

2013 Theme: "Building Resilience to Climate Change through Collaboration"

The Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) is the bi-annual premium climate change coordination mechanism for the Pacific which was established to coordinate and facilitate climate change dialogue and networking in the region. PCCR also facilitate linking global and regional stakeholders with the national and community levels.

The PCCR coordination role supports the monitoring and reporting on progress made in the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC) as well as supporting regional organisations' coordination in support of Pacific Islands Countries and Territories (PICTs) climate change priorities for actions linked to national development agendas.

The PCCR is led by a steering committee approved by the previous PCCR for the following two years. The 2013 steering committee is made up of one representative from each of the following countries and organisations: SPREP (coordinator) Micronesia (Nauru and Kiribati), Melanesia (Fiji and Vanuatu), Polynesia (Niue and Cook Islands) PIFS, USP, SPC, NGOs, UN agencies in the Pacific and representatives of donors (AusAID).

The theme for the 2013 PCCR is "**Building Resilience to Climate Change through Collaboration**". The PCCR steering committee decided on this theme as it speaks to where the Pacific is placing emphasis on certain climate change issues as well as being reflective of lessons learned at different levels - global, regional and national.

Building resiliency or achieving a state of resilience is specific to each country or community depending on capacity (including labour force, governance/political, socio-economic and ecological (environment and biological)) exposure, type of hazards and physical/geological characteristics. The process for building capacity therefore has to be tailor made for each PICTs. In some cases delivery methods could be similar for a group of countries or communities, such as training a group of planners on how to assess and analyse disaster risk related to climate change.

One common element in building resiliency for PICTs is the role of "collaboration" with an aim to build resilience from climate change impacts at the global, regional and national levels. For example, collaboration is key to expediting new global commitments to reducing green house gas emissions. Similarly, collaboration on climate change finance either through pledging or for the PICTs to access those finances is of priority to PICTs adaptation and mitigation.

At the regional level, collaboration of agencies and stakeholders is critical for enhanced support to PICTs. Effective and efficient response to climate change risks and impacts as a cross cutting development issue requires collaboration among agencies with a mix of expertise and responsibilities. At the regional level, there are several examples of regional steering committees, technical teams and MOUs and LoAs to promote collaborations. The key though to effective collaboration is a strong coordination role which is reflected in the CROPs differentiated responsibility¹

¹ Attachment



At the national level the PICTs that have strong collaborations and coordination mechanisms showed marked progress in climate change adaptation, mitigation and related disaster risk management. Such collaboration requires a participatory approach including men and women at all levels, that involve multi-sectors and is multi-disciplinary. It is apparent then that collaborations need to extend to the provincial and community/outer islands levels, not just the central government level.

Building resilience is synonymous with building capacity. Given the dynamics, mobility and development paths of each PICTs, it is not a one off exercise where we could sit back and say we have achieved resiliency. It should be ongoing and responsive to beneficiaries exposure situation and adaptation capacity.

In this context the theme and the objectives of the 2013 PCCR was chosen: **"Building Resilience to Climate Change through Collaboration"**

PCCR Objectives and Intended Outcomes

The objectives of the PCCR 2013 are to:

- Facilitate ongoing interaction among Climate Change stakeholders
- Assess the progress made on the implementations of the recommendations from the 2011 PCCR
- Share lessons learned and new climate change initiatives
- Share the progress made by the Pacific Climate Change Portal and reports from PIFACC monitoring
- Facilitate discussions and networking on climate change emerging priorities
- Facilitate PCCR input to the RoadMap meeting

The intended outcomes of the Meeting are:

- Strengthened climate change stakeholders networking and partnerships
- Strengthened PCCR working arrangements and to promote collaboration
- Guidance on the use of the PCCP
- Awareness of lessons learned from PIFACC implementation
- Commitments for collaboration at all levels
- PCCR statement to the RoadMap meeting

Approaches:

The PCCR will provide stakeholders and interest groups the opportunity to contribute through reports, presentations working groups and discussions on the following sub-themes:

1. Green/Blue Economy and Sustainable Development.
2. Climate Finance
3. Increased resiliency against climate change impacts and disaster risk.
4. Innovative tools for adaptation and mitigation

The Working Groups break out session will all discuss the topic - “Developing a Culture of Open Data Sharing” in addition to other topics of working groups’ choice. Invitations for papers and presentations under each theme will be circulated and it will be on a first come basis.