



**Clean Pacific Roundtable 2018 Feedback**  
**PIFS Conference Hall, Suva, Fiji, Aug 20-25, 2018**

**Analysed for WMPC**

**Survey Results**

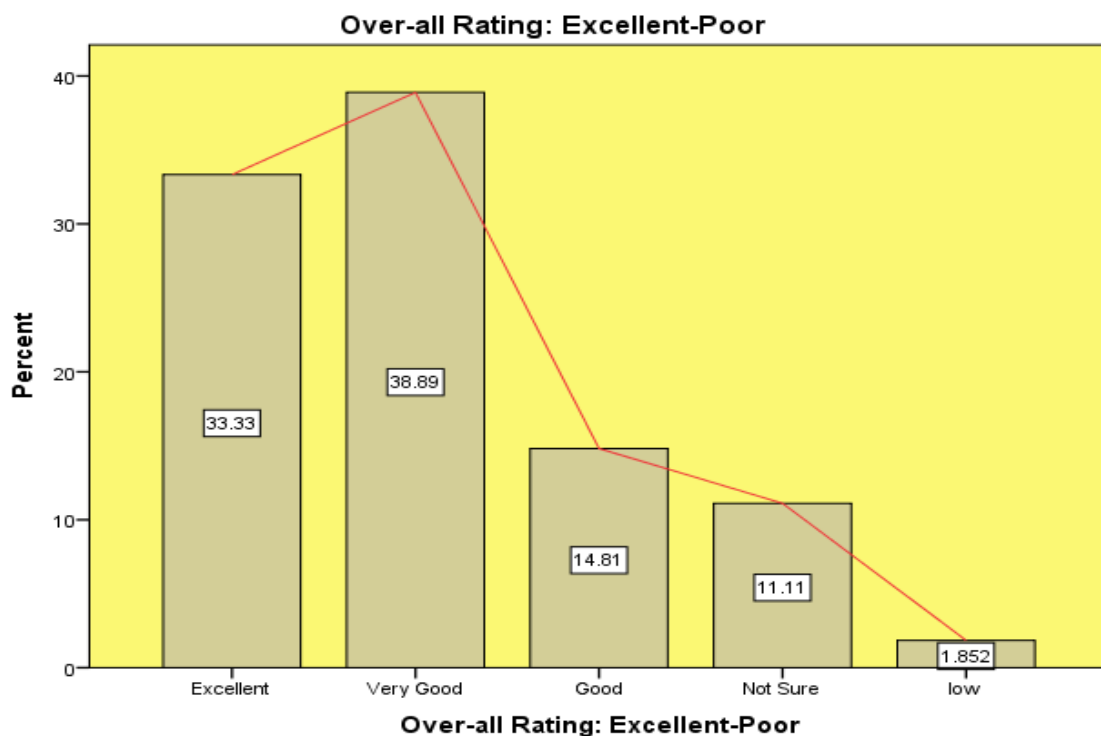
The respondent-participants (56) who participated in the Clean Pacific Roundtable 2018 expressed their impressions, insights or perceptions regarding the conduct of the activity. They have views regarding coordination, relevance, among others as well as how the next CPRT be improved.

The survey has two parts namely a) a 7-scale descriptor tool that described their ratings in between, and b) Open-ended questions for their specific responses. The questions touched on over-all conduct of CPRT 2018 followed by descriptors. The open-ended questions touches on whether the CPRT achieved its objectives, what the participants liked most and least, insights on how to improve the next CPRT, including management, logistics, venue, among others. The responses were collected via Survey Monkey with the data then migrated to SPSS V21 for further analysis.

Key Results:

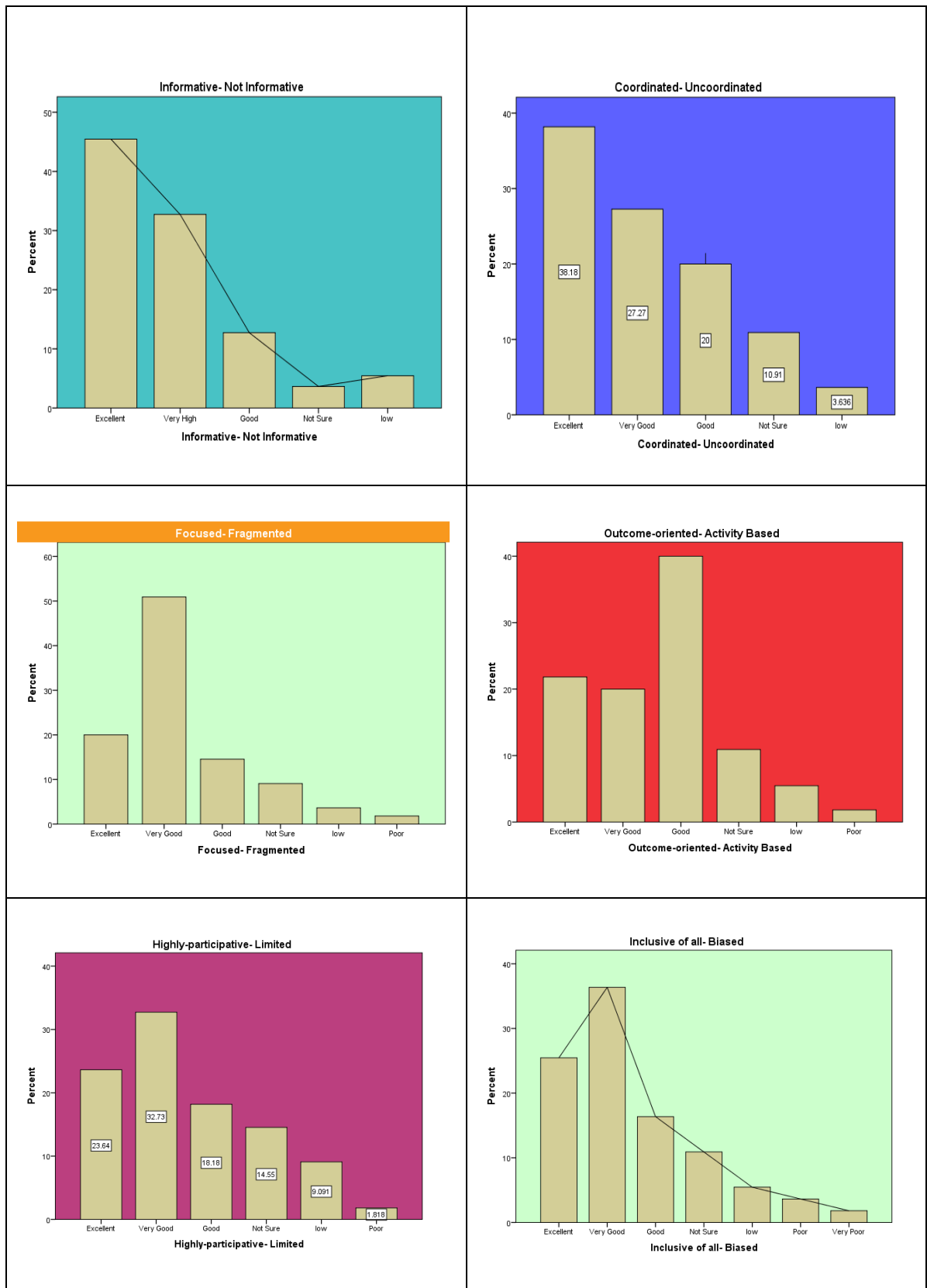
**Part 1 Over-all conduct of the CPRT**

1. The over-all rating for the conduct of CPRT 2018 was VERY GOOD. The participants (39%) rated CPRT 2018 as Very Good with at least 2%, who rated the same activity as very low (Figure 1).

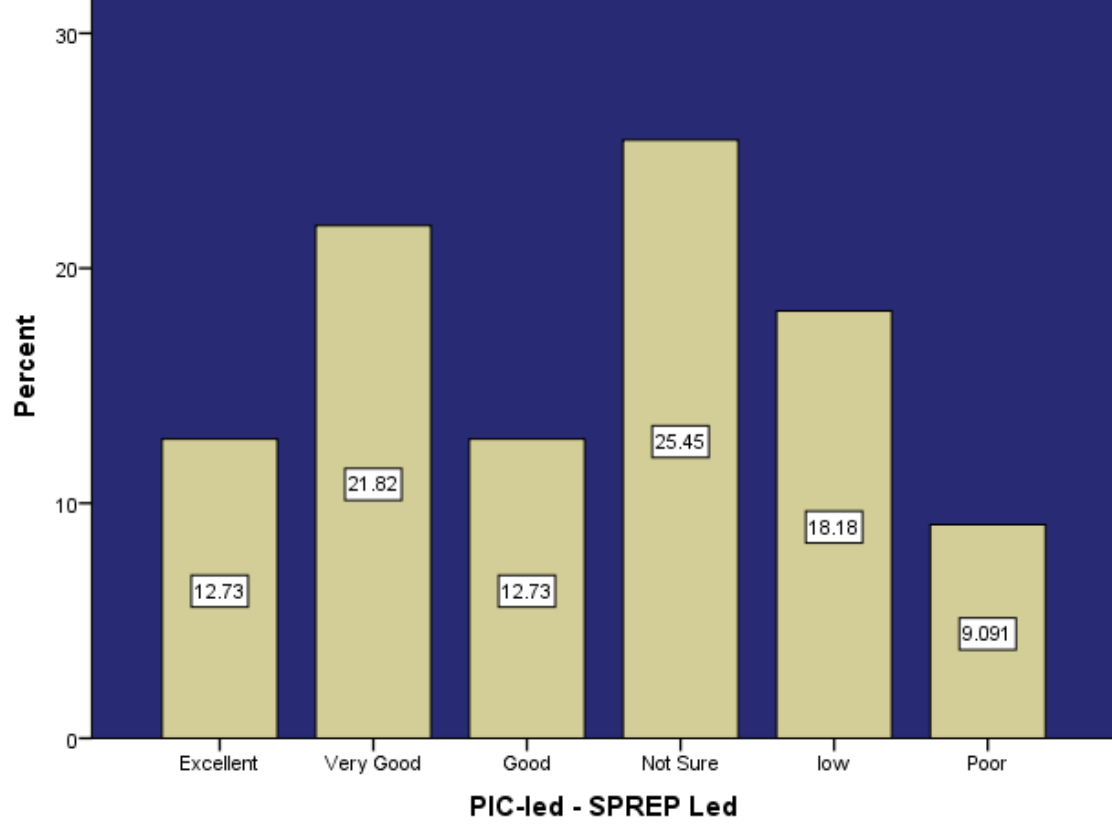


2 CPRT 2018 Descriptors

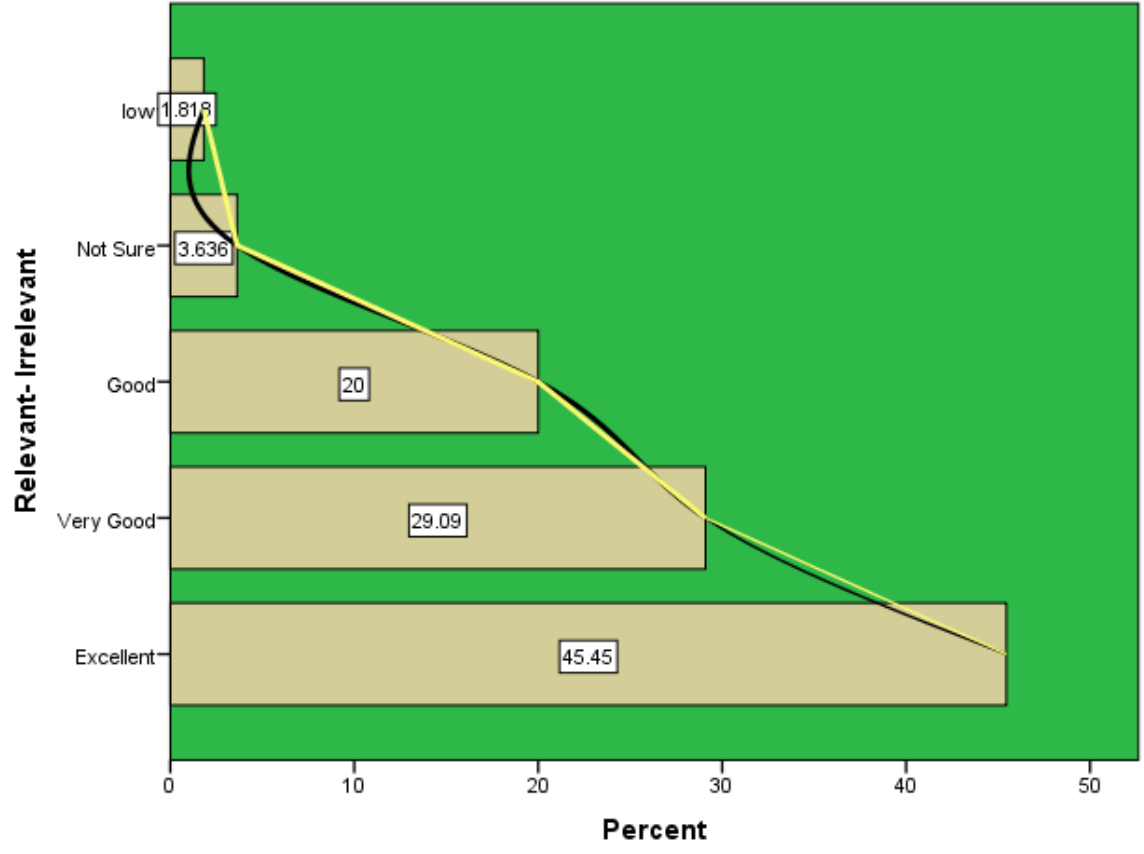
There were eight descriptors used – informative, coordinated, focused, outcome-oriented, participation, inclusion, PIC-SPREP led, and relevance. Below are the graphical representations (Fig 2) of the different descriptors used in the survey



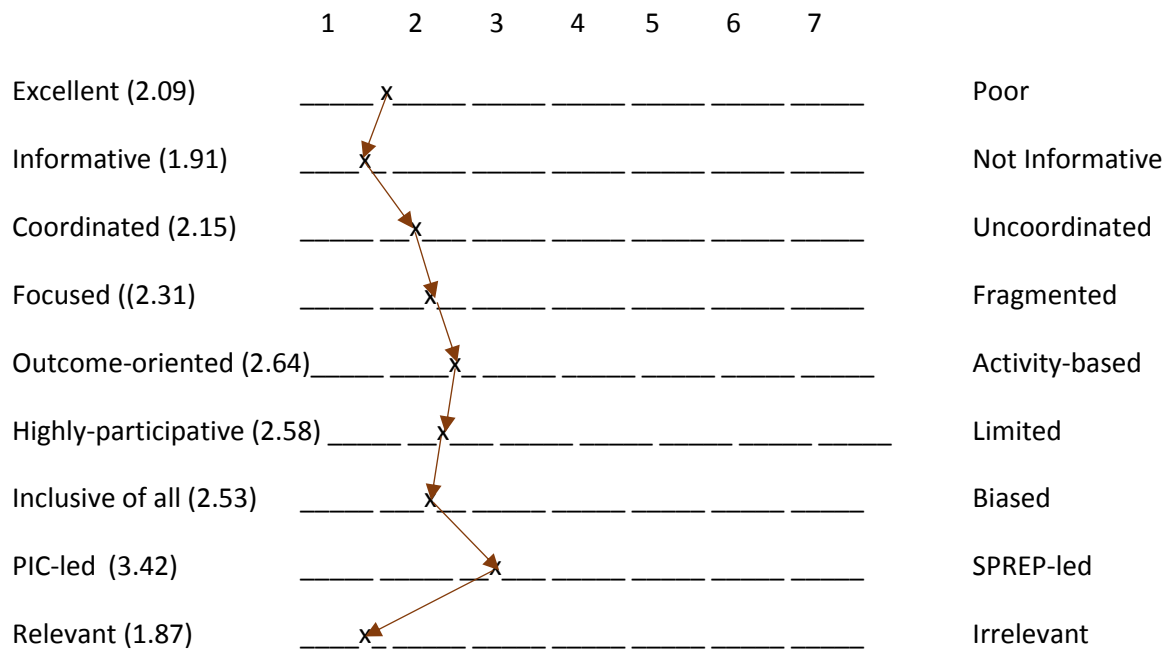
PIC-led - SPREP Led



Relevant-Irrelevant



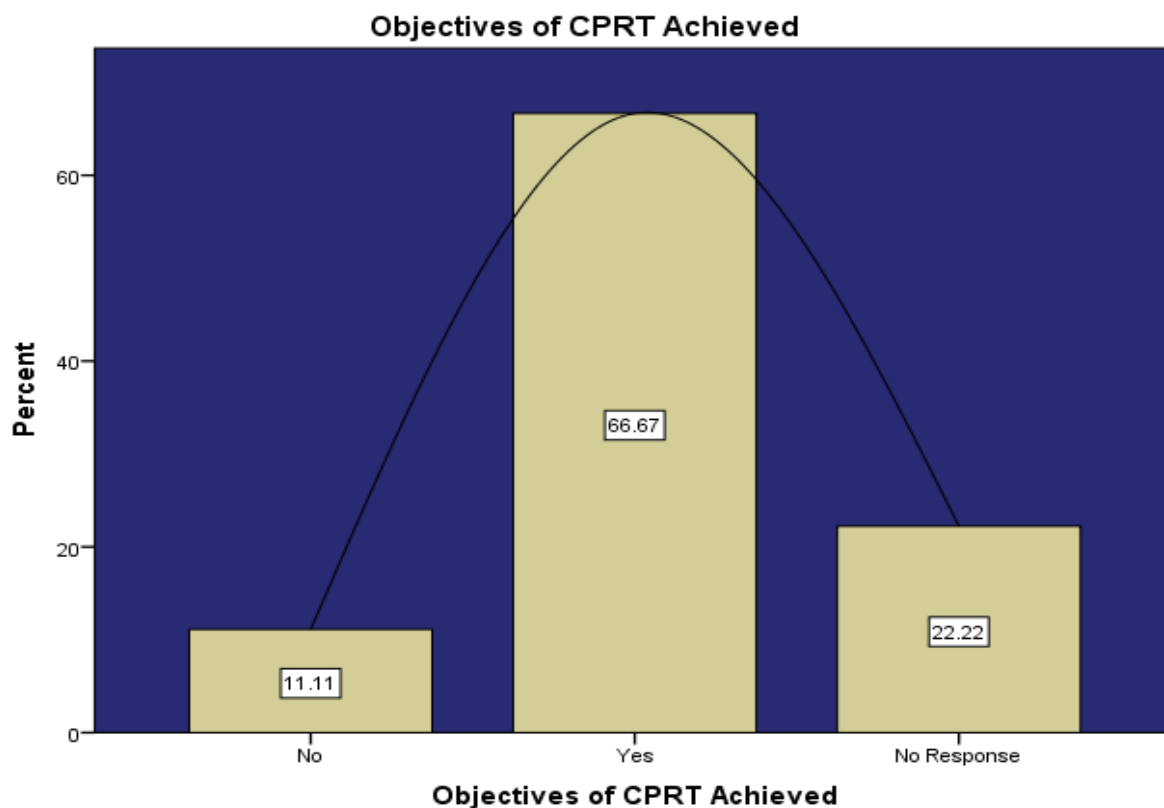
3 Path Summary of descriptors



4 Over-all: The survey results showed that CPRT 2018 conducted in Suva, Fiji was Very Good. The coordination of the activity, relevance of the event, and the information it has provided were Excellent. The focus, inclusiveness, and participation were Very Good. The participants found the CPRT as outcome-oriented. Also, the participants also perceived CPRT 2018 as PIC-led.

## Part II (Open-ended questions)

1 The participants (67%) indicated that CPRT 2018 achieved its objectives (Fig 3)



2. Reasons cited by the participants (67%) why the objectives were achieved:

- a. It produced an outcome document, it is a coordinated effort to find solutions for the Pacific, learnt from each other's successes and failures with many similar challenges, CPRT is relevant and timely discussion
- b. The selection of waste stream was widely covered and opportunities for each PICS to express their views and concerns was made available
- c. Countries acknowledge that a collective effort is needed and this needs to be addressed as a Group rather than as individuals

Reasons cited by participants why the objectives of the CPRT were not achieved (11%):

- a) Donors and consultants barged their way into the round table instead of SPREP members deliberating on solutions to the challenges they are facing;
- b) Means have been put in place but not everywhere in the Pacific; and
- c) There is still lack of baseline data to support some of the future activities

3. Participants liked most about the Clean Pacific RoundTable 2018

- a. The meeting was well attended by diverse participants from grass roots, private sector etc which was instrumental in collaboration works. Great private sector involvement, panel sessions, posters around the venue;
- b. Having a PM of Fiji to push for the Waste and Pollution agenda is highly commendable
- c. Sharing of Pacific experiences; good communication and social networking, meeting new people, opportunity to share good example/lessons learned; and informative presentations

4. Participants liked most about the session(s)
  - a. Opportunities and sharing of experiences, breaking up into groups with discussions and engagement of new ideas, as well as audience participation
  - b. The openness and ability to provide feedback and contribute openly to discussions
  - c. The presence of experts and providing insights during the discussion
  
5. Participants liked least about of the session(s)
  - a. Too long and sometimes the session has two important topics which should be discussed separately, and audio visual presentations difficult as you couldn't see the resources. They needed to be loaded onto the website before the presentation;
  - b. No discussion groups and the issues were not discussed in the sub-regional groups. So much information was compressed into the sessions with very good information but lends itself to possibility of not being absorbed or retained. Moderators rudely cutting off presenters - particularly from presenter. Speakers went over the time limit can be handled a bit better
  - c. Lack of hands-on technical experts on panel, focus on J-prism when not all countries and territories were covered, no clear role of SPREP, lack of clear timelines and budgets from PacWaste 2 project, session on communications/awareness, no clear guidelines or next steps on recycling hub, practical sessions or demonstrations on machinery and technology in the region, fieldtrip to private sector initiatives, et al
  
6. How to improve the next event in the future
  - a. Some case study/intervention opportunities may be useful in the next roundtable, as there was much dialogue around what has been done under PacWaste and other initiatives, and what is yet to be done. We should engage in an exercise of having each country bring a present issue in solid waste management they are facing, and utilize the expertise collected in the room to suggest solutions and formally take advantage of the networking that happens mostly on the side of the events.
  - b. Time management needs to be considered. Better timekeeping. Instructions should be cleared for group works like the technical group so to avoid long sessions but to be focused on discussion of what is required from those technical groups. Pre-load the presentations would aid discussion.
  - c. Provide relevant information well in advance to the PIC reps and others so that we have a fruitful consultation leading to outcomes. Engage more partners, get more staff involved in the early stages of the preparation. Civil society to include those working in awareness - or perhaps the Ministry of Education. Recognize cabinet members participating in the sessions more appropriately
  
7. How helpful did you find the parallel sessions for providing a better coverage of Waste Management and Pollution Control topics:
  - a. Interesting, helpful, constructive, relevant, good, appropriate, etc
  - b. Sessions were on what was going on but it should be on how panelists can help countries either through TA, funding, resources, connections, volunteers etc

- c. Parallel sessions were well organised and very interesting, however, chances were not there to fully participate on the other sessions though the other pair of country representation were split among the parallel sessions. But the parallel sessions i found it very interesting and group focused.
8. On the suitability of the venue for the roundtable  
Majority (78%) loved the venue. They found it a perfect place for discussions like CPRT
9. Other feedback that participants highlighted regarding the conduct of CPRT 2018 in Suva, Fiji
- a. Need more days for the CPRT, three days is not enough to fully cover important issue discussion and deliberation
  - b. Continue to network with experts and locals so that we find practical and cost effective solutions for the emerging problems associated with waste in pacific. Maybe consider closer collaboration with private sector or actual identification of SMW solutions etc and a pathway to achieving some greater PPPs/collaborations.
  - c. It was very organised event, regardless of long sessions into the evening due to the many presentations as per program. Perhaps based on this event, we need to be mindful of long sessions as people need to digest the information for an effective participation.
  - d. We want to see meaningful outcomes in the community and how the livelihood of Pacific people is changing. We need more stories on how the capacity of people at all level is being developed and how social action is being implemented to transform the individuals and communities.
  - e. Commended all for a very successful CPRT 2018. It has a lot of fun to participate at the CPRT 2018, very interesting. Brought back with a lot of ideas for waste management! Very successful
  - f. In the next two years, integrating solid waste training & certification into a regional qualification framework should be prioritized. Our waste management professionals need to be brought into the fold more thoroughly, and a professional association of those working in the sector could be supported by SPREP and other CROPs/partners in the region.

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