



Pacific Climate Change Centre

GENERAL INFORMATION

Workshop on

“Knowledge Brokerage in the Pacific – Challenges and Opportunities”

1 – 3 May 2023

Nadi, Fiji

This is a general information note pertaining to the above-mentioned Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) workshop that will be implemented face-to-face in Fiji.

PCCC:

The Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) was pledged by the Government of Japan at the Seventh Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM 7) in 2015 to respond to a number of needs on climate change in the region. With its strategy and business plan, the PCCC will deliver four mutually reinforcing functions: knowledge brokerage; applied research; capacity building through training and learning; and supporting innovation.

I. Description of the Workshop

1. Background

Critical and often time-sensitive decision-making is becoming more prevalent throughout the world and more so in the Pacific region because of the challenges that climate change poses to small island developing states. Decision-makers in the Pacific are calling for a more coordinated approach to information and knowledge sharing that is in a useable format and can be actioned to make the best climate-smart decisions at every level, from household-level choices through to national planning. This is the very basis for knowledge brokerage in that activities focus on i) building partnerships between the providers and users of climate change information; ii) improving access to scientifically robust, practical information that is available to the right people at the right time and in the right format(s); and iii) ensuring that high quality, practical, user-friendly information drives greater action on climate change.

This face-to-face workshop will allow for knowledge sharing, networking, and partnership discussions to take place to allow participants, facilitators, and organisers to build and strengthen relationships across the Pacific region. The workshop further aims to strengthen capacities of practitioners in the Pacific working on information, knowledge management and climate change to support all levels of governance to find the information that is most suited to their country contexts.

The workshop will cover key topics such as knowledge brokers as change agents, behavioural change, current and future knowledge brokerage initiatives, tools for supporting knowledge brokerage, country presentations, and a community of practice. This workshop will be highly interactive and selected country participants will be asked to share local initiatives in an effort to promote collaboration across the Pacific.

2. Workshop objectives

This **PCCC Knowledge Brokerage** training aims to:

- Introduce existing regional knowledge brokerage initiatives, tools, and processes in the Pacific;
- Explore country level knowledge brokerage related activities and opportunities for collaboration;
- Identify synergies both in-country and regional initiatives to inform the development of a Knowledge Brokerage Community of Practice.

3. Workshop expected outcomes

The objectives of this workshop are expected to inform and contribute to the following outcomes:

- The development of a *Knowledge Brokerage Planning Framework* that is adaptable to PICTs;
- The establishment of a *Knowledge Brokerage Community of Practice*;
- The formulation of a *directory of country-level knowledge brokerage activities*.

4. Target countries

Melanesian Sub-region

Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and New Caledonia.

Polynesian Sub-region

Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Tuvalu, Tokelau, Niue, Wallis & Futuna, and French Polynesia.

5. Eligible / target participants

The PCCC invites two nominations from each country for those individuals who are heavily involved in knowledge management, communication, and/or outreach. Ideally, these nominees would also have experience collaborating with faith-based organisations, non-governmental organisations, tertiary student groups, alumni networks, and/or youth. The travel cost, including per diems, of two participants per country will be supported by the PCCC. It is further recommended that focal points provide gender-balanced nominations where possible.

Prior to the workshop, an online survey will be circulated to nominated participants to complete. The information gathered in the online survey will remain confidential and will be for the purpose of gaining insight into country-level knowledge brokerage activities and initiatives, as well as potential contributions for “ask and offer” sessions (*please refer to workshop topics*).

This same training will be organised for the Micronesian region in Quarter 3, 2023.

6. Language to be used in the program

English

6. Workshop topics (*full agenda is attached as annex*)

- I. The role of the Pacific Climate Change Centre in the region

- a. Background and history of the PCCC.
 - b. Outline of the four key functions: Knowledge Brokerage, Applied Research, Capacity Building and Training, and Innovation.
- II. Knowledge Brokerage in the Pacific
 - a. Knowledge Brokers as Change Agents
 - b. Behavioural Change
- III. Knowledge Brokerage Initiatives in the Pacific
 - a. Pacific Climate Change Portal
- IV. Knowledge Brokerage Tools
 - a. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning
 - b. Water Risk
 - c. Climate Information
- V. Country presentations on knowledge brokerage related activities and opportunities
- VI. Knowledge Brokers Community of Practice
- VII. Knowledge Brokerage “Ask and Offer” sessions

II. Procedure for Nomination

1. Expected role of the Participants

- (1) This workshop is designed primarily for participants who have a background in knowledge management, communication, and/or outreach. Ideally, these participants would also have experience collaborating with faith-based organisations, non-governmental organisations, tertiary student groups, alumni networks, and/or youth.
- (2) Participants are expected to complete the pre-workshop survey and provide as much information as possible about knowledge brokerage activities and opportunities.
- (3) Participants are expected to prepare a short presentation (5-10 minutes) on country-level knowledge brokerage activities and opportunities.
- (4) The PCCC and organizing team will follow up on the activities of participants and may disseminate their stories through the SPREP website.

2. Required Documents for Nomination

Please fill out the Nomination Form and submit it to the PCCC through the Climate Change Focal Points by **Monday 20 March 2023**. Please submit nominations forms to Ms **Emma Arasi-Sua** emmaa@sprep.org and copy pccc@sprep.org in all correspondence.

The Pacific Climate Change Centre promotes gender equality. Nominations from eligible women are strongly encouraged.

3. Conditions for Attendance

- (1) Not to utilise knowledge and skills acquired in training for military purposes.

- (2) To strictly adhere to the workshop schedule.
- (3) Not to change the workshop topics.
- (4) To refrain from engaging in any political activities during the workshop.
- (5) Must provide proof of comprehensive health and travel coverage for the duration of travel, including COVID-19 coverage.

III. Administrative Arrangements

1. Flight, Accommodation and Venue

All details relating to flights, accommodation, and the venue of the workshop will be sent directly to the participants upon confirmation and receipt of the relevant details.

2. Organiser

For enquiries and further information on the contents of the workshop, please contact:

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