

Climate Change and how Communities need to respond to it in the PACIFIC



for a living planet

Our Pacific needs us!

Let's join together to combat the effects of "Global Warming" the cause of climate change, before it destroys our island paradise and our way of life forever!



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What we can do...



Our Homes:

- Close taps, switch off lights and electrical appliances when not in use.
- Walk or ride your bike for short distances.
- Take public transport or carpool to places further away.
- Buy local produce.
- Minimise usage of plastic bags when shopping.
- Practice 3Rs: reduce, reuse and recycle.

Our Agriculture

- Start a backyard garden and compost your kitchen waste.
- Plant more than one type of crop.
- Use manure over chemical fertilizers.
- Practice contour farming, organic farming and avoid farming on slopes and riverbanks.

Our Freshwater

- Replace leaky pipes and taps.
- Reuse waste water or collect rainwater to use in gardens.
- Store water in tanks for emergencies.
- Remove dumps and rubbish from waterways.

Our Forests

- Cut a tree and replace with another.
- Replant degraded areas with native trees.
- Avoid burning.

Our Coastal and Marine Resources

- Protect mangroves, seagrass beds and coral reefs.
- Replant degraded mangrove forests and coastlines.
- Build away from the coastline & riverbanks.
- Avoid using harmful fishing practices.
- Support Marine Protected Areas (Tabu Areas)

Our Health

- Clean up yards and destroy mosquito breeding grounds.
- Remove rubbish, keep drains and waterways clear at all times.
- Boil drinking water during and after natural disasters.
- Exercise regularly and have healthy meals.

Our Economy

- Encourage Eco-tourism ventures.
- Prevent overuse of natural resources.
- Use renewable energy sources (wind, solar, hydro).