

Climatic Hazards Programme

Nurturing the Pacific Contribution to IPCC

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The University of the South Pacific (USP) and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), in conjunction with the Asian Network on Climate Science and Technology (ANCST), coordinated by SEADPRI-UKM, Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN), International Science Council Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ISC-ROAP) together with other partners conducted an initiative to strengthen the Asia Pacific contribution to the Sixth Assessment Cycle of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC AR6).

The initiative was implemented through a Workshop and Dialogue on Key Findings of the IPCC and Bridging the Science and Technology Divide in the Pacific Islands held on 14-15 November 2019 in the USP. The workshop aimed to familiarize Pacific scientists with the IPCC process and engage with science institutions relevant to the IPCC in the Pacific. To set the scene of the two-day workshop, the IPCC experts began the event with an overview IPCC presentation, followed with IPCC videos. Participation from the APN Secretariat included presentation of an overview of APN initiatives in the South Pacific.

The workshop was followed by a presentation and sharing of research on climate and disaster risk in the Pacific. There was also a presentation to share the experience of Asian youths who are mobilising science, engineering, technology and innovation, to connect climate change and disaster risks. Overall presentations set off a discussion on how to build research capacity through voices from the Pacific, as well as identifying pathways and building partnerships to advance science and technology in the region.



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The Workshop & Dialogue on Key Findings of the IPCC & Bridging the S&T Divide in the Pacific Islands (14-15 November 2019, Suva) involved the youth and young professionals from the Southwest Pacific Island States, who had the opportunity to interact with the IPCC experts.



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The second day of the workshop saw the hands-on-training to review Chapter 15 on Small Islands of the IPCC Working Group II First Order Draft. The submission of review comments for Chapter 15 was done in a group. This was followed by a discussion on knowledge gaps in the Pacific Islands and means of addressing the gaps in the IPCC AR6 cycle through a systematic and sustained publication initiative helmed by the USP and SPREP. Apart from these, a call was also made for youths from the Pacific Islands to assemble and join the UNDRR's Asia Pacific S&T Conference on DRR in Kuala Lumpur on 16-17 March 2020, where they could make their presence felt.

Objective: To familiarize Pacific scientists with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) process and engage with science institutions relevant to the IPCC in the Pacific

Outcome: Capacity built to provide input through the IPCC review process, familiarization with the process of writing peer reviewed papers and awareness of regional science institutions linked to the IPCC.