

Conservation International congratulates the Fiji Government in leading this important Climate Action Pacific Partnership in the framework of the Marrakesh Partnership for Global Climate Action and the NAZCA. This event and discussions over these two days underlines the value of Pacific partnership actions in ensuring visibility of climate change and our collective responses in climate actions at the local, national and regional level.

We applaud the foresight of the Fiji COP23 Presidency in convening this event to ensure demonstrative commitments and actions by states, private sector, NGOs and partners in meeting global climate change goals.

Conservation International reiterates the importance of regional climate action in the framework of the SAMOA Pathway and the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific. We continue to support and emphasize:

- Individual country commitments that ensure strong social and environmental outcomes from actions addressing climate change;
- Inclusion of transparent, consistent, comparable, complete and accurate accounting rules for nature-based solutions; and
- Predictable and adequate funding flows for nature-based solutions to encourage implementation of tried, tested and proven measures.

Nationally driven measures such as the Cook Islands Marae Moana as highlighted on the first day, blue carbon initiatives through mangrove rehabilitation in Fiji and Samoas pilot project on carbon offsetting through community reforestation are just some examples of innovative and transformative solutions that CI has been engaged in. We continue to work through our partner Governments and in close collaboration with private sector and NGOs on innovative climate action in the Pacific.

Once again, we applaud the commitment of our Pacific leaders on climate action at the national, regional and global platform, and offer our sincerest best wishes to the Government of Fiji and the COP23 Presidency.