

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

(April – October 2025)

- PCCC Research Roadmap highlighted at the Pacific Regional Research Symposium, Tonga.
- SPREP Celebrates 32 years anniversary!
- PCCC emphasizes the critical role of climate innovative solutions at the UNDP Sustainable Finance Policy Dialogue held in Samoa.
- PCCC convenes the second Joint Coordination Committee Meeting (JCC) for the Innovative Solutions for the Pacific Climate Change Resilience (ISPCCR) Project.
- Call for Proposal for Mentoring Services under the ISPCCR Project (JICA).
- ADRA Samoa strengthens climate resilience through visit to the Pacific Climate Change Centre.
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- PCCR 2025: PCCC-led Events ESRAM & Innovation Lounge.
- Pacific Climate Change Innovation Lounge hosts first Webinar on Keeping the Paris Agreement's 1.5° Alive.
- PCCC delivers National Training on the Fundamentals of Project Development and Climate Finance Access in Nauru.
- Strengthening Pacific Engagement on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).
- PCCC officially launched its Pacific Climate Change Innovation Lounge at the 32nd SPREP Meeting in Samoa.
- PCCC strengthens Public and Public Private Collaboration to address Climate Change impacts in the Pacific.
- PCCC joins the Pacific Dialogue and call for credible, inclusive, and equity-led actions ahead of COP30, 2026.
- University of Melbourne and PCCC secure AUD 500K to enhance climate, energy, and health resilience across Small Island Developing States.
- Adaptation Futures 2025 PCCC Panel: Catalyzing Innovative Climate Solutions for a Resilient Pacific.
- PCCC-led events at the Adaptation Future Conference 2025, Christchurch New Zealand.
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Welcome to the Fourth Edition of the *Nafa* Newsletter!



Malo e Lelei!

I am pleased to bring to you another edition of the “Nafa Newsletter” with highlights of the continued work of your Pacific Climate Change Centre.

On the 4th of November 2025, we celebrated the 5th year anniversary of the Pacific Climate Change Centre. This milestone is not just a marker of time but a testament to the vision of the PCCC “Catalyzing Climate Action and Investment in the Pacific”, dedication, and partnership that have brought us this far. Together, we have built a hub where ideas flourish, challenges are embraced, and solutions are crafted for building resilience of our Pacific community.

From the very beginning, the PCCC was founded on the Mission: “A respected Centre of Excellence for a Climate Resilient Pacific through brokering of knowledge, applied research, capacity building and innovation”. Excellence is not a destination but a journey, a continuous pursuit of learning, innovation, solutions, and impact.

Lastly, as I prepare to embark on the next chapter of my career, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to our host Government of Samoa, member countries, partners, donors and stakeholders and SPREP leadership and colleagues – I am honored to be entrusted with this role for the past five years. Working together has been a truly rewarding experience, and I will always cherish the memories and lessons I’ve gained during my time as the Manager of the Pacific Climate Change Centre. This transition is bittersweet, and while I’m excited about the opportunities ahead, I will deeply miss the camaraderie, collaboration, and shared successes we’ve experienced together through the PCCC.

I wish you all continued success and happiness.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fakamalo atu moe loto hounga’ia mo’oni!

‘Ofa Ma’asi-Kaisamy,
Manager, PCCC

PCCC Research Roadmap highlighted at the Pacific Regional Research Symposium, Tonga.

The Pacific Regional Research Symposium 2025 was held in Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga from 22-23 May 2025, under the theme of “Transforming Agriculture and Forestry in the Pacific through Science, Technology, and Partnerships”. The manager of the PCCC chaired the session on Climate Change and Yvette Kerslake Technical Adviser for Science to Services presented on the Pacific Climate Change Research Roadmap. The overall objective of the Research Roadmap 2025 is to enable transdisciplinary research to connect the communities responsible for climate change science research and climate change adaptation to contribute jointly to the improved safety, security, and prosperity of Pacific Islands within the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.



SPREP Celebrates 32 years anniversary!



Guided by the theme ‘Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future’, the SPREP Open Day celebrating its 32nd anniversary provided invited guests and staff of the Secretariat with the opportunity to reflect on their collective journey, celebrate and share their achievements, and be inspired by the positive impacts and outcomes of their collective actions and be reinvigorated in their continued efforts to ensure the protection and conservation of the Pacific environment. The event also provided the opportunity for guests to be acquainted with the work and services of the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC).

Full story:

https://www.sprep.org/news/sprep-celebrates-32-years-of-protecting-the-pacific-environment?fbclid=IwY2xjawNIMM9leHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETFrVVBINrVHT0xQV0VwaFRXAR4OhxftZnuWVv351w1sBUPa94XzP4pRhnl1UKb3YqPkC411QO7YcL6Ln0XQzKg_aem_vgG0KDjMWki19tGkU6UaVA

PCCC emphasizes the critical role of climate innovative solutions at the UNDP Sustainable Finance Policy Dialogue held in Samoa.



The critical role of climate innovative solutions in shaping resilient futures for the Pacific was highlighted by the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) during a key Dialogue to build sustainable Blue and Green Economy in the Pacific held in Samoa in June this year.

The Manager of PCCC, Ms ‘Ofa Kaisamy was a panellist during the two-day UNDP Sustainable Finance Policy Dialogue on the theme “Unlocking Sustainable Finance for the Green and Blue Economy, Governance, Resilience and Investment Pathways for Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, and Tokelau”.

Ms Kaisamy introduced the ‘Pacific Climate Change Innovative Investment Hub’ a platform designed to nurture homegrown climate solutions and enhance regional capacity to access sustainable finance.

Full story:

<https://www.facebook.com/SPREP.PROE/posts/pfbid0ZsogSHDdoBN2X2DWssJyKqETkDWnheMHZkMN26kEq9v2x9CYnjhctmMGr6QK2nJrl>

PCCC convenes the second Joint Coordination Committee Meeting (JCC) for the Innovative Solutions for the Pacific Climate Change Resilience (ISPCCR) Project.



Full story:

<https://tinyurl.com/3jkwa8du>

Capacity building, knowledge sharing and enhancing co-ordination between public and private sectors are considered critical for developing innovative solutions in response to the climate crisis. These were highlighted as some of the achievements during the opening of the second Joint Coordination Committee Meeting (JCC 2) for the Project on Innovative Solutions for the Pacific Climate Change Resilience (ISPCCR). Held on 3 July 2025 at the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC), the meeting brought together project partners to reflect on the progress made over the last twelve months, present key achievements, and challenges in implementation, as well as chart the path for activities over the next year.

Call for Proposal for Mentoring Services under the ISPCCR Project (JICA)

The Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) hosted at SPREP, with the support of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), held the first orientation session on the Call for Proposal for Mentoring Services at Vailima on the 24 July 2025. The session, attended by Samoa Government officials and members of the private sector and representatives from other Pacific countries joining virtually, aimed to strengthen collaboration between public and private sector to build climate resilience and drive sustainable development. The Orientation for the Mentoring Services is an important activity, geared towards the recruitment of technical mentors to strengthen the foundations for high-quality climate change project applications from the Pacific region that underpins private and public collaboration.



Full story:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxe5whm>



ADRA Samoa strengthens climate resilience through visit to the Pacific Climate Change Centre.

Full story:

www.facebook.com/SPREP.PROE/posts/pfbid04RsNBzZLSBhkNizEyhYYtAkke9wTuP9N6d3f7pzK7GnGp3RvBtyN2tRLVfhEW4DRI

A visit by a team from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Samoa was welcomed by the PCCC on the 28 July 2025. The visit provided an opportunity for knowledge sharing to strengthen shared understanding and explore collaboration opportunities in addressing climate change impacts in Samoa and across the Pacific region.

The ADRA delegation was keen to learn more about the PCCC's work on its four mutual reinforcing functions of capacity building, knowledge brokerage, research, and innovation to build Pacific resilience.

PCCC calls for advancing health-climate nexus and community resilience at the 2025 Global Conference on Climate Change and Health



In the lead up to COP30, the Global Conference on Climate Change and Health presented the Belem Action Plan for the adaptation of the health sector to climate change. The event was co-organized by the Government of Brazil, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), and the Alliance for Transformative Action on Climate and Health (ATACH) from 29 – 31 July 2025 in Brasilia, Brazil. The Pacific Climate Change Centre represented by the Manager, Ms. Ofa Kaisamy expressed a shared commitment to support Pacific Island Countries in advancing the climate and health nexus in preparation for COP30 and the Belem Action Plan. In her remarks she reiterated that “the Pacific is a climate change hotspot, facing substantial climate-related threats to physical and mental health and therefore there is a need for climate-related health impacts knowledge to be incorporated into national and international policy”.

Full story:
<https://tinyurl.com/42h954v2>



PCCR 2025: PCCC-led Events ESRAM & Innovation Lounge

The 2025 Pacific Climate Change Roundtable convened in Apia in August 2025. The high-level event united representatives from across the region with a renewed call for urgent, tangible action to meet the 1.5°C target and safeguard the future of Pacific communities. During the meeting the PCCC team held two side events to promote the Ecosystem and Socio-economic Resilience Mapping (ESRAM) tool as well as the Pacific Climate Change Innovation Lounge. The Pacific Island's Guide to ESRAM was highlighted as a community-based identification and prioritization of Ecosystem-based Adaptation which is a Pacific designed and fit for purpose nature-based solution assessment tool. The innovation lounge was introduced as a dynamic platform designed to accelerate climate change innovation, research and partnerships across the Pacific region that brings together virtual spaces to showcase innovative solutions, foster collaboration, host webinars and support transformative climate change action tailored to Pacific Island needs.

Full story:
<https://fb.me/e/3zLsw2LSG>

Pacific Climate Change Innovation Lounge hosts first Webinar on Keeping the Paris Agreement's 1.5° Alive



Full story:
<https://tinyurl.com/yj6mjurw>

Ahead of #COP30, the PCCC hosted at SPREP delivered a webinar on “Keeping the Paris Agreement Goal of 1.5 Alive and the New Quantified Goal on Climate Finance.” The event brought together climate leaders, negotiators, researchers and scientist, youth advocates, and development partners from across the Pacific to exchange insights on Keeping the Paris Agreement of 1.5°C alive and the New Quantified Goal on Climate Finance for Pacific Small Island Developing States. The webinar highlighted the urgency of safeguarding the 1.5°C goal, addressing the special circumstances of Pacific Islands, and ensuring equitable access to climate finance under the New Quantified Collective Goal.



Strengthening Pacific Engagement on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

The Director General of SPREP, Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra met with the Vice Chair of IPCC, Dr. Ladislaus Changá as well as Mr. Fleur Downard and Ms. Katrina Maguire from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Australia at the Sixth Forum of Ministers and Environment Authorities of Asia Pacific in Nadi on 29 August 2025. The discussion highlighted the engagement of SPREP through PCCC playing a central role in capacity building, knowledge sharing and communicating relevant information to the Pacific Region to ensure coordinated and effective representation of the Pacific in the IPCC process and acknowledged the Government of Australia through the DCCEEW's financial support to the PCCC to strengthen Pacific coordination in the IPCC.

Full story:
<https://tinyurl.com/ye4atr3x>

PCCC delivers National Training on the Fundamentals of Project Development and Climate Finance Access in Nauru.



The Pacific Climate Change Centre in partnership with the Government of Nauru delivered a National Training on the Fundamentals of Project Development and Design for Climate Finance Access was held on 26–27 August. The two days capacity building program was designed to empower officials across ministries with the skills to design impactful climate change projects and unlock access to climate finance. As Nauru continues to face serious climate challenges—from coastal erosion to water insecurity, this training is a vital step toward building resilience and advancing sustainable development. – Ms. Ofa Kaisamy, PCCC Manager.

Full story:
<https://tinyurl.com/3xrm2yk4>

PCCC officially launched its Pacific Climate Change Innovation Lounge at the 32nd SPREP Meeting in Samoa.

The 32nd SPREP Meeting of Officials (32SM) in September 2025 was guided by the theme “Sustaining our Pacific Environment in Harmony with our Cultures”. During the meeting, the PCCC proudly launched the Pacific Climate Change Innovation Lounge – a dynamic platform designed to accelerate climate change innovation, research, and partnerships across the Pacific region. The Innovation Lounge brings together virtual spaces to showcase innovative solutions, foster collaboration, host webinars and support transformative climate change action tailored to Pacific Island needs. This milestone marks the beginning of a new era in strengthening our communities through enhanced knowledge, capacity development, and innovative solutions for a climate-resilient future.



Full story:
<https://tinyurl.com/juff79eu>

PCCC strengthens Public and Public Private Collaboration to address Climate Change impacts in the Pacific.



The PCCC hosted at SPREP, and the Innovative Solutions for Pacific Climate Change Resilience (ISPCCR) announced 75 nominations from 13 Pacific Island Countries and Territories in September this year to participate in the training course Strengthening Public and Private Collaboration to address Climate Change impacts in the Pacific. These participants from government agencies, the private sector, and NGOs all committed to enhancing cross-sector collaboration for climate resilience in the region. This is the second training under the PCCC-ISPCCR, a result from the partnership between the Government of Samoa, PCCC/SPREP, and JICA.

Full stories:

<https://tinyurl.com/3f7jkhy7>

<https://tinyurl.com/2n74946c>



PCCC joins the Pacific Dialogue and call for credible, inclusive, and equity-led actions ahead of COP30, 2026.

As the world prepares for COP30 in Brazil, Mr. Fred Patison, Climate Finance Readiness Adviser at PCCC joined an online dialogue aimed to bridge the outcomes of COP30 in Brazil and discuss how the COP30 Action Agenda can help shape a credible, inclusive, and equity-led COP in 2026. Mr Patison reflected on the recent Pacific led International Court of Justice (ICJ) Advisory opinion on climate change and obligation of major emitters to align their NDCs to the 1.5 degrees goal which is a priority for Pacific Island countries. He reiterated that the negotiations must move from processes oriented talking to concrete actions to keep 1.5 alive within the next 3 years based on science.

Full story:

<https://tinyurl.com/2r3d5s8p>

University of Melbourne and PCCC secure AUD 500K to enhance climate, energy, and health resilience across Small Island Developing States.

The University of Melbourne, in partnership with the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) has once again secured over half a million dollars in funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to improve climate, energy and health resilience. The AUD 500,790 grant from the Australia Awards Fellowship initiative, will fund 15 fellows to attend a six-week program hosted by Melbourne Climate Futures, the University's climate change research initiative. This is the third consecutive round of Australia Awards funding the program has secured and, this round, will select fellows from the Caribbean, as well as the Indo-Pacific region, with the collaboration of the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre.



Full story:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdmzm836>



Adaptation Futures 2025 PCCC Panel: Catalyzing Innovative Climate Solutions for a Resilient Pacific

The PCCC hosted at SPREP led a panel discussion on “Catalysing Innovative Climate Solutions for a Resilient Pacific” at the AF2025 in Christchurch, New Zealand. The session brought together regional and international leaders to explore how to drive innovation for climate change resilience across the Pacific. Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General of SPREP, emphasized that “Business-as-usual solutions are not enough for the Pacific. Innovation is critical for building resilience.”

The panel discussion highlighted the importance of community-driven, fit-for-purpose, scalable, affordable solutions tailored to local contexts as well as inclusive partnerships and collaborative innovation among stakeholders to address the unique challenges of Pacific Island Countries.

Full story:
<https://tinyurl.com/4p6tde64>

The Government of New Zealand extends support for the PCCC



On the final day of the Adaptation Futures 2025 Conference in Christchurch New Zealand, the Director General of SPREP, Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra and Ms. Rachel Chisholm, a Senior Climate Change Advisor from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade co-signed a variation for the extension of the Grant Funding Agreement between SPREP and the Government of New Zealand for the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) until March 2027. This is a significant milestone and outcome befitting of the Adaptation Futures Conference theme for 2025 which is “accelerating adaptation actions towards the impacts of climate change”. Since establishment in 2019, the Government of New Zealand through MFAT provided financial assistance to the PCCC for staffing support with a total value of up to USD4.47 million (NZD7.8million).

Full story:
<https://tinyurl.com/kukxdjw5>

PCCC hosts Webinar on Earth Observation Technologies for Climate Resilience in the Pacific



Organized by the Pacific Climate Change Centre, The Innovative Solutions for Pacific Climate Change Resilience (ISPCCR) Project, and co-hosted with SPC / Digital Earth Pacific, the webinar on earth observation technologies is part the Pacific Climate Change Innovation Lounge series. It brings together leading experts to explore how Earth Observation (EO) technologies, including satellite data, can support climate resilience in Pacific Island Countries. Insights into EO tools like GSMAp and Sentinel satellites

Real-world applications from Pacific innovators, a panel discussion on regional collaboration and scaling EO solutions Opportunities to engage with data providers and innovators.

Full story:
<https://tinyurl.com/5n8rvnsc>

PCCC-led events at the Adaptation Future Conference 2025, Christchurch New Zealand



Full story:
<https://tinyurl.com/bdmn8dcj>

Pacific Oceans Pacific Climate Change Conference - A platform for Pacific Climate Resilience

The POPCCC is a bi-annual event co-hosted by the Victoria University of Wellington, National University of Samoa (NUS), the Solomon Islands National University (SINU) and the Pacific Climate Change Centre hosted at SPREP. The event highlighted key outcomes from the 4th POPCCC 2024 Conference and discussions on Pacific-led approaches to climate resilience, partnerships, and the importance of translating science into policy and action. The event also looked ahead to POPCCC 2026, to be hosted at the Solomon Islands National University (SINU), with a focus on sustaining regional collaboration and mobilizing resources for a resilient Blue Pacific future.



Full story:
<https://tinyurl.com/bdhtm4nu>

Adaptation Futures 2025 – Early Career Network Event

The Manager for the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC), Ms. Ofa Kaisamy had the opportunity to speak to a group of students and young professionals who are aspiring to pursue a career in climate adaptation at the Early Career Network Event hosted by the University of Canterbury at the Indigenous Forum. Ms. Kaisamy who is a lawyer by profession highlighted the cross-cutting and multi-disciplinary nature of climate change which means that while everyone's journey in building a career in the climate adaptation space may be different, we all have a role to play in influencing positive change in communities, private sector and government under the different capacity and expertise we serve and provide.



Full story:
<https://tinyurl.com/4mxhme4b>

Adaptation Futures 2025

“We are all Islands, but we are neither small, nor the same”.

The Australia Awards Fellowship is an immersive leadership, capacity development, knowledge exchange and networking initiative, coordinated by PCCC and Melbourne Climate Futures under the University of Melbourne to equip Fellows with additional skills, networks, and resources to drive climate action in their communities. Through funding from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the University of Melbourne and Adaptation Futures, six fellows from Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Vanuatu, and Solomon Islands attended the Adaptation Futures Conference 2025 in Christchurch New Zealand. They presented their islands adaptation challenges and solutions at the Ocean, Islands, Futures – Strategic Challenges and Diversity session under the theme – “We are all Islands, but we are neither small, nor the same”.

Upcoming Events: December 2025 – June 2026

- *Final review of the DFAT Funded “Strengthening the Services of the PCCC” project*
- *Climate Health Project Pre-Workshop*
- *Pacific Action to enhance the Visibility of Evidence on Health and Climate Change Impacts*
- *PCCC 5th Year Anniversary*
- *2nd Pacific IPCC Regional Dialogue and Writeshop*
- *COP30 – Brazil, November 2025*
- *Official Launch of the Australia Awards “Enhancing Climate, Energy and Health Resilience across the Pacific and Caribbean” Fellowship*
- *PCCC Advisory Board Meeting*
- *PAVE Regional Workshop*
- *IPCC 64th*
- *Pacific Climate and Environment Innovation Forum*

The Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) is the regional Centre of excellence for climate change information, research, capacity building, and innovation, hosted at the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in Apia, Samoa. As a Centre of excellence, the PCCC is mandated to provide practical information, support, and training to address the adaptation and mitigation priorities of Pacific Island communities.

The PCCC is underpinned by strong partnerships with Pacific Governments, applied research institutions, donors, civil society, and the private sector. The PCCC is a partnership between the Governments of Japan and Samoa. It is funded under grant aid through JICA for Samoa as the host country of SPREP. Additionally, the Centre receives generous funding and support from the Governments of New Zealand, Ireland, and Australia.



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