



**OFFICIAL LAUNCH PROGRAM
'CLIMATE CHANGE MOODLE E-LEARNING PLATFORM'**

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**Background document for the
Pacific Climate Change Centre Online E-Learning Platform**

The Pacific Climate Change Centre is uniquely placed as the regional centre of excellence for information, training, and research on climate change in the Pacific. It is an institutional knowledge broker that connects policymakers, practitioners, academics, advocates, entrepreneurs, communities, and individuals on climate change knowledge and innovation of and from the Pacific.

A vital component of its work and contribution to Members and the public is its ability to provide, coordinate and facilitate capacity-building and training. With the mandate and upon requests from Member countries for training, it works alongside the Climate Change Resilience Unit and other programs within SPREP. Furthermore, the content and support for its suite of established courses or specially tailored national or regional audiences are done in partnership with the expertise of Pacific Islands and national governments, CROP agencies, partner institutions, and inter-governmental organizations, businesses, and civil societies.

The advent of COVID-19 in 2020, have greatly impacted the ability of the PCCC to offer its regional and national workshops. In 2019 the CCR unit facilitated over 37 courses either in-country, regionally, or at the fringes of large negotiation gatherings like United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC COP) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF). There were similar number of 35 training/workshop programs for Members in 2018. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Government of Samoa in partnership with the PCCC implemented the Capacity Building on Climate Resilience in the Pacific project offering 12 climate change courses. The project was able to deliver three courses through remote online training in 2020.

In September 2020, the PCCC explored the viability and options to formalize an online e-learning platform, as part of its services. E-learning is utilizing electronic and online technologies to deliver and access education, training, and workshops remotely. Online classrooms, courses, and training have become pivotal everyday components of educational institutions, increasingly more- businesses, governments, and organizations. The PCCC e-learning needs assessment analysis report recommended the following:

1. Create an E-Learning Platform for Members and public to access and manage information and courses on Climate Change Resilience in the region.

2. Transition in-house and training programs for practitioners into online closed executive courses. These virtual classrooms will become virtual meetings rooms in lieu of restricted travel.
3. To link practitioners and the general public to online courses provided by partners on climate change resilience.
4. Create short self-paced courses for the general public on issues and activities of the PCCC.
5. Provide an educational and children's corner on online teaching and learning toolkits on climate change resilience.

The various courses the PCCC could develop for Members and the general public include Executive Courses, Open Learning Short Course, Children's Education Corner and Webinar series. These findings were presented as an information paper to the SPREP Executive Board in September. On 4 December 2020, the PCCC Advisory Board fully endorsed the recommendation.

Since the endorsement, PCCC's work has progressed in building and finalizing the PCCC e-learning platform. The [platform](#) uses the cloud-based services of Moodle – which can cater to 1,000 users at any one time. It has also identified a suite of (at least) 18 courses from current CCR projects that can be delivered through the online platform. It is currently uploading materials of previous online courses (under JICA-Samoa in 2020) and building the next course. Furthermore, it is in the process of seeking accreditation from Samoa Qualifications Authority as an informal education/training centre.

The official launch of the SPREP PCCC E-Learning platform that will host these courses will coincide with the start of the next JICA-Samoa training – Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in March 2021. This will be the first online training for 2021 to be hosted through the Pacific Climate Change Centre Online e-learning Platform.

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