

CAPPIII EXPERT PANELLISTS AND MODERATORS

SESSION 1: Enabling Pacific NDC implementation and enhancement

MODERATOR



Mr Amena Yauvoli

Amena Yauvoli is the Director General for the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG). Prior to his appointment as Director General, Ambassador Yauvoli served as Fiji's Ambassador for Climate Change and Oceans.

An experienced diplomat, he has also previously served as the interim Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF). Prior to that, Ambassador Yauvoli was Fiji's Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Apart from other senior Fijian Government appointments, he has also served as Senior Policy Adviser for Sustainable Development with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), from January 2004 to December 2005 and Manager/Director of the Pacific Community, North Pacific Regional Office in Federated States of Micronesia from February 2008 to December 2012.

Amena is a seasoned climate negotiator and served as chair of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA).

SPEAKERS



1. Ms Vanda Faaso-Chan Ting

Addressing challenges and capitalising on opportunities through the Pacific Regional NDC Hub

Vanda Faaso-Chan Ting is the Assistant Chief Executive Officer for the Renewable Energy Division within the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) in Samoa. The division is the implementing arm of the government with Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency projects, always striving to reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions from the Energy sector.

The division is responsible for the monitoring of Samoa's Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) which aims to generate 100% of electricity from renewable energy sources available locally. In addition to the NDC, Samoa's Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA) plan launched last year aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector by introducing electric mobility and related infrastructure as well as upscaling the production of biodiesel.

Vanda holds a Master of Science in Renewable Energy from Murdoch University, Australia, a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Teaching from the University of Newcastle, Australia



2. Hon. David Paul

Importance of Long-term Plans for NDC implementation and how this contributes to resilience

Hon. David Paul is the Minister in Assistance to the President and Minister for Environment for the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI). In his position as minister-in-assistance, he stands in as needed for President H.E. Hilda Heine. He has extensive working experience in the RMI Foreign Service spanning over more than 20 years.

The Minister is closely engaged with the private sector and had managed RMI's energy utility companies. Hon. Paul is a successful entrepreneur in the areas of real estate, energy and wholesale.

Hon. Paul has a Master's of Business Administration from the University of the South Pacific, a Bachelor of Arts Degree majoring in Political Science from Le Moyne College, Syracuse, New York and an associate of Arts Degree majoring in Political Science from the Colby Community College. The Minister is fluent in speaking, reading and writing conversational and technical French having undertaken intense studies in the French language in France.



3. Ms Alisi Tuqa

Investor perspective on NDC implementation

Alisi Tuqa is the Chief Executive Officer for the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organization Secretariat (PIPSO) based in Suva. Her role in PIPSO is to facilitate and collective mobilise support and resources for the PIPSO membership – the National Private Sector Organisations in 17 Pacific Island Countries and Territories. PIPSO works in 3 main areas – to enhance the business competitiveness of Pacific businesses; to work on institutional strengthening of its members; and to lobby and advocate for private sector issues at regional and international fora such as this (CAPP).

Prior to joining PIPSO, Alisi was with the SPC's Strategic Engagement, Policy and Planning Facility in New Caledonia, and before that, with the Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association.

Alisi has 15 years of work experience in regional policy and planning, research and analytical work, lobbying and advocacy. She is the Co-Chair of the Pacific Resilience Partnership Taskforce. Alisi is actively involved with Rotary Fiji, the Alliance Française de Suva, and Fiji Sailing.



4. Mr Ewen McDonald

Mr Ewen McDonald is the Head of the Office of the Pacific in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia. Mr McDonald coordinates and supports the Australian Government effort to build stronger relationships with Pacific leaders, governments and people, as well as with regional organisations and institutions.

Prior to this position, Mr McDonald was Australia's High Commissioner to New Zealand, with accreditation to the Cook Islands and Niue, He has extensive experience working with Pacific colleagues on foreign policy, development and humanitarian issues. He has worked hard to advocate for Pacific voices in international bodies including the UN.

Mr McDonald also served as the Deputy Secretary in DFAT with oversight of the Australian aid program, and UN work, with a particular focus on the Pacific. He has also held the position of Deputy Director General, AusAID and other senior positions across Government.

SESSION 2: Ocean Pathway: COP25 and other Ocean/Climate Action Priorities

MODERATOR



Mr Taholo Kami

Taholo is the Special Representative for Oceans with the Ministry of Economy where he leads and coordinates with Sweden, Chile and Partners Fiji's COP23 commitment to ensuring the role of the Ocean is integrated into the UNFCCC process and raising the bar for more action in the climate and ocean nexus. Taholo also facilitates Fiji's role as chair of the Commonwealth Ocean and Climate Action Group and is the Fiji Sherpa for the High Level Ocean Panel on Sustainable Ocean Economies led by Norway.

He established the Oceania Regional Office of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as Regional Director for 10 years and has been involved in conservation and sustainable development issues in the Pacific Islands and abroad.

SPEAKERS



1. Ms Sylvie Goyet

The Ocean Pathway

Sylvie Goyet is Director, Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability at SPC (Pacific Community) in New Caledonia. She has 20 years of experience directing and managing environmental programmes, expert in coastal and marine issues, conservation finance and general background in organizational management and strategic planning.

She was the Director General of the *Fondation Internationale du Banc d'Arguin*, a private Swiss foundation working in West Africa on coastal and marine issues for almost a decade. In her previous assignments, she was Regional Coordinator of the UNDP/GEF MedWetCoast project, Programme Manager at WWF International and programme officer at UNDP Black Sea Programme, UNEP Caspian Sea Programme, and UNDP Fiji.

Sylvie is a French and Swiss citizen, holds a Master degree in Environmental Management from the University of London, an MBA in Finance from the University of Texas and a Master in International Business from the Business School of Lyon.

As trustee, she serves the Wild Touch Association (France), the Conservation Finance Alliance (CFA), the BioGuine Foundation and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.



2. H.E Tregar Albon Ishoda

Pacific Blue Shipping Bond and Financing Sustainable Domestic Shipping

H.E Tregar Albon Ishoda is the Ambassador of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) to Fiji. He was previously Deputy Chief of Mission at RMI's Embassy to Fiji. Prior to that Ambassador Ishoda was the Executive Director for Marshall Islands Conservation Society. He was also the Assistant Chief of Policy Development for Marshall Islands

Marine Resources Authority (MIMRA) and co-chaired the RMI inter-sectoral Coastal Management Advisory Council.

He served in several Marshall Islands environmental, fisheries and communications capacities. The Honorable Ambassador is the co-author, trainer and facilitator of the regionally-renowned *Reimaanlak* 'Looking to the future' community-based national resource management framework.



3. Mr Heindrick Aloesi Petero

Towards a resilient marine sector: Aquaculture, Marine Protected Areas, Sustainable Ocean Economy

A Fijian national, Heindrick Aloesi Petero received a Bachelor of Science (Marine Environment) and Honours of Science (Marine Environment), both majoring in Aquaculture from the University of Tasmania. Petero was an associate investigator for several consultation projects. After spending over 10 years within the Australian commercial aquaculture industry, Petero joined the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies in 2015 and was recruited to the Australian Research Council Hub for the commercial development of Rock and Tropical lobster Culture systems in 2018.



4. Dr. Barbara Buchner

Blue Carbon and other ocean resilience investment options

Dr. Barbara Buchner is Executive Director of Climate Finance at Climate Policy Initiative. [Named](#) one of the 20 most influential women in climate change, Barbara advises leaders on climate, energy, and land use investments around the world.

Barbara is lead author on CPI's [Global Landscape of Climate Finance](#), a paper that has set the benchmark for climate finance tracking. She directs CPI's work as Secretariat of the [Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance](#) (the Lab). The Lab identifies, develops, and launches innovative climate finance instruments that resolve financing barriers for clean energy, sustainable land use, adaptation, and other green growth projects. Instruments from the Lab have mobilized over [one billion US dollars](#) for sustainable development in in just four years.

She holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Graz and was a Visiting Scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Barbara is based out of San Francisco.

SESSION 3: Climate finance innovations and the role of finance providers

MODERATOR



Mr Martijn Wilder

Martijn is head of Baker McKenzie's Global Environmental Markets and Climate Change practice. Martijn's practice focuses on climate change law, international carbon and broader environmental markets, climate and conservation finance and conservation projects. He is also Chair of the Baker McKenzie Law for Development Initiative.

Martijn is regarded as a legal pioneer in the development of climate change law. He advises on legal matters relating to climate change, environmental markets, sustainable development and conservation finance.

He is ranked as a Star Individual (the highest ranking available) by Chambers Global, is listed among the best lawyers in Environment and Climate Change by Best Lawyers Australia 2009-2016 and in the International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2009-2016.

Martijn is an Adjunct Professor of Climate Change Law at the Australian National University. His other roles include formal roles as Chair of the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and a Director of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC), WWF (Australia) and the Climate Council and an Affiliate.

SPEAKERS



1. Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum

Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum is Fiji's Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications. He is also the Minister responsible for climate change.

He oversaw the creation of a first-of-its-kind climate change unit in the Office of the Attorney-General to examine climate-related legal matters, such as how to protect the human rights of those displaced by climate impacts.

He is a strong proponent of climate adaptation and finance, and a leading global advocate for granting concessional finance to vulnerable countries in the aftermath of severe weather events.

Hon. Sayed-Khaiyum holds a Masters in Law from the University of Hong Kong and a Bachelor of Arts in political science and development studies from the Australian National University. He is admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Courts of Australia and Fiji.



2. Ms Emma Herd

Private investment innovations and requirements for decarbonised and resilient economies and communities

Emma Herd has been Chief Executive Officer at the Investor Group on Climate Change since August 2015. Emma has worked in climate change, sustainability, public policy and finance for almost twenty years.

Prior to IGCC, Emma spent 15 years at Westpac Banking Corporation where she worked at the vanguard of climate change and finance. She held a range of roles across carbon finance and emissions trading, ESG Risk assessment, public policy and advocacy, sustainability strategy development and corporate affairs across Westpac Institutional Bank and Westpac Banking Corporation. She started her career working in Parliamentary Committees (Senate and House of Representatives) in Parliament House, Canberra.

Emma is a Non-Executive Director of the Carbon Market Institute and a member of the Queensland Climate Change Advisory Council. She holds a Bachelor of Asian Studies (Thai) Hons.



3. Mr Wayne King

GCF Accreditation and its Complementarity with the National Banking Sector

Wayne King is the Director of Climate Change Cook Islands, which is located in the Office of the Prime Minister, in the Cook Islands. He also serves as the GCFs National Designated Authority (NDA).

Wayne has been involved in climate change issues since the early 1990's and has worked for the New Zealand Government, South Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP) and GEF, Asian Development Bank, World Bank and ran his own carbon company with a partner.

His work in the Cook Islands is focused not only in managing a climate change office, with staff, but is also focused on climate finance with the Cook Islands Ministry of Finance in terms of direct access to the Adaptation Fund and the GCF.

Wayne's other primary involvement, aside from ensuring the country's climate policy is implemented, is in the climate negotiations and how those meet the needs of Cook Islands and the region.



4. H.E. Kay Harrison

Investment for Zero Carbon New Zealand Climate Program, including Green Investment Finance Limited

H.E Harrison is New Zealand's Climate Change Ambassador. She worked as Lead Negotiator, International Carbon Markets at the Ministry for the Environment (MfE). She formerly headed MfE's Climate Change Directorate, which leads New Zealand's climate change policy and delivers the monitoring and reporting of the country's greenhouse gas emissions.

Previously, she held roles with Sport and Recreation New Zealand, the Museum of New Zealand (Te Papa) and the Office of Treaty Settlements.

H.E attended Victoria University of Wellington where she gained a Master of Arts and a Master of Public Policy. She was also a Harkness Fellow at Harvard University at the Kennedy School of Government.

SESSION 4: Mechanisms to address climate risk and cushion loss and damage

MODERATOR



Dr. Alvin Chandra

Dr. Alvin Chandra is a Climate Change Specialist with more than 13 years' experience with climate change, international development and environment management. He is the Gender Equity and Social Inclusion Adviser and Research Fellow for the University of Queensland and Regional Advisor (Asia Pacific) for GCF. Alvin previously worked for a number of other organizations like UNEP, UNDP, GIZ and Oxfam.

Alvin's current work interests focuses on socio-political and institutional dimensions of climate change adaptation, policy processes on climate-resilient agriculture, the utility of community-based approaches, and climate policy negotiations. Much of his recent work has focused on Southeast Asia and Pacific Islands. Alvin has experience in supporting UN intergovernmental processes under the three Rio Conventions - UNFCCC, UNCBD and UNCCD.

He holds a Ph.D from the University of Queensland and two Master's degree (with Distinction) in Science and Environment Management from University of Manchester and Lund University. He is a lead author for the UNEP Global Environment Outlook 6.

SPEAKERS



1. Ms Pepetua E. Latasi

Progressing Loss and Damage issues in the Pacific and at COP25

Ms. Pepetua E Latasi is the Director of the Department of Climate Change and Disaster, Government of Tuvalu, and is responsible for overall coordination of climate change and disaster-related matters at the national, regional and international level. She brings more than 10 years of work experience in the field of climate change and resource management.

She played a key role in developing Tuvalu's National Adaptation Programme of Action and the preparation of the project proposal for the Tuvalu Coastal Adaptation Project. She is now leading the team working on the formulation of Tuvalu's National Adaptation Plan and implementation of Tuvalu's NDC.

She is the only Pacific Islander in the UNFCCC Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage. She had the opportunity to co-chair this Executive Committee for 2 years. She is still serving in this Executive Committee. At COP23 Parties agreed to establish the Task Force on Displacement. Peptua was elected as one of the co-chairs of this Task Force and she is the only Pacific Islander serving in this body.

Ms Latasi is the designated National Focal Point for the UNFCCC.



2. Ms Makereta Waqavonovono

Enhancing Community Voices to Address Loss and Damage, Climate Displacement and Relocation

Makereta Waqavono is a researcher, human rights law and development practitioner. She has worked as a lawyer in government, regional organisations and the private sector in Australia, Fiji and the Solomon Islands for over 20 years.

Recently, she has been working with INGOs like the Australian based Climate Justice Program (CJP), regional NGOs like Pacific Islands Association of Non Government Organisation, (PIANGO) and the Pacific Islands Climate Action Network (PICAN) in climate justice and other related areas and developing a human rights-based climate test case.

She is currently working on a climate displacement and relocation project with the locally based Social Empowerment and Education Program (SEEP), PICAN and some members of Fiji's vulnerable coastal and riverine communities.

Makereta holds a Master's Degree in Law (Law and Development) from the Australian National University, Bachelor of Law from the University of New South Wales, Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the College of Law in Sydney and Bachelor of Arts from the University of the South Pacific.



3. Reverend James Bhagwan

Non-economic implications of hospitality in the context of climate induced migration and loss and damage

Reverend James Bhagwan is an ordained minister of the Methodist Church in Fiji and is the Secretary General of the Pacific Conferences of Churches. He is a graduate of the Pacific Theological College (Suva) and Methodist Theological University (Seoul).

Rev Bhagwan worked extensively in the media before joining the ministry. His areas of advocacy are climate justice - with particular emphasis on the ocean - gender equality, self-determination ecumenism and interreligious dialogue.

Rev Bhagwan holds a Bachelor of Divinity in Ecumenical Studies, Theology and Ethics, Master of Theology and currently pursuing (part time) his Ph.D in Church History and Ethics at the University of the South Pacific. In addition, he is a mentor and volunteer crew member for the Uto Ni Yalo Trust (Fiji traditional voyaging society).

4. Ms Sarah-Jane Wild



Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance and other tools for the Pacific

Sarah-Jane is the Head of Operations for the Pacific for Tower Insurance and prior to that was the General Manager of Tower Insurance in Fiji. Sarah-Jane is a board director for the Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Company and is the Deputy Chairperson of the Accident Compensation Commission in Fiji and Vice President of the Women in Business.

Sarah-Jane has 23 years experience in the insurance industry and holds a Diploma in Financial Studies with the Australia and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF).

BREAKFAST EVENT: Achieving Just Transformation in the Pacific

MODERATOR



Ms Leituala Kuiniselani Toelupe Tago-Elisara

Leituala Kuiniselani Toelupe Tago-Elisara is the Director for the Social Development Programme at the Pacific Community (SPC). The programme covers social development issues; particularly in relation to advancing gender equality; promotion of culture as an enabler for sustainable development and addressing youth development challenges

Leituala. has over 20 years of professional experience including in senior leadership roles, delivering policies and strategies to address development challenges in the social sector. As the Chief Executive Officer for the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development, Government of Samoa, from 2009-2015, she had responsibility for the strategic leadership and overall management for the Ministry on the areas of gender equality, youth development, child protection, disability and local governance and village development.

Leituala holds a Masters in International Social Development from the University of New South Wales; a Bachelor of Social Work from Massey University; an Advanced Diploma in Business Management from the University of New England Partnerships; and Diploma in Government and Certificate IV in Training and Assessment from Victoria University, Australia.

SPEAKERS



1. Dr Cristina Martinez

Exactly what is “Just Transition’ & how is climate change threatening “Decent Work”?

Dr Cristina Martinez is a Senior Specialist Environment and Decent Work at the International Labour Organization (ILO). Cristina works at the ILO office in Bangkok and she is also part of the ILO Global Team on Green Jobs and the Green Initiative.

Cristina has worked at the following organizations: (i) Asian Development Bank (ADB) as an Education Specialist (skills and Employment); (ii) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) where she held positions as Advisor of the Knowledge Sharing Alliance at the Secretary General Office and Senior Policy Analyst at the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs and Local Development (CFE); and (iii) Western Sydney University (Australia) as an Associate Professor.

Cristina is an Adjunct Fellow, Dean's Unit, School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University, affiliated with the Humanitarian and Development Research Initiative (HADRI).

2. Ms. Everlyn Fiualakwa

How real is the threat of women, people with special needs, and under-represented communities, being left behind in the transition to low emission societies?

Everlyn Fiualakwa is the Protection & Gender Social Inclusion Officer with the Government of the Solomon Islands



3. Moh'd Nasir Hassan (Dr)

How is the Health Sector important for a “Just Transition”?

Dr Nasir Hassan is currently the Environmental Health Specialist at the WHO Division of Pacific Technical Support based in Suva Fiji. He is responsible for providing technical advice to Pacific countries in the area of environmental health that include water and sanitation, occupational health, chemical safety, climate change and health, and environmental health response in emergencies. He was the responsible officer of the Pacific Islands Action Plan on Climate Change and Health, which was recently launched by Pacific Islands Health Ministers at the 71st World Health Assembly in Geneva. Prior to this, Dr Nasir Hassan was Coordinator for Health and the Environment Unit, Division of NCD and Health through Life-Course, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, based in Manila, Philippines; Team Leader on NCD and Environmental Health for the WHO Office in Cambodia; and responsible for Environmental Health Programme for WHO Lao PDR.

Dr Nasir Hassan is from Malaysia and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Sciences, University Putra Malaysia and later a Master of Philosophy Degree in Environmental Systems and PhD Degree in Environmental Engineering Economics from University of Lancaster, England.

SESSION 7: Climate Security issues in the Pacific

MODERATOR



Mr. Pär Liljert

Mr. Pär Liljert, Chief of Mission for IOM Australia and Coordinator for the Pacific. He assumed his duties as Chief of Mission -IOM Australia; Coordinator and Advisor for New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific last year.

For seven years (2011 –2018), Mr. Liljert served as the Special Envoy and Chief of Mission in China, representing IOM in People’s Republic of China, Mongolia and Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. Prior service as an international civil servant for IOM includes postings as the Chief of Mission in Tanzania (2007 –2011) and Chief of Mission in Zambia (2002 –2004). During his time at IOM, Mr. Liljert has worked on establishing IOM’s Africa Capacity Building Center (ACBC), donor liaison for activities in Africa and IOM emergency operations in Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Pakistan, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Lebanon and developing a regional consultative process for migration covering Southern Africa.

He holds a Master’s Degree in Political Science and Social Science from Lund University, Sweden and Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, USA.

SPEAKERS

1. Representative of Government of Nauru, Chair of Pacific Island Forum

[Why is the Boe Declaration important for the Pacific?](#)



2. Dr Chitralekha Marie Massey

[Climate Security in the context of human rights in the Pacific](#)

Dr. Chitralekha Marie Massey is the Regional Representative for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Pacific. Dr. Massey has over two decades of work experience in the field of human rights. She was previously the Senior Human Rights Adviser for the UN in Tanzania, the Head of the Kurdistan Region Human Rights Office for the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) and prior to this the Deputy Chief UN Human Rights at UNAMI. She has worked in a number of post-conflict and conflict postings and highlights of her time in the context has been working for the establishment of NHRIs and provided support to governments for the effective implementation of ESCR and CCPR.

She holds a Ph.D from the University of Nottingham in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law; a Masters of Law in International Human Rights Law (University of Nottingham) and a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Genetics.



3. Colonel Litea Seruiratu

National Security and Climate Change in the Pacific

Colonel Seruiratu is the Director Human Resources of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces, Ministry of Defence.

She is the first female to hold the rank of Colonel in the Fiji Military Forces.

Colonel Seruiratu is a graduate of the Australian Defence College and Fellow of the Australian Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies. While studying at the Australian Defence College her thesis focussed on National Security and Climate Change. Colonel Seruiratu holds a Master's of Arts degree in International Relations from Deakin University, Melbourne Australia and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of the South Pacific.



4. Mr Shaun Gilchrist

Climate change affecting Jobs and national security implications in the Pacific

Shaun is the President of the Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) and is actively involved in ongoing dialogue with the Vanuatu Government on the revision and suitability of Government Bills prior to presentation to Parliament.

Shaun has represented the VCCI and Private sectors at a number of regional forums, including the Pacific Islands Leaders Forum in Nauru in September 2018, and recently represented Vanuatu's Private Sector in the Trade Negotiations with New Caledonia in February 2019

Shaun is Chairman and CEO of Azure Pure Water, Vanuatu's first and largest bottled water manufacturer.

An Australian Citizen by birth and resident of Vanuatu since 2009, Shaun held a number of roles both domestically and internationally during that time. Initially employed as Regional General Manager of a large regional IT Company based out of Port Moresby, he was responsible for the operations of Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Fiji businesses. Following this, he has consulted to both Telecommunications Companies in Vanuatu (Telecom Vanuatu and Digicel) on operational and strategic operations.