

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

(November 2024 – April 2025)

- Youth delegates empowered with climate knowledge ahead of CHOGM 2024.
- PCCC recognizes the pivotal role of Pacific Youths in addressing climate impacts.
- PCCC at COP29, Azerbaijan.
- PCCC showcases Climate Solutions at its 2nd Innovation Exhibition.
- PCCC Advisory Board holds its annual Meeting for 2024.
- PCCC and University of Melbourne strengthen collaboration to catalyze climate action.
- PCCC meets with Solomon Islands National University to discuss collaborative initiatives ahead of POPCCC 2026.
- The Australia Awards Fellowship program strengthens leadership towards climate resilience in the Pacific.
- Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance visits the PCCC.
- PAVE Health Inception Workshop calls for urgent action in addressing the impacts of climate change on health in the Pacific.
- PCCC convenes Partners Dialogue on Long Term Sustainability Plan for Building a Climate Resilient Pacific in Apia.
- PCCC supports building resilience through innovative climate resilience solutions.
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- Building inclusive and community-driven climate resilience in Tonga.
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Welcome to the Third Edition of the Nafa Newsletter!



Bula Vinaka Olgeta Pacific Family!

The Pacific Climate Change Centre hosted at SPREP continue to translate its vision “**Catalyze Climate Action and Investment in the Pacific**” into concrete actions through the delivery of its key services on:

- 1) **Knowledge Brokerage**
- 2) **Science to Services and Applied Research**
- 3) **Capacity Building and Training and**
- 4) **Innovation.**

1. The successful upgrading of the [Pacific Climate Change Portal](#) to meet the needs of Pacific users. The portal currently hosts 2253 resources and more than 5.2k users.
2. The approval of three MOUs with the [University of Melbourne](#), [National University of Samoa](#), and the [Solomon Islands National University](#).
3. The funding support from the Government of Australia through the [Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water](#) for Climate Change Research and IPCC.

4. The approval of AUD\$4.8million project from a Charitable Fund, the [Wellcome](#) to implement the “[Pacific Action to Enhance the Visibility of Evidence on Health and Climate Impacts](#)”.
5. The approval of [Round 20 Australian Awards Fellowship Program](#) for short-term opportunities for in-Australia study, research, and professional development activities for 15 fellows.
6. The improved Climate Finance Access through the Readiness and Preparatory Support with the recently approved Readiness for Solomon Islands Readiness 3 – USD 1m & Marshall Islands Readiness 4 - USD 1m.
7. The hosting of the 2024 [Pacific Climate Change Innovation](#) exhibition with more than 120 participants and 156 innovative solutions submitted.

These are some of the initiatives which provided the PCCC and PICTs with the capacity and guidance to implement climate change priorities.

I hope the “Nafa” will provide useful information on how the Pacific Climate Change Centre contributes to “Catalyze Climate Action and Investment in the Pacific”. Fakafetai Lasi

'Ofa Ma'asi-Kaisamy,
Manager, PCCC



Youth delegates empowered with climate knowledge ahead of CHOGM 2024

Ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2024 in Samoa, the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) hosted at the Secretariat of the Pacific Environment Programme (SPREP) welcomed the Samoa National Youth delegates selected for the Commonwealth Youth Forum (CYF) at Vailima. The youth delegates were empowered with knowledge on narratives and the status of environment and climate change in the

Pacific. Facilitated by PCCC in collaboration with the Commonwealth Youth Forum International Taskforce and the Samoa National Youth Council (SNYC), the delegates were joined by students from Vaiala Beach School for the half-day session of dialogues and panel sessions on impacts of climate change in the region and the role of youths in community-led adaptation efforts.

Full story:

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PCCC recognizes the pivotal role of Pacific Youths in addressing climate impacts.



The PCCC Manager, Ms. Ofa Kaisamy in speaking at the Commonwealth Intergenerational dialogue on Strengthening Green Economy to Drive Youth Employment and Sustainability for Climate Action in Pacific Islands at the Commonwealth Pavilion in the Blue Zone at COP29 stated that, “The Pacific Islands are at the forefront of climate change, experiencing rising sea levels, increased frequency of extreme weather events, and threats to our rich biodiversity. It is crucial that we recognize the pivotal role of our young people in addressing these pressing issues. They are not only the leaders of tomorrow; they are the innovators, activists, and stewards of our environment today.”

The panel discussions emphasized that to drive youth employment and enhance sustainability; there is a need to focus on strengthening the green economy. This involves creating economic opportunities that prioritize environmental health while enhancing social equity.

Full story:

<https://www.facebook.com/SPREP.PROE/posts/pfbid032cHQ92qHmL8VjxHkfen81KZGDobPZMFbANRTARC8N6qYtALoa3TKQxdJrN7yQCRpl>

PCCC at COP29, Azerbaijan



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A PCCC delegation led by the Manager, Ms. Ofa Kaisamy hosted four side events at COP29, Azerbaijan. The 4 events included panel discussions on a). Strengthening Voice of the Pacific through the 4th Pacific Oceans Pacific Climate Change Conference (4POPCCC); b). Project for Innovative Solutions for the Pacific Climate Resilience (ISPCCR); c). Enhancing Climate and Health Action in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories (WHO, SPC, SPREP - PCCC); d). Charting the Future; long term investment Strategy of PCCC for Prosperous and Resilient Pacific Island Countries and Territories - The Pacific Climate Innovative Investment Hub.

Speaking during the Climate and Health Action panel, the Director General of SPREP, Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra highlighted the urgent need for knowledge of climate-related health impacts to be incorporated into national and international policy.

PCCC showcases Climate Solutions at its 2nd Innovation Exhibition

The Pacific Climate Change Center hosted its 2nd Innovation Exhibition on 4 December 2024 which showcased selected innovation solutions and programs that addresses local needs and priorities, articulating frameworks for partnership to support joint initiatives, and enhancing innovation awareness among Pacific Island Countries and territories (PICTs).

The Resident Representative of the JICA Samoa Office, Ms. Yumiko Asakuma, expressed gratitude to the participants and acknowledged the importance of the exhibition for fostering collaboration with the Pacific. “The innovation exhibition will be the platform to generate new ideas and knowledge to address climate change. I believe this will also contribute to further partnership among Pacific islands, SPREP and Japan”.



Full story:

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PCCC Advisory Board holds its annual Meeting for 2024



The Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) hosted at the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) convened its Annual Advisory Board meeting on 6 December 2024. The Manager for the Pacific Climate Change Centre Ms. Ofa Kaisamy presented on the progress for the period of January – July 2024, the review of its strategic documents which include the PCCC Strategy and Business Plan 2025 – 2030 and the Pacific Climate Change Research Roadmap 2025 – 2030.

The Chair of the Advisory Board, Peseta Noumea Simi, Chief Executive Officer for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) Samoa, thanked all the advisory board members for their strategic contributions for the long-term vision and sustainable mechanisms of the PCCC and also acknowledged all the SPREP member Countries and the donor community which include the Government of New Zealand, Australia and Japan through a bilateral grant aid with the Government of Samoa.

Full story:

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PCCC and University of Melbourne strengthen collaboration to catalyze climate action.



A team from the Pacific Climate Change Centre led by the Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra were in Melbourne from 9 - 13 December 2024, to attend a series of meetings including a partnership planning meeting on the AUD 4.9 million PAVE Project on Climate Change and Health, participation at the Indo-Pacific Climate (INPACC) Hub Steering Committee Meeting and to participate in a ceremony on the successful completion of the second DFAT Fellowship Program.

Ms. Ofa Kaisamy acknowledged the Government of Australia for providing opportunities that enable the Indo-Pacific current and emerging leaders to enhance knowledge and skills necessary to building climate resilience and secure a sustainable future.

Full story:

<https://tinyurl.com/3zpnatm3>



PCCC meets with Solomon Islands National University to discuss collaborative initiatives ahead of POPCCC 2026

The Vice Chancellor of the Solomon Islands National University (SINU), Professor Transform Aqorau, welcomed the Director-General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Mr Sefanaia Nawadra, to SINU's Kukum Campus to discuss key areas of collaboration aimed at advancing climate resilience, environmental sustainability, and traditional knowledge integration in education.

Central to the discussion was SINU's role in hosting the Pacific Ocean Climate Change Conference (POPCCC) in 2026, a significant regional platform for climate discourse and policy development. The biennial conference, which has previously been held in Samoa, brings together policymakers, scientists, academics, and community leaders to discuss climate change impacts and adaptation strategies tailored to Pacific Island nations. The 2026 conference at SINU will serve as a key milestone in fostering regional collaboration on climate resilience, with a focus on integrating traditional knowledge into climate change mitigation and adaptation policies.

Full story:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdfbcx4d>



The Australia Awards Fellowship program strengthens leadership towards climate resilience in the Pacific.

Full story:

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Ten Australian Awards Fellows from across the Pacific convened in Apia on the 4th March 2025 to reflect on a journey together to drive action on climate adaptation, resilience and just energy transition priorities in their respective countries. Two cohorts have completed the fellowship and the programme has further evolved into a project that aims to fortify the Pacific region against health impacts of climate change, funded by A\$4.9 million from Wellcome Trust, PAVE – Health: Pacific Action to enhance the Visibility of Evidence on Health and Climate Impacts.

Australian High Commissioner to Samoa, His Excellency Will Robinson urged the fellows in his opening remarks, *"You have a call to action: you will be climate leaders in your countries in the years ahead. You are the leaders who will have the influence, evidence and academic understanding, and an ability based on your own experience and expertise to drive change"*.



Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance visits the PCCC.

The Center for Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (CFE-DM) met with the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) for the first time to dialogue and explore potential collaboration on disaster resilience and climate actions in the Pacific region.

The meeting, held at the PCCC in Apia, Samoa, focused on sharing expertise and identifying areas where both organisations could work together to enhance climate resilience adaptation through the services of the Centre's core functions. Discussions highlighted the increasing risks posed by climate change, such as extreme weather events and rising sea levels, and the need for strengthened regional response mechanisms as part of a Regional Collaboration.

Full story:
<https://tinyurl.com/4a2nebdd>

PAVE Health Inception Workshop calls for urgent action in addressing the impacts of climate change on health in the Pacific.



The PAVE – Health Invention is a three-year initiative funded by Wellcome for a total of 4.8 million (AUD), builds on the strong partnership between the PCCC, SPREP and the University of Melbourne. Wellcome is a global charitable foundation established in 1936. Through their work they support science to solve the urgent health issues facing everyone. In the inception workshop held in Apia on the 10th of March 2025, the Acting Chief Executive Officer for Samoa's Ministry of Health, Tagaloa Dr. Robert Thompson stated in his opening statement; *"Climate change is a health crisis and is a lived experience for our Pacific community"*. He also acknowledged the efforts from development partners involved in bringing the PAVE project into reality which bridges the gap between scientific evidence and policy action.

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PCCC convenes Partners Dialogue on Long Term Sustainability Plan for Building a Climate Resilient Pacific in Apia

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PCCC supports building resilience through innovative climate resilience solutions.



The United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) hosted in Samoa by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Samoa Surety Insurance (SSI) and the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC), held dialogues in collaboration to bolster climate resilience in the Pacific Islands region, through innovative insurance response mechanisms.

Supporting our local Pacific Island communities and small private sector entities to build their resilience against extreme weather events is at the core of a new insurance product which is Samoa's first parametric micro-climate insurance product. This innovative initiative offers rapid financial assistance to vulnerable communities in Samoa, helping them to mitigate the financial strain of extreme weather events. It covers various climate-related risks, including cyclones, floods, droughts, and other environmental disruptions. Ms. Ofa Kaisamy commended UNCDF and Samoa Surety and emphasized the importance of partnerships for innovative financial solutions to promptly address climate impacts.

Full story:

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Second Climate Finance training for Niue targets investment in Food Security

The PCCC in collaboration with the Project Management and Coordinating Unit (PMCU) Niue, held a three-day workshop from the 26-28 of March 2025 on the fundamentals of project development and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Simplified Approval Process (SAP). This was a follow-up training to one held in September 2024 that focused on concept development to access climate finance.

The Director of the PMCU, Ms. Felicia Pihigia confirmed Niue's intention to progress one of the project ideas from the workshop on building the resilience of sustainable food security in Niue for the GCF-SAP modality.

Full story:

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PCCC convenes Regional Dialogue to strengthen Pacific engagement in the IPCC processes.

Full story:

<https://tinyurl.com/hsv3zmnu>

SPREP through the PCCC in partnership with the Australian Department of Climate Change, Environment, Energy and Water (DCCEEW), the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), and key regional stakeholders, hosted the Pacific Regional Dialogue on the Pacific Engagement in the IPCC in Nadi on the 5-9 April 2025.

The Director for Climate Change for Fiji, Ms Senivasa Waqaira highlighted the value of the Pacific Regional Dialogue and urged the participants to utilise the opportunity to provide translation of science to practical actions and tangible results benefiting our most vulnerable Pacific communities. "As Pacific nations, we must harness IPCC findings to inform our national climate strategies, negotiate for stronger international commitments, and secure the resources necessary for resilience building efforts," she said.

Building inclusive and community-driven climate resilience in Tonga



In response to a request from the Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC), the PCCC delivered a National Knowledge Brokerage Workshop for Tonga. “The National Knowledge Brokerage Workshop has given us a valuable reminder of the importance of effective communication of all climate actors,” said Mr Akauola (CEO, MEIDECC).

The mission also included a consultation meeting on the Sia Heu Lupe / Popua Peninsula Integrated Climate Resilience, Restoration & Rehabilitation Master Plan (CR3MP) and the work to engage the private sector on the PCCC-JICA Project on Innovative Solutions for Climate Change Resilience in the Pacific (ISPCCR). The mission was jointly funded by the Government of Australia through the DFAT-PCCC Project on

Strengthening the Services of the PCCC, the University of Melbourne and the PCCC-JICA Project on Innovative Solutions for Climate Change Resilience in the Pacific (ISPCCR).

Full story:

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PCCC delivers Fundamentals of Project Development and Design for Climate Finance workshop in Port Vila

Full story:

<https://tinyurl.com/4hfn86yu>

A training on “Fundamentals of Project Development and Design for Climate Finance” was delivered in Port Vila this week by the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC). This initiative was organized in partnerships through the Vanuatu Government under the Ministry of Climate Change, with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and delivered by the PCCC.

The Government of Vanuatu has always been at the forefront of advocating for climate action, and this training is a testament to the commitment to building the collective capacity equipping stakeholders with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively formulate, assess proposals, and effectively utilize climate finance. The training was officially closed by Acting Director General of the Ministry of Climate Change, Mr Antony Garae.

Upcoming Events: May – November 2025

- *PCCC Strategy and Business Plan Review – May 2025*
- *Pacific Regional Research Symposium, 22-23 May 2025*
- *3rd Regional Co-Design Workshop – Integrate Pasifika, June 2025*
- *Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting (PIFLM), September 2025*
- *Adaptation Futures, October 2025*
- *COP30, Brazil, November 2025*

The Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) is the regional Centre of excellence for climate change information, research, capacity building, and innovation, hosted at the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in Apia, Samoa. As a Centre of excellence, the PCCC is mandated to provide practical information, support, and training to address the adaptation and mitigation priorities of Pacific Island communities.

The PCCC is underpinned by strong partnerships with Pacific Governments, applied research institutions, donors, civil society, and the private sector. The PCCC is a partnership between the Governments of Japan and Samoa. It is funded under grant aid through JICA for Samoa as the host country of SPREP. Additionally, the Centre receives generous funding and support from the Governments of New Zealand, Ireland, and Australia.



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