



Decarbonise and build resilience now... the call from the Pacific

CLIMATE ACTION PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

13 - 14 May 2019

Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva, Fiji

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The third Climate Action Pacific Partnership Conference (CAPP III) will be held on 13 and 14 May, 2019 at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Suva, Fiji. The traditional welcome will take place on the evening of 12 May, 2019. The Conference is planned to align with the visit of the UN Secretary General, Mr António Guterres.

Emphasising the need for urgency as we fast approach 2020, and actions required to keep the 1.5°C target alive, CAPP III sessions will be framed around the [Talanoa Call for Action](#) that was presented at COP24 in Poland last year. The conference will also provide a platform to amplify the voice of the Pacific Island Countries in the [UN Climate Summit](#) in September this year.

Participants will be engaged in two days of lively discussion on how climate action can be accelerated, and transformative changes achieved in the Pacific, and how this can inspire action globally. Progressing the work of the Regional Pacific NDC Hub and the Ocean Pathway will be areas of focus. Discussions will also capture efforts made to increase resilience in Pacific Island Countries.

PARTICIPANTS

CAPP III will bring together around 300 participants from the Pacific region and internationally. Participants will represent different sectors, coming from various organisations including - government, private sector, non-governmental organisations, civil society organisations, development partners, regional organisations and faith-based groups. Leaders from Pacific Small Island Developing States (P-SIDS) will also be attending.

With restricted space, this is a by-invitation only conference with numbers limited to two per organisation. Special consideration may be given to ensure balanced and fair representation of sectors and gender.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES & SESSIONS

The CAPP conferences are organised to help mobilise the partnerships and investment needed to accelerate climate action in the Pacific. These climate actions are geared towards contributing to the achievement of the more ambitious target of keeping global temperature increase to within 1.5 degrees Celsius and strengthening the resilience of our Pacific Island communities.

Under this overarching objective, the CAPP III sessions will focus specifically on –



1. Identifying instruments and strategies to support the enhancement and implementation of NDCs of NDCs
2. Showcasing opportunities and innovative approaches to access and mobilise climate financing and investments in the Pacific
3. Advancing the Ocean Pathway and increasing recognition on the important role the ocean plays in accelerating climate action
4. Determining appropriate mechanisms to address climate risks and loss and damage in the Pacific and the emerging issue of climate security
5. Establishing linkages with the UN Climate Summit taking place in September 2019, to ensure a strong Pacific presence at the event
6. Developing a Pacific climate roadmap to 2020

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME

Day 1 Monday 13 May – Expert panel sessions

The opening session will include high-level statements from PSIDS senior leaders and video messages from climate leaders and champions from around the world. Pacific heads of delegations and leaders from key non-party stakeholder organisations will also share statements through the day.

The first day will also see an array of experts from different sectors sharing their knowledge and experiences on opportunities and developments in the Pacific relating to – the enhancement and implementation of NDCs, innovative climate financing, advancing the Ocean Pathway, and on managing climate risks. This will be conducted through interactive panel and plenary discussions.

During the session change-overs, students from different schools in Suva will be sharing their climate messages to participants through song and dance.

Day 2 Tuesday 14 May

The CAPP technical working groups will present their thematic climate action plans, including sectoral inputs that contribute to the enhancement of NDCs. An expert panel on climate security in the Pacific will also share their perspectives and experiences.

Day 2 will also include breakout working sessions to identify key impactful actions from the Pacific that can be considered for the [UN Climate Summit](#) in September, New York. The working sessions will be organised around the key focus areas of the UN Climate Summit.





Pacific climate security and displacement issues will receive close attention and the final session for the conference will include a presentation on the Pacific roadmap to 2020.

EVENTS PRIOR TO, AND ON THE FRINGES OF THE CONFERENCE

Wednesday 27 – Thursday 28 March

First Pre-CAPP III: CAPP Technical Experts Meeting (TEM)

De Vos on the Park, Suva, Fiji

Technical Experts of the CAPP met for a day and half in Suva to collate new and emerging climate actions in the region and identify impactful actions and plans that can be considered for the UN Climate Summit. The thematic experts also began preparations for their presentations for the CAPP conference, session 5.

Monday 29 – Tuesday 30 April

Second Pre-CAPP III: CAPP Technical Experts Meeting (TEM)

Holiday Inn, Suva, Fiji

The 2nd TEM will further progress the work started in the March TEM. The technical experts will work on finalising the thematic presentations for session 5 of the CAPP Conference and strengthen elements relating to impactful climate actions in the Pacific, for consideration at the UN Climate Summit. The latter will be the basis for the working group sessions on Day 2 of the CAPP Conference (session 6).

Tuesday 30 April – 03 May

Pacific Resilience Meeting (PRM)

University of the South Pacific (USP), Laucala Campus, Suva, Fiji

The Pacific Resilience meeting opening reception and an exhibition on human mobility and displacement will take place at the USP Oceania Centre from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Sessions will take place from 01 – 03 May. For more information please go to the [PRM website](#).

Friday 10 - Saturday 11 May

Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat meeting room, Suva, Fiji

Pacific senior officials will meet in Suva in the lead up to the meeting of the PSDS leaders meeting. The SOM will also discuss common positions and joint strategies going into COP25 and the participation of PSIDS in the UN Climate Summit.



Friday 10 May

Pacific Regional NDC Hub evening event

Holiday Inn, Suva

An evening reception to showcase and present the work of the Pacific Regional NDC Hub, including progress made so far and planned activities. The event is held in conjunction with the SOM.

Sunday 12 May

Traditional Welcome Ceremony

5.30pm, Grand Pacific Hotel

The traditional welcome will take place from 5.30 – 6.30pm at the Grand Pacific Hotel. This will be followed by a welcome reception. All conference participants are invited.

Note –the registration desk will be open during this time to facilitate early registration of participants.

Monday 13 May

Meeting on advancing the UNFCCC Gender Action Plan in the Pacific

4.00pm – 6.00pm, Grand Pacific Hotel (break out room)

Taking place in parallel to plenary Session 4. The meeting will be attended by Pacific national gender focal points and gender representatives from other organisations.

The meeting is organised by UNDP, in collaboration with the COP23 Presidency Secretariat, and supported by the Government of Canada.

Ocean and Climate evening event

6.30pm, Fiji Museum

A reception with drinks, finger food and entertainment, will be held at the Fiji Museum at 6.30pm. The function provides an opportunity for informal discussions on the Ocean Pathway and blue carbon initiatives and learning more from experts on climate actions taken in this sector. All conference participants are invited to attend.

The event is generously sponsored by the Government of the United Kingdom

Tuesday 14 May

Breakfast event: Achieving Just Transformation in the Pacific

7.00am – 8.30am, Grand Pacific Hotel.

A breakfast event on the topic of “Achieving Just Transformation” will be held at the Grand Pacific Hotel from 7.00am to 8.30am with the session taking place from 7.15 – 8.15am. The event aims to bring out the social issues that are seen as crucial to address on the journey towards a net-zero emissions society.



The event will include expert keynote speakers sharing their perspectives and experiences relating to decent work and just transition, gender and health.

All conference participants are invited to attend.

The event is generously sponsored by the Government of Canada

PSDIS Leaders meeting (closed meeting)

Taking place in parallel to the CAPP breakout sessions from 11.30am – 12.30pm

Supporting partners

The CAPP conference is made possible through the generous support of the Governments of Germany, Australia, France, United Kingdom, Canada and supporting development partners.

Further information

For further information, please visit <https://cop23.com.fj/capp-2019/> or email info@cop23.com.fj

You can also visit www.resilientpacific.org for further information on the PRM and on building climate and disaster resilience in the region.