

## Pacific Climate Change Centre

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Pacific Regional Dialogue on the  
“IPCC – Sixth Assessment Cycle (AR6) Synthesis Report (SYR) &  
Strengthening Pacific Engagement in the IPCC Assessment Reporting  
Cycles and Research”**

**13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 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**

The recent IPCC reports confirm that climate change is a threat to the health of humanity and our planet, and in the Pacific, it has been identified as the single greatest threat to the livelihoods, security and wellbeing of the peoples of the Pacific. We need immediate action to curb climate change and limit global warming to 1.5°C. Globally we have the resources and expertise to address the challenges of climate change. The choices we make today will continue to impact our future generations for years to come.

The Pacific Climate Change Centre hosted by SPREP in partnership with the Australian National University's Institute for Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions will be hosting a Pacific regional dialogue on the IPCC – Sixth Assessment cycle (AR6) Synthesis Report (SYR) that will discuss the main findings of the report and the implications for the Pacific. IPCC reports are the world's most authoritative sources of climate science, approved by 195 countries. The Synthesis Report (SYR) "synthesizes and integrate materials contained within the Assessment Reports and Special Reports. The AR6 SYR is based on the content of the three Working Groups (WG) Assessment Reports: WGI – The Physical Science Basis, WGII – Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability, WGIII – Mitigation of Climate Change, and the three Special Reports: Global Warming of 1.5°C, Climate Change and Land, The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate.

Professor Mark Howden is a Vice Chair of the IPCC WGII and has made major contributions to this Synthesis report, particularly with respect to climate change impacts and adaptation, contained in the WGII report. He will share insights on key findings across all three Working Groups while also participating in a panel discussion with Pacific experts, including fellow Pacific IPCC authors and representatives from Pacific governments, academia, and regional organisations including SPREP and PCCC.

The PCCC and the Australian National University Institute for Climate, Energy and Disaster Solutions (ICEDS) are designing a stakeholder consultation process to identify and develop consensus on the preferred Pacific engagement options with IPCC and include consideration of resources required to Increase both the representation of Pacific Nations' researchers and experts, Pacific traditional and local knowledge and regional issues and solutions in the IPCC Assessment Reporting cycles.

As part of the stakeholder engagement process the regional dialogue will bring experts from across the Pacific with the purpose to identify, consolidate and set priorities for Pacific engagement in the subsequent IPCC assessment reporting cycles and a stock take of prioritized pacific research to inform a framework for research in the pacific and a community of practice

on research.

A survey will be conducted with participants and experts prior to the workshop to ensure the outcome will be informed by the needs of the Pacific Island Countries and Territories. Follow up informal interviews will also be held with key stakeholders and those who are unable to attend in-person. Results from this Pacific-wide survey will be available for participants to refer to as part of this dialogue.

## 2. Pacific IPCC Regional dialogue objectives

The Pacific IPCC regional dialogue aims to:

- Strengthen knowledge in the Pacific region around the work of the IPCC.
- Provide the most up-to-date synthesis of relevant climate change information to diverse Pacific Island audiences and particularly to personnel responsible for climate program implementation, policymakers and Pacific researchers.
- Strengthen regional coordination and cooperation between climate change IPCC focal points, the regional scientific community, and other stakeholders.
- Carry out a stock-take of prioritized climate change related research topics in the Pacific.

## 3. Expected Workshop outcomes.

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

- Enhanced knowledge of the Pacific region on IPCC processes and means of engagement.
- Development of a list of options for enhanced Pacific engagement with IPCC processes, reporting, opportunities, and resources
- Identification of key enablers for each option, with consideration of the diversity of needs of the Pacific.
- A stock-take of prioritized areas of research that will inform the development of the framework for Pacific research.
- Development of a TOR for the establishment of Community of Practice (COP) for Pacific researchers

## 4. Target countries

*SPREP focal points for Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT)*

## 5. Eligible / target participants

The PCCC invites two nominations who are involved in the work of the IPCC including researchers, and policymakers.

The travel cost, including per diems, for two participants per country will be supported by the PCCC. It is further recommended that focal points provide gender-balanced nominations where possible.

#### **Health and travel insurance for participants**

Governments nominating participants are responsible to organize insurance cover for their participants for the duration of the travel.

#### **6. Language to be used in the program**

English

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

#### **8. Survey for distribution**

Prior to the workshop, a survey is being distributed by PCCC and ICEDS to help identify options for improving Pacific Island Countries and Territories' representation in IPCC reporting processes and resources. Workshop participants are asked to please complete the survey, as the results will be used as a starting point for discussion in the workshop.

The survey is also being sent to stakeholders across the Pacific, as well as academics engaged in climate science, adaptation, and mitigation research in the Pacific region. To have your voice included, you can find the survey at.

[https://anu.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0jiGECofuVTT9Lo](https://anu.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0jiGECofuVTT9Lo)

or scan the QR code:



## II. Procedure for Nomination

### 1. Expected role of the Participants

- (1) This workshop is designed primarily for participants who are involved in the work of the IPCC including researchers, and policymakers, IPCC focal points and national Meteorological focal points.
- (2) Participants are expected to complete the pre-workshop survey and provide as much information as possible about potential opportunities for involvement in IPCC assessment reporting cycles and research activities and opportunities.
- (3) Participants are expected to prepare a short presentation (5-10 minutes) on country-level IPCC related activities, research, 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

All nominations are to be submitted using the enclosed Nomination Form and must be endorsed/approved by the Climate Change Focal Point by Wednesday 8 March 2023. Kindly send all nomination forms to Ms. Yvette Kerslake [yvettek@sprep.org](mailto:yvettek@sprep.org) and please **ensure to copy** Ms Foinijancey Fesolai [foinijanceyf@sprep.org](mailto:foinijanceyf@sprep.org), Ms Emma Arasi-Sua at [emmaa@sprep.org](mailto:emmaa@sprep.org), [pccc@sprep.org](mailto:pccc@sprep.org) and [pccc@sprep.org](mailto: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 utilize 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.

## 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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