans Association Limited; and Ms. Sinja Buri, Team Lead, Climate Risk Finance Solutions, United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security.
<p>2.00pm – 2.50pm</p> <p>(19 Nov)</p>	<p>United Nations University – Institute for Environment and Human Security</p> <p>Contacts: Ms. Mariam Parekhelashvili Associate Project Manager United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) E: parekhelashvili@ehs.unu.edu W: https://unu.edu/ehs</p> <p>Ms. Sinja Buri Team Lead Climate Risk Finance Solutions United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) E: buri@ehs.unu.edu</p> <p>Mr. Krishnan Narasimhan Lead Specialist and Programme Manager Climate and Disaster Risk Finance & Insurance UN Capital Development Fund, E: krishnan.narasimhan@uncdf.org</p>	<p>Building resilience through innovative anticipatory action solutions in the Pacific</p> <p>About: The Small Island Developing States in the Pacific region are disproportionately vulnerable to climate-induced disasters. Traditional disaster response often proves inadequate, leading to significant losses of life and livelihoods. This session will explore how integrating anticipatory action (AA) with innovative climate and disaster risk finance solutions can provide a more proactive and effective approach to building resilience, particularly for vulnerable communities.</p> <p>The panel will explore a range of innovative climate and disaster risk finance solutions that are being launched in the Pacific to enhance resilience and protect vulnerable populations. These innovative solutions include programs that provide pre-arranged payouts based on forecasts, enabling proactive financing for preparedness activities. These solutions aim to move away from traditional reactive approaches towards more proactive and effective risk management strategies with an explicit focus on vulnerable populations, such as female farmers, children, and young people.</p> <p>Panel: Ms. Viktoria Seifert, Director of Disaster Risk Finance & Parametrics, WTW (tbc); Ms. Sophie Lee, Programme Officer, UNICEF; Mr. Nilesh Prakash, Co-Director, Global Shield Secretariat (tbc); and Mr. Lolesh Sharma - CEO, Pac Re (tbc)</p> <p>Facilitator: Ms Sinja Buri, Team Lead - Climate Risk Finance Solutions (UNU-EHS)</p>
<p>3.00pm - 3.50pm</p> <p>(19 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Government of Solomon Islands and World Vision</p> <p>Contacts: Henry Tufah Deputy Director Climate Change Division Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM) Solomon Islands Government E: HTufah@mecdm.gov.sb</p> <p>Irene Marbun Operations Manager World Vision Solomon Islands E: Irene_Marbun@wvsi.org</p>	<p>Hunger and Climate Change: A Challenge to child wellbeing</p> <p>About: Climate change has a devastating, compounding impact on hunger and malnutrition, and this impact is seen most visibly in the lives of vulnerable children. According to UNICEF 1 in 6 children under 5 years of age in the Pacific region, are experiencing severe child food poverty. This is compounded by the impacts of Climate Change; Pacific SIDS are one of the lowest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions but are paying the greatest price. The Pacific Islands are dealing with the existential threat posed by climate change including the impacts on the right to food.</p> <p>World Vision, in conjunction with communities and government partners in Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea have spoken to more than 1,000 children on the impacts on climate on their food security. Their responses were</p>

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	W: www.worldvision.org	unequivocal climate change is having a negative impact on children and their communities access to food. Panel: Ms Susan Sulu, Permanent Secretary, MECDM, Solomon Islands Government; Ms. Irene Marbun, Operations Manager World Vision Solomon Islands; representatives of Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, New Zealand, Ireland and SPREP.
5.00pm - 5.50pm (19 Nov)	Banaban Human Rights Defenders Network Contact: Mr Max Collett Assistant Banaban Human Rights Defenders Network E: maxcollett8@gmail.com Moera Teremita Voluntary Consultant Banaban Human Rights Defenders Network E: teremita@gmail.com	Climate migration with dignity: Lessons from the Banaban Experience About: The side event will explore the forced migration of Banaban communities due to environmental degradation. The Banabans were forcibly relocated from their homeland Banaba to Rabi Island, Fiji, in 1945 by the British colonial administration on the basis that their island had become environmentally degraded by phosphate mining. This pattern of ecological, social, and cultural destruction resulting in forced migration, all triggered by globally unequal power structures, is at risk of playing out again in the Pacific due to climate change. In this context, we will feature three Banaban leaders to share their perspectives and wisdom on what the Pacific, and the world, can learn from the Banaban experience. We will discuss the risks to traditional culture posed by removing communities from their homeland, as well as how to protect identity, safeguard autonomy, and promote adaptation in the context of climate migration. Our event will also touch on the policy and legal challenges and opportunities related to climate migration, highlighting the institutional settings required to ensure that any climate migration occurs with dignity. As a community that has already experienced forced cross-border migration once, the Banabans are uniquely positioned to add their wisdom and perspective to this conversation. Panel: Itinterunga Rae Bainteiti, Max Collett, Robert Karoro, and Moera Teremita

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2024

COP29 THEME: Urbanisation, Transport, Tourism		
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10.00am – 10.50am (20 Nov)	Asian Development Bank (ADB) Contact: R. Duncan McIntosh Senior Regional Maritime Specialist, ADB E: rmcintosh@adb.org W: www.adb.org	Asian Development Bank’s Maritime Decarbonization Initiative About: Maritime transport is critical to global prosperity (90% of trade vol.) yet is a significant contributor to GHG emissions (equal to 6th largest emitting country). An estimated \$1.9T will be needed for maritime shipping to reach net zero by 2050. Opportunities exist for ADB to shepherd a just transition via a programmatic approach:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Address financing gap with a new multi-donor Green Ports and Maritime Decarbonization Fund ▪ Ensure a just transition with financial and technical support to vulnerable, shipping-reliant developing member countries, e.g., SIDS, that are most affected by energy transition and shipping costs ▪ Fast-track implementation of electrification and smart/digital solutions at developing member countries ports for improved efficiency and reduced GHG emissions ▪ Promote regional cooperation integration for harmonisation of regional green shipping policies that give attention to the needs of vulnerable developing member countries enable a level playing field and minimise uncertainty ▪ Support development of green corridors (designated routes for sustainable vessels) involving developing member countries ▪ Build partnerships with private sector and industry stakeholders to foster knowledge sharing and collaboration ▪ Enable developing member countries to decarbonize domestic fleets - fishing, interisland, inland waterway vessels ▪ Ensure workforce is adequately trained in the use of alternative fuels and related shipboard systems <p>The ADB President will make an announcement to assist developing member countries in tackling this hard to abate sector. There will also be a brief presentation of ADB’s programmatic approach to MDI, highlighting Pacific project examples and future pipeline projects.</p>
<p>12.00pm – 12.50pm</p> <p>(20 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contacts: Ofa Kaisamy Manager Pacific Climate Change Centre SPREP E: ofak@sprep.org W: https://www.sprep.org/pacific-climate-change-centre</p>	<p>Strengthening Pacific Engagement in Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC)</p> <p>About: The IPCC’s objective since 1988 has been to provide governments at all levels with scientific information that they can use to develop climate policies.</p> <p>The Pacific Climate Change Centre in partnership with the Institute for Climate, Energy and Disaster Solutions at the Australian National University and DCCEEW have hosted webinars on the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change for the Pacific IPCC focal points to discuss the outcomes of the IPCC Plenary 61 in July, ways to be involved in the upcoming IPCC Seventh Assessment Report (AR7) and opportunities for the IPCC scholarships.</p> <p>The main objectives of the side event are to: i) Close the knowledge gap in the Pacific region around the work of the IPCC, engaging key decision makers including policymakers, experts, and the public; ii) Provide the most up-to-date synthesis of relevant climate change information to diverse Pacific Island audiences and particularly to agency personnel responsible for climate programme implementation and to policymakers; iii) Update on the outcomes of the IPCC Bureau meeting in May 2024 and preparations for the IPCC Bureau in February 2025; and iv) Resource mobilization for coordination of IPCC in the Pacific.</p>

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		<p>Panel: Professor Mark Howden, Director of the ANU Institute for Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions, Vice Chair, IPCC; Dr. Luteru Afaese, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), Samoa; Mr. Sean Harte, IPCC Focal point DQEE; and Ms. Ofa Kaisamy, Pacific Climate Change Centre, Manager.</p>
<p>1.00pm – 1.50pm (20 Nov)</p>	<p>Government of Vanuatu</p> <p>Contacts: Moirah Matou Project Manager VanKIRAP Vanuatu Meteorology and Geohazards Department E: mmatou@vanuatu.gov.vu</p> <p>Mr. Paul Pio Director Department of Tourism E: ppio@trade-vanuatu.gov.vu</p> <p>Mr Sunny Seuseu Project Manager VanKIRAP Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP) E: sunnys@sprep.org</p>	<p>Increasing Climate Resilience in the Tourism Industry Investments for Vanuatu</p> <p>About: The Tourism Sector Climate Priorities is to integrate climate information into their standard operation processes. Two of such priorities for Tourism sector is for VMGD to provide monthly tailored climate bulletins, and secondly is the Tourism Investment processes. The side event will show case a new tool developed through VanKIRAP project for Tourism called the Rapid Climate Risk Assessment Tool. This new tool serves both as an early warning system, and a Climate Decision Making system (DSS) Tourism investors. Tourism Department can now better advise its stakeholders and investors at the earliest stages to understand the climate risks at their proposed investment site and make better informed decisions either to relocate or to develop climate resilient infrastructures for their businesses.</p> <p>The Rapid Climate Risk Assessment Tool is developed in a way that is user friendly and outputs a report for the officer to present to the Investor. This is paving the way for the Tourism Industry in Vanuatu to increase Climate resilience, and preparedness.</p> <p>Panel: Mr Fred Jockley, Acting Director Vanuatu Meteorology & Geo-hazards Department; Mr Sunny Seuseu, Project Manager VanKIRAP, SPREP; Mrs Moirah Matou, Project Manager VanKIRAP, VMGD; and Mr Paul Pio, Director, Department of Tourism</p>
<p>2.00pm – 2.50pm (20 Nov)</p>	<p>Island Innovation</p> <p>Contacts: James Ellsmoor CEO Founder Island Innovation E: james@islandinnovation.co</p> <p>Grace Henry Project Manager Island Innovation E: grace@islandinnovation.co W: www.islandinnovation.co</p>	<p>Building Resilience in Pacific Small Island Developing States: A Pathway to Climate Justice</p> <p>About: The proposed side event will highlight the critical importance of building resilience in Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS) through climate adaptation, sustainable agricultural practices, and capacity building. Speakers from the Pacific Islands will share insights on leveraging traditional knowledge and climate science to drive ambitious climate action aligned with the 1.5-degree Celsius temperature goal. The session will also emphasise the need for gender equity, youth engagement, and social inclusion in the face of the unique challenges posed by climate change in these vulnerable regions.</p>
<p>3.00pm – 3.50pm (20 Nov)</p>	<p>Island Innovation</p> <p>Contacts: James Ellsmoor CEO</p>	<p>Empowering SIDS Youth: Driving Climate Justice Through Interregional Collaboration</p> <p>About: The side event will emphasise the leadership role of young voices from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in climate justice</p>

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	<p>Founder Island Innovation E: james@islandinnovation.co</p> <p>Grace Henry Project Manager Island Innovation E: grace@islandinnovation.co W: www.islandinnovation.co</p>	<p>efforts. This event aims to provide a platform for participants to exchange their unique insights, challenges, and solutions in response to the climate impacts affecting SIDS globally.</p> <p>Through interregional dialogue, participants will share strategies on addressing biodiversity loss, food security, and sustainable development while discussing the intersection of climate justice with indigenous knowledge and governance. The event will highlight the importance of inclusive youth engagement in shaping climate policies and advocating for equity-driven solutions that prioritise the most vulnerable communities.</p> <p>By fostering collaboration with youth leaders from various SIDS regions, the event seeks to amplify the collective voice of SIDS youth in global climate negotiations. The session will also serve as a space for SIDS participants to network with policymakers, strengthen partnerships, and explore innovative ways to drive meaningful climate action in their communities and beyond.</p>
<p>4.00pm – 4.50pm</p> <p>(20 Nov)</p>	<p>Organisation of the African, Pacific and Caribbean States (OACP)</p> <p>Contacts: Dr Nsadisa Dieudonne Faka Team Leader ClimSA Programme OACP E: nsadisa.faka@acp.int</p> <p>Michela Paganini Expert for Stakeholder Engagement, Monitoring and Report ClimSA Programme E: michela.paganini@acp.int W: https://www.climsa.org/ W: https://www.oacps.org/</p>	<p>Building Science-Policy interface to promote climate policy development</p> <p>About: Developing a strong science-policy interface is essential for driving ambitious climate action, as it ensures that scientific evidence directly informs policy decisions, leading to the creation of robust, fundable policies that can be effectively implemented to meet climate goals. The ClimSA approach focuses on assessing the benefits of climate information and services for climate-sensitive socio-economic sectors using purpose-built model (SEB Tool), which evaluates the economic and social benefits of climate information services in comparison to investments costs. By providing quantifiable outcomes, the SEB Tool ensures that relevant policies are scientifically based.</p> <p>Over the past two years, ClimSA key stakeholders, the Regional Climate Centres (RCCs), have been trained on the SEB Tool. In this framework, the Pacific RCC Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme applied the model to a real-case scenario to estimate the impact on Fiji’s tourism industry.</p> <p>This side event will centre on how best to integrate climate services into regional and national policy development. The expected outcomes include fostering stronger engagement to promote co-design and co-production processes, facilitating the exchange of best practices among RCCs, with practical examples from the Fiji case study.</p> <p>Panel: Dr Nsadisa Faka, Team Leader ClimSA Programme, OACP; Mr Terry Atalifo, Coordinator of ClimSA, SPREP; Ms Ana Laura Zuanazzi, WMO; Mr Marco Clerici, European Commissions Joint Research Centre (JRC); and Mr Vincent Gabaglio, European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (Eumetsat).</p>

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<p>5.00pm - 5.50pm (20 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Government of Samoa and World Meteorological Organization (WMO)</p> <p>Contacts: Lealaisalanoa Frances Brown Reupena Chief Executive Officer Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Samoa E: fran.reupena@mnre.gov.ws</p> <p>Dr Afaese Luteru Tauvale, ACEO Samoa Meteorology Division Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Samoa E: luteru.tauvale@mnre.gov.ws</p> <p>Claire Ransom Assistant Scientific Officer World Meteorological Organization E: cransom@wmo.int W: wmo.int W: http://www.samet.gov.ws/, W: https://wmo.int/publication-series/state-of-global-climate-2023</p> <p>Patricia Mallam ClimSA SPREP E: patriciam@sprep.org</p>	<p>State of the Climate in Samoa</p> <p>About: This panel will launch the first annual State of the Climate in Samoa, focusing on 2023. The event will begin with opening remarks from high-level speaker(s) on the importance of climate science and the vulnerability of Samoa and SIDs. Then, a speaker from the Samoa Meteorological Division will give an overview of the findings, addressing the state of physical indicators, such as temperature and precipitation, before diving into the sectoral impacts. The event will close with a discussion on climate policy in Samoa and looking forward at the needs and recommendations from the report.</p>
<p>6.30pm – 8.30pm (20 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Vanuatu, CREWS, World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</p> <p>Contact: Ofa Fa'anunu Programme Manager Weather Ready Pacific E: ofaf@sprep.org W: www.sprep.org</p>	<p>Weather Ready Pacific: Starting our Journey to navigate together through the challenges in a Climate Change World</p> <p>About: High Level event to discuss the progress of the Weather Ready Pacific, coordination and alignment to ensure the Pacific communities are well served. Under the future climate brought about by global warming and climate change, the IPCC emphasised the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pacific will face fewer but more intense tropical cyclones; ▪ The Pacific will face increased heat stress with an increased number of days where combined heat and humidity are harmful to human health; ▪ Extreme Rainfall, Storm Surge, Heat Stress will become more frequent, more intense and more widespread; ▪ Drought Conditions increasing in the Pacific; ▪ Sea Level Rise will lead to increased frequency and intensity of storm surge events, increased coastal inundation and the intrusion of sea water into fresh water supplies; and ▪ Marine heatwaves and ocean acidification will become more frequent and intense.

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		<p>The impacts of these extreme events will be catastrophic for small island states as outlined in the IPCC Second Working Group Report.</p> <p>The forecasts and warnings provided by National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) are essential to the safety and well-being of Pacific people and communities, protection of property and contribute to sustainable development. To address critical gaps, a decadal response is needed urgently to enable Pacific island countries and territories to better anticipate and respond to high impact and extreme weather, hydrological, climate, oceanic and other related environmental events and their associated risks.</p> <p>Panel: Ministers from Vanuatu, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Tonga and partners from SPREP, CREWS and WMO</p>
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THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2024

COP29 THEME: Nature and Biodiversity, Indigenous People, Gender Equality, Ocean and Coastal Zones		
TIME (BAKU)	ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS	EVENT
10.00am – 10.50am (21 Nov)	<p>Partnership: Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF), National Ocean Technology Center Ministry of Natural Resources, China; Blue Praxis, Australia; China Ocean Development Foundation (CODF); University of Fiji; First Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources, China; and Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission's Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific (IOC/WESTPAC)</p> <p>Contacts: Arpana Pratap Director Blue Economy Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF) E: arpana.pratap@pidf W: https://www.pidf.int/ Professor Teng Xin Deputy Director for Ocean National Ocean Technology Center Ministry of Natural Resources, China</p> <p>Dr Sebastian Thomas Director Blue Praxis, Australia</p> <p>Professor Pan Xinchun Secretary General</p>	<p>Advancing Blue Economy through Marine Spatial Planning: Case study of Malake and Ovalau Islands in Fiji</p> <p>About: The theme of our side event primarily revolves around the intersection of Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and Blue Economy (BE). MSP is a public process of analysing and allocating the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities in marine areas to achieve ecological, economic, and social objectives that are usually specified through a political process; BE is sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihood, and jobs while preserving the health of ocean ecosystem. In developing a sustainable BE, the increasing demand for marine space for various uses, along with the multiple pressures on marine and coastal resources, necessitates an integrated approach to ocean management. These adverse impacts pose challenges to both BE and sustainable development, underscoring critical importance of DRR for SIDS. While from another perspective, a healthy and sustainable BE contributes to climate change mitigation and strengthens climate change adaptation. MSP serves not only as a practical way to organise the use of marine space and resources, but also as a valuable tool climate change adaptation and sustainable development. In summary, the side event will discuss effective pathways, methods and technologies to link MSP and BE through showcasing the pilot project on Malake and Ovalau islands.</p> <p>Panel: Government of Fiji Prime Minister, Government of Tonga Minister, CODF Secretary General, NOTC Deputy Director General, Government of Kiribati high level representative</p>

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<p>11.00am – 11.50am</p> <p>(21 Nov)</p>	<p>Australian Youth for International Climate Engagement</p> <p>Contacts: Max Collett National executive committee member Australian Youth for International Climate Engagement E: maxcollett8@gmail.com</p> <p>Natasha Lutz Managing Director Australian Youth for International Climate Engagement W: www.ayfice.com</p> <p>Mary Maselina Harm Campaign Manager 350 Australia</p>	<p>Torres Strait Islander Voices on Climate Action</p> <p>About: Torres Strait Islander voices are underrepresented at the annual UNFCCC COPs, even though climate change is projected to make many islands in the Torres Strait uninhabitable. In collaboration with 350 Australia Torres Strait Islander youth will present their culture, stories and identities on an international stage highlighting the impacts of climate change on their communities.</p> <p>Panel: Jahmaica Mene, Mabuiag island; Lala Gutchen, Darnley Island; Mary Maselina Harm; and other Pacific representatives.</p>
<p>12.00pm - 12.50pm</p> <p>(21 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Peace Boat, Alliance for Future Generations, Climate Youth Negotiators Programme,</p> <p>Contacts: Karen Hallows International Coordinator Peace Boat E: karen@peaceboat.gr.jp W: www.peaceboat.org/english</p> <p>Lavetanalagi Seru Co-Founder Alliance for Future Generations Fiji E: lagiseru@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Empowering Youth Through Capacity Building: Elevating Voices for Climate Action and Ambition</p> <p>About: The event will showcase how youth are at the forefront of driving climate ambition and adaptation efforts. It will focus on the importance of capacity building, networking, and peer-to-peer exchange among young people from the Pacific and other Big Ocean States (BOS). Participants from Peace Boats Youth for SDGs programme and the Ocean and Climate Youth Ambassador programme, which supports youth from Small Island Developing States (SIDS), have highlighted that building networks not only within the Pacific but also with SIDS in the Indian Ocean and Caribbean has strengthened their work in local communities.</p> <p>The Alliance for Future Generations Fiji, one of the country’s largest youth collectives, is dedicated to creating a fairer, more</p>

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	<p>Marie-Claire Graf Co-Founder Climate Youth Negotiators Programme E: marie-claire.graf@youthnegotiators.org</p>	<p>equitable, and sustainable future. The Climate Youth Negotiators Programme trains young people to effectively engage in climate negotiations with a special focus on SIDS priorities and loss and damage.</p> <p>This event will also explore opportunities for collaboration between youth, governments, civil society, and academia, emphasising how young leaders can influence public engagement, raise awareness, and drive political change.</p>
<p>2.00pm – 2.50pm (21 Nov)</p>	<p>Partnership: Government of Vanuatu, Deakin University and Earthwatch Australia</p> <p>Contacts:</p> <p>Moirah Matou Project Manager VanKIRAP VMGD E: mmatou@vanuatu.gov.vu</p> <p>Dr. Roan Plotz Senior Lecturer Faculty of Science Engineering and Built Environment/School of Life and Environmental Sciences Deakin University E: r.plotz@deakin.edu.au W: https://experts.deakin.edu.au/65195-roan-plotz</p> <p>Shannon Anstee Program Manager Climate & Biodiversity Earthwatch Australia E: sanstee@earthwatch.org.au E: climatewatch@earthwatch.org.au E: hello@earthwatch.org.au</p>	<p>ClimateWatch Vanuatu: Building community climate resilience</p> <p>About: Earthwatch Australia in partnership with Vanuatu Meteorology & Geohazard Department (VMGD), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and Deakin University are developing the citizen science programme ClimateWatch to scale traditional knowledge, biodiversity, and phenology data collection for improved climate forecasting in Vanuatu.</p> <p>Across the Pacific, trusted and meaningful weather forecasts are critical for communities to respond to natural disasters and extreme weather. Pacific communities have long used traditional knowledge for climate forecasting, but circulation and inter-generational transfer of knowledge is decreasing. Meanwhile, there is a reluctance in many communities to engage with contemporary climate forecasts. This project builds upon existing local programs to collect data and monitor ecosystem changes with climate (phenology) of traditional plants and animals over time. Data from the project feeds into hybrid climate forecast products that provide meaningful forecast information to ni-Vanuatu communities. Project design and protocols ensure that traditional knowledge is shared nationally and incorporated in other ecosystem-based adaptation initiatives. The project will inform the design of programmes in other Pacific Island nations facing similar challenges.</p> <p>In this side event, participants will hear from the Pacific project leads and learn about the successful approaches to working with communities and integrating citizen science and traditional knowledge into forecasts and climate products to increase community climate awareness, disaster preparedness and resilience.</p> <p>Panel: Dr Roan Plotz, Deakin University and representatives from Government of Vanuatu and SPREP.</p>
<p>6.30pm – 8.30pm (21 Nov)</p>	<p>Government of Australia</p> <p>Contact: Sarah McGowan Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry E: Sarah.McGowan@aff.gov.au</p>	<p>EVENING EVENT: ‘Fish and Sips’: A networking event for World Fisheries Day</p> <p>About: Oceans play an important role in culture and way of life in the Pacific region, supporting valuable marine industries including commercial and recreational fishing, aquaculture, renewable energy, shipping and more.</p>

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		21 November is World Fisheries Day, which coincides with the Oceans and Coastal Zones thematic day at COP29. This casual networking event will be an opportunity for technical experts from the Pacific region and beyond to share work underway on sustainable and climate smart fisheries over a drink.
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FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2024

CLOSED FOR SIDE EVENTS		
TIME (BAKU)	ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS	EVENT
ALL DAY (22 Nov)	CLOSED	No side events scheduled

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