



PACIFIC PEER EXCHANGE WORKSHOP ON NDC IMPLEMENTATION: *From Preparation to Coordinated Action*

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Venue: Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji

Organizers: Regional Pacific NDC Hub, UNFCCC Secretariat and its Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RCC Asia-Pacific), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), NDC Partnership and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Background

The Pacific is at the forefront of the climate crisis. Rising sea levels, intensifying tropical cyclones, saltwater intrusion into freshwater resources, coral bleaching, and the erosion of coastal lands are shaping the lives, livelihoods, and futures of Pacific peoples. For many Pacific Island Countries (PICs), climate change poses an existential threat, making the transition from Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs) ambitions to tangible, coordinated action an imperative of the highest order.

With the submission of the latest round of NDCs 3.0¹, PICs have taken a significant step in articulating ambitious climate action aligned with their national circumstances. These NDCs reflect whole-of-society consultation and are underpinned by a shared regional vision of resilience and the protection of Pacific peoples and ecosystems. The urgent task now is to move from communicating ambition to implementation, considering the special circumstances of PICs, while also building on the experience and lessons learned from previous NDC cycles.

Pacific NDCs span a wide range of mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage priorities — from renewable energy transitions and sustainable land management to coastal protection, food security, and ocean-based solutions. Translating these ambitions into funded, coordinated, and measurable action requires PICs to unpack respective NDCs into structured implementation pathways, sequence priorities strategically, and engage effectively with a complex landscape of domestic, regional, and international finance sources. Several PICs have already developed costed NDC Investment Plans with prioritized project pipelines to support the implementation of their climate ambitions, while others are in the process of developing NDC Investment and implementation plans aligned with their NDC 3.0 ambitions.

The financing context in the Pacific is distinctly challenging. PICs face some of the highest costs in the world for climate action, resulting from their geographic remoteness, small and dispersed markets, and lack of economies of scale, which drive up the cost of capital and make resource mobilization difficult. These are compounded by underdeveloped private sectors, heavy debt

¹ As of June 2026, 11 PICs have submitted NDC 3.0.

burdens and government institutions constrained by shortages of human resources and technical capacity.²

At the same time, PICs are increasingly engaged with a broadening array of climate finance and a growing network of bilateral and multilateral funders, while also exploring other sources of finance and innovative instruments to complement these resources, often with competing requirements, timelines, and co-benefits. Strengthening the capacity of Pacific countries to navigate this landscape, aggregate NDC actions into finance-ready programmes, and mobilize resources at scale is central to the purpose of this workshop.

Building on the success of the NDC Regional Forums, NDC Clinics, and the inaugural peer exchange workshop on NDC implementation held during the 3rd Climate Week in Yeosu, Korea, the UNFCCC Secretariat, through its Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RCC Asia-Pacific), UNEP, UNDP, NDC Partnership and GIZ, together with the Regional Pacific NDC Hub, are co-organizing a dedicated Peer Exchange Workshop on NDC implementation for the Pacific. This Pacific-focused workshop responds to the mandate established in the Mutirão Decision to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and good practices related to NDCs through peer exchange workshops, and recognizes the specific circumstances, vulnerabilities, and aspirations of the Pacific region.

Targeted Audience

This peer-to-peer workshop will bring together government representatives from relevant ministries and agencies engaged in NDC implementation across Pacific Island Countries, including environment, finance, planning, and sectoral ministries. Given the whole-of-government nature of NDC implementation, and the particular importance of coordinating across small government structures in the Pacific, cross-ministerial participation is strongly encouraged.

Development partner institutions active in the Pacific, including regional bodies as well as multilateral and bilateral development partners, will be invited to engage in targeted dialogue on unlocking finance and coordinating implementation support.

Objectives

Country participants will exchange experiences and lessons learned on the transition from NDC formulation to implementation, with a focus on good practices identified from the previous NDC Cycles, approaches to navigate implementation challenges and opportunities faced by PICs. Discussions will centre on how Pacific governments unpack NDCs into actionable priorities tailored to each PICs national contexts, how they make strategic choices on prioritization and sequencing given their special circumstances, and how they structure NDC implementation to attract and align finance from diverse sources.

The expected outcomes of the workshop are:

² UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for Asia and the Pacific, 2025. "What does mitigation ambition mean in the Pacific? Safeguarding 1.5°C the Pacific way". Available at https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/IGES_What%20does%20mitigation%20ambition%20mean%20for%20the%20PICS.pdf.

1. Strengthened understanding of country-led approaches to translating Pacific NDCs into actionable, finance-ready implementation pathways that reflect the region's unique vulnerabilities and development aspirations.
2. Enhanced capacity to identify options for prioritizing, sequencing, and matching NDC actions with appropriate sources of finance, including concessional, grant-based, and innovative finance instruments suited to PICs contexts.
3. Improved preparedness to structure NDC implementation actions — including through programmatic, sectoral, or Pacific sub-regional approaches — to facilitate financing and coordinated implementation across sectors and government levels in the Pacific.