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Climate Action Pacific Partnership (CAPP) Conference  
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CONCLUSION**

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*Honourable Prime Minister, Frank Bainimarama*

*Your Excellency the President, Baron Waqa*

*Honourable Deputy Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mataafa*

*Honourable Ministers*

*Excellencies*

*Distinguished delegates*

*Ladies and Gentlemen*

Bula vinaka and very good afternoon

Firstly, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your commitment and contributions in this conference that has made this gathering a success.

I would like to thank you for your commitment in taking part in what has been a very full and hectic 2 days. Thank you for attentively listening; generously contributing; constructively engaging; and for fostering comradeship.

I also thank you for creating and reinforcing the spirit of respect and openness throughout the conference. The spirit of talanoa.

While the last two days have been hectic, it has been very productive. We talked about innovative technologies and approaches that can benefit our local island communities and economies.

Presentations and discussions revealed an increasing number of progressive technologies and creative initiatives being implemented in our islands.

These exciting developments should be shared and appropriately replicated across the region. We need more South-South exchanges and collaboration in this regard.

However, more still needs to be done and I call on development partners, investors, donors and the private sector to step in, and to step up support to enable and capacitate our Pacific island communities to respond to the urgent call to accelerate climate action.

We were reminded of the human face of climate change and the varying climate change impacts on our societies and social structures – emphasising the imperativeness of not leaving anyone behind.

Also discussed is the importance of setting up policy structures that will ensure a just transition and decent work. This is especially relevant for us in the Pacific where the employment and skilled work sector is still developing and with great potential to be engaged in climate associated employment.

Regional supporting structures and networks are also seen to serve as safety nets – Pacific island communities facing common concerns banding together across the vast Pacific Ocean to support each other and uniting to speak with a stronger and louder voice to the rest of the global community.

And underpinning all these is the fact that we need to vigorously pursue the goal of keeping global warming temperatures to within 1.5degrees Celsius.

We have been told that with more ambitious NDC targets, and the scaling up of financial and technological support and capacity building, we can achieve this target.

The call for stronger collaboration and partnership among Pacific Island countries came out clearly from all thematic talanoa discussions and in the panel discussions.

The Climate Action Pacific Partnership – CAPP serves as a very strong mechanism for forging and strengthening partnerships in the region given the strong representation of partners actively involved.

In the very short time it was established, the Fiji COP23 Presidency and partners of the CAPP have initiated initiatives both in the region and globally.

It will be important that the CAPP remains supported to ensure that partnerships created flourish and new opportunities identified.

Excellencies; delegates

Moving forward – the COP23 Presidency Secretariat and the CAPP Technical Expert Working groups will be drafting key messages coming out from the conference, especially from the talanoa sessions.

These messages will be collated and prepared for submission to the Talanoa Dialogue. You will be receiving these important outputs.

I would like to again thank you for your contributions in this second CAPP conference. I also thank you for your enthusiasm in engaging in the many events especially in the talanoa sessions that have just concluded.

Congratulations in making the “**Pacific Talanoa for greater resilience, urgency and ambition**” a resounding success!

To our visitors from abroad I wish you safe travels back to your homes and families.

Vinaka vakalevu. May God Bless you ALL