



Pacific Climate Change Centre

GENERAL INFORMATION

Pacific Climate Change Centre Knowledge Brokerage Workshop for Micronesia, 18 – 20 September 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 the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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:

- i) enhance the understanding of the components of the Knowledge Brokerage function of the PCCC.
- ii) enhance the understanding of country-level initiatives in knowledge brokerage.
- iii) provide examples of relevant knowledge products relevant for building resilience
- iv) present the draft PCCC Knowledge Brokerage Framework and Community of Practice

3. Workshop 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

Micronesian Sub-region

- Guam
- Kiribati
- Republic of the Marshall Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Nauru
- Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
- Palau

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*).

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
- 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

The SPREP Travel Policy has changed requiring all travel to be submitted six (6) weeks prior to intended departure. For this reason, we kindly ask that you send all nomination forms to Ms. **Naoafioga Feuu** at naoafiogaf@sprep.org and pccc@sprep.org, at your earliest convenience, but no later than **Friday 07 July 2023**.

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.

Trip cancellations and trip interruptions due to known, foreseeable, or expected events, epidemics, or fear of travel will not be covered by PCCC or SPREP.

Please note that accommodation is required to be organised by the participant in advance. A daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be provided to all participants at the start of the workshop.

2. Organiser

The Pacific Climate Change Centre

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