

## Information Note

### Pacific Voices: The Pacific Climate Change Voyage Book

Pacific Voices is an innovative call to action for a 1.5 degrees Celsius world. Pacific Voices brings to the fore, words from our Pacific Heroes at the climate change negotiations throughout history. These are members of our Pacific family that made sure our voices were heard and incorporated in the complex web of the United Nations Framework for the Convention on Climate Change. We pay homage to our Pacific negotiators for their leadership and service that ensured despite our smallness, that in the negotiations process, we remain large in our determination, passion and resilience, united across our Pacific Ocean.

Within the pages are the woven Pacific Voices made stronger by the science to help bridge the understanding of what we are experiencing in our islands. This also informs climate change policy and the complex climate negotiations. The science is our evidence that the global community can no longer afford to be complacent or standby and watch and why our Blue Pacific Continent, calls with urgency upon the developed world to meet their Paris Agreement commitments and to shift to the 1.5 degrees pathway.

Our call to action continues to be amplified. Our shared legacy that humanises the impacts of climate change, informed by the science, with the strength of our words, our art and our experiences, are the collective voices of creativity, reason and vision of our Pacific Island people.

Pacific Voices: The Pacific Climate Change Voyage, features Pacific Islands poetry that was showcased during the Twenty-sixth Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. A Storybox Production, Pacific Voices is supported by New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and coordinated by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme with support from many Pacific islands people, organisations and communities.

### Pacific Climate Change Centre 100% Solar Powered system

The design and construction of the Pacific Climate Change Centre are subsumed with the green guidelines which include the generation of affordable, low-carbon energy through the installation of 100% kWp. The Pacific Climate Change Centre is truly a showcase of not only attainable ambition but of sustainable building technology in the Pacific because 100% of the Centre's electricity is provided by its 100kWp rooftop solar system.

PCCC, through the expansion of its rooftop solar electricity generation, is contributing to Samoa's NDC efforts in increasing the uptake of renewable energy for electricity generation. Additionally, SPREP through the PCCC has demonstrated that with small steps locally, everyone can collectively and collaboratively achieve a significant amount of greenhouse gas emission reductions regionally in our Pacific region.

This solar project was made possible with the generosity of the Government of Japan and the Government of Ireland. The assistance of the Government of Samoa through the Office of the Regulator (OOTR) and the Electric Power Corporation (EPC) is also acknowledged and appreciated.

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