

Updates from the Pacific Climate Change Centre Dec 2020 – April 2021

1. Recruitment of the PCCC Team

Two key positions of the PCCC recruited in quarter 1 2021.

- Technical Adviser Science to Service – Ms Yvette Kerslake (start 12 April 2021)
- Finance and Administration Officer – Ms Naoafioga Feuu (start 1 April 2021)

i. PCCC Staff

1. Manager – ‘Ofa Ma’asi-Kaisamy (Tonga)
2. Finance Readiness Adviser – Mr Fred Pattison (Solomon Islands)
3. Technical Adviser Science to Service – Ms Yvette Kerslake (Samoa)
4. Finance and Administration Officer – Ms Naoafioga Feuu (Samoa)

* Technical Adviser Information and Knowledge Brokerage is pending confirmation from the successful candidate – possible start date is 25 May 2021

ii. CBCRP JICA/PCCC Project

1. Ms. Masako Ogawa, JICA Expert/Chief Advisor (Japan)
2. Mr. Yuji Ueno, JICA Expert, Project Coordinator/Regional Training – (Japan)
3. Ms. Christine Tuioti, Project Assistant – (Samoa)

2. Update of key milestones under the requirements of the Grant Agreement between SPREP and MFAT

1. A Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning (MERL) Framework (submitted on 9 April 2021)
2. A full Multi-year Costed Workplan (Submitted on 9 April 2021)
3. A Health and Safety Plan and Risk Register for the PCCC (submitted on 9 April 2021)

3. Advisory Board

1. The first meeting of the Advisory Board was convened on 4 December 2020.
2. The Advisory Board approved the PCCC Workplan 2020-2023, Overarching MERL Framework and Theory of Change, Risk Register Matrix, JICA -PCCC CBCRP Capacity Training Program Report.
3. The next meeting date for the Advisory Board is set for 26 April 2021.

4. PCCC Solar System with support from the NDC Hub

1. The connection Agreement was signed between SPREP and EPC on 22 December 2020.
2. The commissioning of the 20kWh system was convened on 20 Feb 2021. The PCCC solar system 20kWp is fully operational. It is producing power and exporting it back into the EPC grid. The final configuration and remote communication was set up by EPC on 5 Mar 2021.
3. The tender for the procurement, supply, installation, and commissioning of 80kWp Rooftop Solar System for the PCCC was advertised on 4 March 2021. Closing date for tender was 15 March 2021.
4. Separate consumption meter for PCCC to be installed by 16 April 2021.

5. PCCC E-learning platform

1. Successful launch of the PCCC E-learning platform on Friday 12 March 2021. 97 participants from Member countries, partners, universities, peer CROP Agencies joined remotely. Close to 80 guests attended in person. PCCC would like to acknowledge the kind support from the Government of Ireland through the CCR program. Also acknowledging the work of Dr. Siasa Carter, *Consultant*, in building and designing of the e-learning platform.
2. The platform is currently hosting 12 Executive courses through the CBCRP project, 3 Children's Courses and few open learning courses. 6 more courses on
3. The review of the current trainings and workshop materials on climate change and the needs of the PCCC in relation to the design and delivery of capacity building activities is ongoing.
4. The number of access to the platform has increased from 500 to 1000 participants accessing at the same time. Through support from MFAT the PCCC were able to increase the access rate, storage, and operational capacity of the e-learning platform.

6. Progress on JICA/PCCC Capacity Building on Climate Resilience Project (CBCRP)

1. More than two hundred (200) participants from PICTs, Timor Leste and CROP Agencies participated in the 5 training programs on Coastal Management, Climate Science, Access to Climate Finance and Disaster Risk Reduction from September 2020 – April 2021.
2. CBCRP project period extended ending in January 2023. The project will further deliver 7 training programs:
 - Ecosystem based Adaptation, June-July 2021,
 - Agriculture and Fisheries, September-October 2021,
 - Health, November-December 2021,
 - Tourism, March 2022
 - Water in May, 2022
 - Access to Climate Finance, August -November 2022.

Pipeline projects for the PCCC

1. AF - Proposal for Projects (up to US\$ 5M) to Support Innovation and Enhanced Direct Access
2. Irish Fund (USD 100,00) for the installation of the remaining 80kw Solar panel
3. University of New Castle Partnership on Climate Change Applied Research
4. Australian Pacific Climate Partnership for developing Knowledge Brokerage Products

Key support needed for the PCCC

Seek support to enable the PCCC to:

1. Recruit two key positions (PCCC Coordinator & PCCC Capacity building officer)
2. Resources to enable the achievement of the 100% renewable solar generation target for the Pacific Climate Change Centre.
3. Support to complete the conference equipment setup for the PCCC to cater for large meetings which includes fully equipped conference rooms table mics, 360-degree cameras, interpreters' equipment etc and be portable to setup in other venues.
4. Support for hosting the first Pacific Regional virtual exhibition of latest innovative technologies to addressing resilience in the Pacific in October 2021 prior to COP26.
5. Resource for improvement of the E-learning platform and populate with new training materials.
6. Support for upgrading of service delivery through the Pacific Climate Change Portal.

Key priorities for 2021 for the PCCC

Capacity Building:

1. Establish an e-learning platform as a 'one-stop-shop' to provide training and sign posting for other training
2. Develop Executive courses and training components predominantly focus on the regional and national levels and on the needs of policymakers and practitioners including governments, civil society organisations and those in, or working with, the private sector.
3. Support for 'Impacts database' of lessons learnt completed and available on the PCCP

Knowledge Brokerage

1. Secure adequate funding and technical support is available for improved access to the information on climate and meteorological science, climate change impacts and climate change responses (adaptation and mitigation) in user-friendly formats
2. Support is leveraged for Improved access to practical tools, applications, and processes to improve the application of science in decision-making
3. Design strategy for increased voluntary contribution to be able to plan the PCCC's work on Knowledge Brokerage and to effectively, support the work of its Secretariat, SPREP/CCR and the Advisory Board.

Applied Research

1. Develop partnerships with researchers whether its long-term applied research projects or short-term visiting researchers
2. Improved engagement of countries in the design and delivery of research and improved application of research outputs

Supporting Innovation

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1. Hold the first Pacific Regional Innovation Exhibition to showcase innovative ideas, solutions, technology and knowledge on Climate Change. The forum will bring together the latest science technology, ideas, solutions, knowledge with locally determined needs or those with challenges and with those with solutions.
2. Provide ongoing support and regular updates to the PCCP innovation webpage