



# PACIFIC LEARNING PARTNERSHIP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY (PLP-ESS)

## Upcoming Trainings & Mentorship Program

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SPREP/Asian Development Bank/World Bank/University of the South Pacific



# Overview



- Capacity building programme for strengthening environmental and social management systems across the Pacific
- Collaboration mechanism
- Fosters training, knowledge exchange, technical expertise and capacity building
- Delivers training, facilitates exchange of experiences and knowledge, mentor trainees, develop curricula and provide technical assistance

**Collaboration allows us to know more than we are capable of knowing by ourselves!**

# Background



- Training Needs Assessment – based on past surveys by the WB and SPREP
- Regional Capacity building needs:
  - Environmental and Social Due Diligence throughout project lifecycle
  - Proper application of the EIA process
  - Monitoring for compliance and reporting
  - Environmental and social management tools
  - Stakeholder engagement and Social Impact Assessment
- Deliver targeted support via 3 specialized streams: stream 1 on regional E&S trainings (online Webex Training virtual platform), stream 2 for on-the-job training through mentoring and coaching, and stream 3 for fostering closer networking among the ESS community of practice

# Regional Training



- Round 1 Virtual Training – November to December 2020
  - Modules 1 – 8
  - 495 participants registered for all 8 modules
  - 245 participants completed online training evaluation
- Round 2 Virtual Training – October to November 2021
  - Modules 9 – 16
  - 406 participants registered for all 8 modules
  - 203 participants completed online training evaluation
- Round 3 Virtual Training – March to May 2022
  - Modules 17 – 24c

# Final Round Training Modules



- Final Round Virtual Training Modules
  - Introduction to the Pacific Regional Infrastructure Facility's [PRIF] Shared Approach for Management of Environmental and Social Risks Impacts for Pacific Island Countries.
  - Certified Environmental Practitioner Schemes: A look at the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand's Qualification Accreditation Scheme.
  - Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment.
  - Occupational Health and Safety for Contractor Companies: An outline of OHS obligations for employers, and employees or sub-contractors.

# Final Round Training Modules (Continued)



- Final Round Virtual Training Modules
  - Managing development risks and impacts on biodiversity and protected areas in the Pacific.
  - Waste management and pollution control throughout the project life cycle in the Pacific.
  - Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM): Case studies from projects in the Pacific.
  - Management Information Systems to Support EIA and Safeguard Management in the Pacific (delivered in 3 parts):
    - Module 24a and 24b will focus on knowledge portals operated by SPREP while 24c is dedicated for [USP's online database search for research](#) or e-library.



# E-Mentorship Program



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- 11 mentorees and 11 mentors selected
- Duration of 6 weeks (starting March to May 2022)
  - Improve understanding and knowledge of mentees on best practices for effective environmental and social management in the Pacific.
  - Promote confidence of young ESS/EIA professionals about their roles and responsibilities for sustainable development vis-à-vis a career development choice.
  - Raise awareness of the importance of ethical behavior and professional integrity to apply best practices and good principles for effective environmental and social management to achieve best project outcomes for their people and the natural/built environment.

# E-Mentorship Program



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- Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Research Projects on Climate Change
- Social Impact Assessment
- Environmental Management
- Conservation & Biodiversity
- Terrestrial Ecology
- Insect Taxonomy & Biogeography and Climate Change



# Next Steps

- Finalize Training Schedule (first week of March)
- Finalize Mentors and Schedule (first week of March)
- Invites (Web Link) for Registration (second week of March)
- Virtual Training & E-Mentorship commence (final week March)  
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**Plan is Nothing, Planning is Everything!**