Summary Report:
Pacific Ocean Finance Exchange

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Foreword



Pacific Ocean Finance Week marked an important moment for our region. Held in Suva from 2–6 March 2026, it brought together Pacific governments, regional organisations, conservation practitioners, development partners, philanthropic institutions, technical experts and civil society. Together, participants considered one of the most pressing questions facing the Blue Pacific: how we finance the long-term stewardship, protection and sustainable management of our ocean.

I wish to thank Conservation International for its leadership, and Rare for its support in helping deliver the Ocean Finance Exchange. More broadly, Pacific Ocean Finance Week benefited from the generous support, participation and contributions of the Bezos Earth Fund, the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, and all partners who shared their time, expertise and commitment.

The week demonstrated the value of sustained regional convening. It created space for honest exchange, practical learning and stronger alignment between Pacific priorities and the finance needed to deliver them.

This Exchange Report captures more than a record of proceedings. It reflects a growing body of Pacific-led thinking on how ocean finance must evolve. This work is essential if we are to meet the scale of our ambitions under the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and related regional commitments.

The discussions made clear that financing solutions must begin with the priorities of Pacific countries and communities. They must be fit-for-purpose, durable and transparent. They must also support community and national action, as well as regional coordination over time.

The innovation, collegiality and partnership demonstrated during Pacific Ocean Finance Week were inspiring. Participants shared practical experience from across the region and beyond. They explored proven and emerging financing models. They also identified the institutional, technical and coordination capacities needed to turn ambition into impact.

These conversations are essential. They can help move the region beyond fragmented project funding towards more strategic, long-term and Pacific-led ocean finance.

As Pacific Ocean Commissioner, I welcome the findings and recommendations presented in this report. OPOC will continue to work with Pacific Islands Forum Members, CROP agencies, regional partners, funders and practitioners to advance the next steps identified through the Exchange. This includes supporting stronger coordination through the Pacific Ocean Alliance, progressing discussions on the proposed Pacific Ocean Finance Group, and encouraging future gatherings that deepen collaboration, transparency and shared learning.

The ocean is central to our identity, prosperity, resilience and future. Financing its stewardship is not only a technical challenge, it is our collective heritage and responsibility. Pacific Ocean Finance Week has helped strengthen the partnerships and practical pathways needed to carry this work forward.

Dr. Filimon Manoni

Pacific Ocean Commissioner
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Executive Summary

Pacific Ocean Finance Week and Exchange (2–6 March 2026) convened more than 150 leaders and practitioners in Suva, Fiji to strengthen coordination and mobilise finance for sustainable ocean management across the Blue Pacific Continent. Convened by the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC) with partners including Conservation International, the Bezos Earth Fund and Rare with funding support from the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, the week created a practical forum for Pacific governments, ocean managers, technical experts and funding partners to share candid lessons on what is working, what is not, and what must change to unlock impact at scale.

- **Who participated:** 150+ participants, including government delegates from 15 Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs), local community representatives, technical experts, funders and development partners, regional organizations, civil society and non-governmental organizations, and private sector.

- **What the week focused on:** Sharing knowledge, learning and building collaboration to advance practical pathways for ocean financing in the Pacific, including strengthening donor coordination around Pacific priorities; learning from Pacific and global case studies; and clarifying priority ocean actions that finance should enable.

- **What comes next:** Momentum to strengthen regional coordination on ocean finance (including the proposed Pacific Ocean Finance Group), reinvigorate shared learning on ocean finance under the Pacific Ocean Alliance, restart the Ocean Finance Fellows program, and continue convening through an annual Exchange series supported by interim virtual touchpoints.





Introduction:

This document summarises the inaugural Pacific Ocean Finance Week held in Suva, Fiji (2–6 March 2026), convened by the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC) and partners. It captures the event objectives, participation, key discussions and lessons, and records outcomes and agreed next steps to strengthen coordination and scale sustainable ocean finance aligned with Pacific-led priorities under the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

Background and Context

The Pacific is at the forefront of global ocean stewardship, managing some of the world's largest Exclusive Economic Zones and safeguarding ecosystems of immense global importance. Pacific Island countries have consistently affirmed that sustainable ocean management underpins national economies, livelihoods and culture, and is central to climate resilience. This collective commitment is reflected in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent as well as national policies and marine planning initiatives, including commitments aligned with 30x30 and efforts to reduce marine pollution.

In 2023, Pacific leaders endorsed *Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity* (UBPP), which aims to deliver 100% sustainable ocean management, build robust food systems, and unlock sustainable finance to support targeted elements of the 2050 Strategy. Financing for these efforts remains insufficient, as Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 continues to be among the least funded of the SDGs. Fragmented funding flows can make it difficult for countries to match resources to priorities at the pace required.

Pacific Ocean Finance Week was convened to help countries and technical partners discuss how to close this gap. Strategies shared included shifting from short-term project-based financing to long-term sustainable ocean financing, strengthening donor coordination and collaboration, and supporting Pacific-led policies and programming (i.e. 2050 Strategy). Through the Pacific Ocean Finance Exchange, participants shared practical models and examples of long-term ocean financing, and explored realistic financing pathways that work in diverse Pacific contexts.



Pacific Ocean Finance Week

Programme at a Glance

Day	Key sessions / highlights
Mon 2 Mar	Pacific Ocean Finance Group Meeting; Opening and welcome reception (PIFS Fale).
Tue 3 Mar	Exchange Opening and Framing, Dr Filimon Manoni, Pacific Ocean Commissioner Pacific Ocean Bright Spots & Pacific 2050 vision Matching Ocean Finance to Pacific Ambition Consultation on GEF8 International Waters UBPP Blue Economy Project (SPC & OPOC)
Wed 4 Mar	Daily Frame by Ruth Davies, UK Special Representative for Nature Bootcamp on Sustainable Ocean Management and Financing Deep Dive on Conservation Trust Funds Fishbowl and Gallery-Walk Case Studies Defining Ocean Action Priorities
Thu 5 Mar	Daily Frame by Taholo Kami Identifying Ocean Financing Pathways Designing Financing Options and Solutions Innovation and Partnerships for Collective Actions Next Steps and Closing Reception.
Fri 6 Mar	Bezos Earth Fund Blue Finance Design Clinic; Close and follow-up meetings.

Pacific Ocean Finance Exchange

Overview

The Pacific Ocean Finance Exchange (3–5 March 2026) was a central component of the week. It was designed to maximize interactive discussion and peer learning among national governments, regional entities, ocean finance experts, conservation practitioners and ocean managers. During the Exchange lessons learned were shared from real-world experience and strategies were identified to advance national and regional financing approaches. The ultimate goal of the Exchange was to strengthen alignment between Pacific-led ocean priorities and the partners, tools and financing vehicles that can help deliver them.

Exchange discussions were anchored by case studies and structured activities rather than formal presentations. This design-thinking approach aimed to foster solutions-focused interaction, substantive peer exchange and stronger connections. Participants were encouraged to contribute directly and enable open dialogue, shared learning and reflection.

The specific objectives of the Exchange were to:

- Build understanding of sustainable ocean financing options and what is required for their effectiveness.
- Share, acknowledge and draw lessons from models of ocean financing in the Pacific region and within Large Ocean States globally.
- Identify next steps and pathways to advance national and regional ocean financing approaches.
- Strengthen connections and professional relationships among participants to support ongoing collaboration.



Participation and Stakeholders

Pacific Ocean Finance Week convened 150+ participants, including leaders and focal points from 15 Pacific Island government ministries and departments responsible for environment, ocean management, climate change, finance/economy and fisheries, alongside regional organisations, non-governmental organisations, conservation practitioners, philanthropic and public funders, and technical experts in sustainable finance (see Annex B Participants List). The diversity of participation supported cross-sector dialogue and practical peer learning, while strengthening networks for follow-on collaboration.



Key Themes and Cross-Cutting Issues

Across the week, discussions connected ocean management, protection and climate resilience priorities to financing realities, with a strong emphasis on practical application within Pacific contexts. Key themes included:

- Learning from practice through Pacific case studies and comparative lessons from other regions (including the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund).
- Understanding ocean finance instruments available and assessing their fit for Pacific needs.
- Conservation Trust Funds (CTFs) and other long-term financing approaches to support nature protection, climate resilience and community well-being.
- Innovative stewardship valuation models, including the Niue Ocean Wide Trust's Ocean Conservation Commitments.
- Capability and readiness needs—institutions, skills, governance, project preparation and data—to realise the vision of UBPP.
- Coordination and transparency to improve alignment of funding flows and technical assistance, including better sharing of ocean finance intelligence and data.
- Systems-level reflection on how market structures can entrench dependency, and how Large Ocean States can lead global transformation.

What we achieved together:

The Pacific Ocean Finance Exchange provided a space to share knowledge and experience in a collective effort to strengthen the landscape needed to secure coordinated and complementary long-term financing for ocean stewardship and resilience in the Pacific. At a high-level the Exchange outcomes achieved are listed below:

- Strong multi stakeholder participation from 150+ ocean stakeholders, including government delegates from 15 PICTs, technical finance experts, funding and development partners,

community representatives, regional organisations and Non-Governmental Organizations.

- Improved shared understanding of sustainable ocean financing options, instruments and mechanisms, and the enabling conditions required for their effectiveness (policy, governance, institutions, capacity and data).

- Strengthened peer learning on fit-for-purpose financing through case studies from Pacific Island countries and other Large Ocean States, drawing out practical lessons and transferable approaches, while recognizing the unique economic, cultural and ecological context of each place.

- The most successful long-term financing instruments were designed locally, endorsed by Pacific leaders and underpinned by political commitments (e.g. Micronesia Conservation Trust)

- Specifically, shared learning on CTFs which, underpinned by the political commitments, provide long-term term finance for nature protection. They can also play an important role in improving community well-being and climate resilience.

- Outlined priority ocean actions and outcomes that finance should enable, linking ocean management to climate, environmental, economic and development impact, underpinned by culture and community leadership.

- Discussed realistic next steps and feasible financing mechanisms and instruments by country and theme, including early prioritisation using a feasibility/scale framework.

- Disruptive conversations on current market structures and financial systems that aren't serving the Pacific; brainstormed ways in which Pacific and other Large Ocean States can lead in global transformation.

- Strengthened professional relationships to support follow-on collaboration, technical assistance and investment planning.



Select Session Summaries:

This section summarises selected Exchange sessions for interest and relevance to participants. Information on specific case studies and other detailed content is included in the report annex.

Bright Spots in Ocean Management in the Pacific

Format: Interactive reflection, table discussion and a 'living timeline' exercise

Facilitators: Bridget Kennedy

This session grounded the Exchange in the region's progress over the past two decades, creating a shared understanding that Pacific ocean finance efforts are building on a strong foundation of leadership, persistence and collaboration. Participants defined 'bright spots' broadly as policies, partnerships, initiatives, or ways of working at local, national, regional or global scales that created momentum or demonstrated what is possible.

- **Output:** A collective, visual timeline of Pacific ocean management progress, populated by participants' bright spots across scales.
- **Learning focus:** Identifying patterns in how initiatives have built on one another over time, what enabling conditions have supported progress, and what gaps in evidence or data remain.
- **Contribution to the week:** Established a positive, shared baseline and strengthened participant connections early, setting up subsequent sessions on aligning finance with Pacific ambitions.

Matching Ocean Finance to Pacific Ambition

Format: Panel conversation (facilitated discussion) with participant questions and paired reflections

Participant: Kate Brown, Coral Pasisi, Amena Yauvoli, Peni Suveinakama

This session framed a central question of the Exchange: How can ocean finance match Pacific ambition under the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent? The panel discussion surfaced the structural and systemic shifts required to close the ocean financing gap. Panellists explored why a holistic approach is needed to finance both conservation and sustainable blue economy outcomes, and why solutions must strengthen community resilience and Pacific leadership. Discussions highlighted the scale of the global financing gap, the Pacific's role as steward of a vast natural asset, and the constraints and opportunities created by how ocean value is recognised, how capital is structured and accessed, and how political and capacity realities shape what is feasible. Participants captured key questions and reflections to carry into later sessions focused on pathways, options and collective action.

- **Output:** A shared set of priority questions and problem statements about the ocean financing gap and the shifts needed in valuation, access to capital, decision-making and capacity, captured on metacards and graffiti walls to inform the rest of the week.
- **Learning focus:** Understanding external and internal forces shaping Pacific ocean finance (global finance norms, political constraints, capital expectations, deal size/fragmentation, absorptive capacity, data gaps) and identifying enabling conditions for scalable, Pacific-led finance.
- **Contribution to the week:** Set the "why" for the Exchange by establishing a clear diagnosis of the financing challenge and the need for disruptive thinking, preparing participants for subsequent sessions on defining priorities, screening feasible pathways, and designing options and partnerships.

Bootcamp: Sustainable ocean management and financing

Format: Expert presentation with illustrative case examples and practical framing

Facilitator: Dr Melissa Walsh, Director of Blue Finance, Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA)

This session provided participants with a structured introduction to ocean finance fundamentals, grounded in Pacific values and priorities and connected to global capital at scale. The session unpacked what ocean finance is, why it matters, and how different financial instruments function in practice. Drawing on global and regional case examples, the presentation reframed ocean finance from a narrative of scarcity to one of opportunity, highlighting the Pacific's extraordinary ocean assets and stewardship role. Participants were introduced to a broad toolkit of instruments (insurance, credits, bonds, funds, blended finance and outcome-based finance) and the conditions under which they can support sustainable ocean management, resilience, and livelihoods—while avoiding extractive or misaligned finance.

- **Output:** A shared reference framework for ocean finance (purpose → instruments → scale → integrity), supported by concrete examples of financial mechanisms and facilities relevant to Pacific contexts, to inform later sessions on prioritisation, feasibility screening, and pathway design.
- **Learning focus:** Building baseline literacy in ocean finance, including:
    - What ocean finance is and what problems different instruments are suited to solve
    - How integrity, equity, access, and power dynamics shape finance outcomes
    - The importance of readiness, project design, and matching instruments to country context and capacity.
- **Contribution to the week:** Established the technical and conceptual "how" of ocean finance, equipping participants with a common language, practical reference points, and cautionary principles. This session enabled more informed engagement in subsequent sessions on defining priorities, screening feasible options, scaling proven pathways, and designing Pacific-led finance solutions that can attract capital with integrity.



Deep Dive: Conservation Trust Funds

Format: Panel discussion among Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) practitioners and managers

Facilitator: Facilitated by Kate Brown with Leaders from Micronesia Conservation Trust, Caribbean Biodiversity Fund, and Niue Ocean Wide Trust

This session explored CTFs as a durable institutional pathway for delivering ocean and conservation finance in the Pacific. The Facilitator lined up Trust Fund Managers from Niue, Micronesia, and the Caribbean, to create a living timeline of Pacific trust funds formed over more than two decades, delivering a simple but powerful visualization. The discussion highlighted that ocean finance is not only about mobilising capital, but about designing institutions that can carry ambition over the long term. Participants reflected on how CTFs provide institutional stability across political cycles, donor shifts, and economic shocks, while anchoring finance to nationally defined priorities.

The conversation also surfaced practical realities: communities often experience conservation finance through short project cycles, administrative burdens can be high, and success is not always measured in locally meaningful ways. Panellists emphasised that for ocean finance to work for island contexts, durability must be deliberately designed, and financial architecture must reflect Pacific values, governance realities, and community experience.

- **Output:** A shared understanding of CTFs as one proven, durable ocean finance pathway, illustrated through concrete regional examples and a clear articulation of their role and limitations.

- **Learning focus:** The session strengthened understanding among participants on the role of CTFs in providing long-term institutional anchors for ocean finance. It also demonstrated how durability, governance, and political alignment influence financing outcomes. Finally, the session highlighted the trade-offs and design considerations that must be considered, specifically, administrative burden, community experience, and inclusive and co-designed measures of success.

- **Contribution to the week:** Reinforced the importance of institutional durability as a core design principle for Pacific ocean finance. This session complemented discussions on ambition and instruments by focusing on the “institutional how”, informing later conversations on scaling proven pathways, sequencing finance solutions, and aligning political commitments with long-term financial architecture.

Pacific Financing Case Studies

Format: Facilitated gallery walk of Pacific and global ocean financing case studies (rotating small groups), followed by plenary share-out

Facilitator: Rocky Sanchez Tirona

This session created an informal, peer-learning space for participants to explore a range of ocean financing mechanisms in practice—from Pacific trust funds and seascape initiatives to comparative Large Ocean State models. Through a structured gallery walk, rotating sub-groups visited case study stations where case holders shared a brief overview and then prioritised questions, observations and lessons with participants. Case studies covered:

- Caribbean Biodiversity Fund
- Micronesia Conservation Trust
- Niue Ocean Wide Trust
- Palau Protected Area Network (PAN) Fund
- Fiji’s Sovi Basin Conservation Area
- Fiji Blue Bond
- Vatu-i-Ra Seascape
- Rare Small-scale Fisheries Outcome Bonds
- Biodiversity Credits (Overview)
- ORRAA Outrigger Impact Fund
- Lau Seascape Trust

- Coral Triangle Initiative Conservation Trust Fund (CTI-CTF)

- **Output:** Shared learning among all participants, with ideas and insights captured during the gallery walk, with consolidated takeaways across cases to support later pathway and options sessions.

- **Learning focus:** Comparing real-world financing models at different stages (established mechanisms and those in design), identifying transferable design features (governance, revenue sources, enabling policy conditions, partnership structures), and surfacing common implementation challenges.

- **Contribution to the week:** Strengthened shared understanding of the "menu" of ocean finance instruments and generated practical lessons to feed into subsequent sessions unpacking key cases (fishbowl) and identifying feasible financing pathways and options.

A link to the case studies is included in the report annex.

Defining Ocean Action Priorities

Format: Facilitated table discussions, cross-table sharing

Facilitators: Dave Meyers

This session supported participants to step back from financing mechanisms and first clarify the core problems ocean finance is intended to solve in their national or regional context. Through guided table discussions, participants linked ocean finance to climate, environmental, economic and development outcomes, and identified the ocean actions that should be prioritised for funding. Countries with existing or emerging mechanisms reflected on how their priorities were originally set, what processes helped build alignment, and how priorities and intended outcomes have evolved over time.

- **Guiding questions:** What problem is ocean finance meant to solve? What outcomes should it deliver for people, nature and the economy? Which ocean actions should be prioritised for funding, and how do these align with national strategies and development plans?

- **Output:** Clearer articulation of country and regional ocean action priorities and desired outcomes, providing a foundation for the following day's session on identifying feasible financing pathways.

- **Peer learning:** Cross-table sharing highlighted areas of alignment and difference, and surfaced practical insights on sequencing (e.g., clarifying outcomes and governance needs before selecting instruments).

Identifying Ocean Financing Pathways

Format: Country and thematic breakouts, structured ranking exercise, gallery walk and plenary share-back

Facilitator: Michael McGreevey, Sabrina Cao

This interactive breakout session helped participants translate priorities into realistic financing pathways. Working in country and thematic groups, participants identified ocean management needs requiring financing, mapped existing and potential mechanisms, and then prioritised 2–3 mechanisms using a 2x2 matrix that considered *feasibility of implementation* and *potential scale of funding*. The exercise was designed to surface practical, context-appropriate options rather than theoretical solutions, and to inform future technical assistance, policy dialogue and investment planning.

- **Output:** For participating groups, a prioritised shortlist of 2–3 financing mechanisms to pursue, investigate further, or deprioritize based on feasibility and scale.

- **Learning focus:** Identifying enabling conditions and barriers (policy, institutional arrangements, data, pipeline readiness, transaction capacity), and sharing peer insights across countries.

- **Share-back:** Selected groups presented their matrices and reflections, including how they landed on their rankings and what trade-offs they navigated.

Lessons & Outcomes:

Pacific Ocean Finance Week strengthened alignment between Pacific ocean management ambitions and practical financing pathways. Across sessions, participants priorities for follow-on coordination, technical assistance and investment needs.

High-level outcomes:

- **Shared baseline of progress:** a 'bright spots' timeline documenting two decades of Pacific ocean management leadership and lessons.

- **Clearer action priorities:** improved articulation of the core problems ocean finance should solve and the priority ocean actions and outcomes to fund.

- **Prioritised pathways:** country and thematic shortlists of feasible financing mechanisms identified through a feasibility/scale (2x2) exercise.

- **Strengthened networks:** deeper connections across governments, practitioners and partners to support collaboration beyond the week.

- **Momentum for coordination and transparency:** reinforced interest in strengthening regional coordination (including the proposed Pacific Ocean Finance Group) and improving transparency and sharing of ocean finance intelligence and data.



Key Lessons Learned:

- **Start with the problem, not the financing instrument:** Experts and practitioners shared consistent messages to first define the problem, desired outcomes and ocean actions before selecting financing mechanisms. Lead with the problem you're trying to solve, rather than designing and instrument first.

- **Capacity and readiness can be binding constraints:** Even where financing instruments are available, limited preparation capacity, transaction expertise, and institutional readiness can slow progress. Capacity and readiness constraints are complicated, and must be systemically addressed and understood within the unique economic, demographic and governance context of the Pacific Islands. More training, more funding, and more personnel, are not simple or singular solutions, but there is broad recognition that this challenge is central to the solution.

- **Data and 'finance understanding' gaps persist:** Participants emphasised the importance of more transparent information on funding flows, gaps and opportunities to support better planning and coordination.

- **Coordination matters for scale and impact:** Fragmented initiatives and parallel processes can dilute ambition and impact. Better coordination, shared platforms and clear roles for strategic partners can reduce duplication and accelerate learning.

Recommendations & Next Steps

Follow-up actions are intended to maintain momentum from the inaugural week and translate priorities into implementable pathways, supported by ongoing coordination and practical technical support.

- **Ensure that Pacific Ocean Financing is Fit-for-Purpose:** Support Pacific-led prioritisation processes that define ocean and climate action priorities and inform the selection of appropriate mechanisms and instruments. Countries and communities should be at the forefront of decision-making and financing mechanism selection, ensuring that all proposed solutions address important problems, are community-aligned, locally led, and fit-for-purpose.

- **Mainstream ocean and nature into national financing decision-making:** Ensure that oceans and nature are systematically accounted for and integrated into economic planning and decision-making, including both the economic value of nature, and the resources required for its restoration, management and protection. This includes engaging central and sectoral line ministries in economic planning activities, bringing together those responsible for finance and economic planning with ocean and environment institutions. Internal government collaboration is critical to build long-term and large-scale nature financing solutions.

- **Strengthen financing readiness, capability, and project development support, while acknowledging challenges:** Build dedicated and highly collaborative training, capacity building and partnerships to accelerate long-term and fit-for-purpose nature and ocean financing in the Pacific. Partnerships should provide dedicated support to build institutional capacity, legal and financial knowledge, enabling countries to design, negotiate, and implement their own financing solutions at scale. This should include hands-on clinics, specialised technical workshops, and a revitalisation of the Pacific Ocean Fellowship Program (originally under the PROP programme) to strengthen in-country and regional expertise. While these efforts are essential, there is no silver bullet for institutional capacity building. Partners must acknowledge and appreciate the unique demographic, economic, and geographic contexts of each PICT and design interventions accordingly.

- **Scale proven approaches while enabling targeted innovation:** Prioritise scaling of tried-and-tested financing pathways (such as CTFs), while selectively piloting innovative mechanisms, such as stewardship valuation and Ocean Conservation Commitments, where country contexts and readiness allow. This approach blends two approaches –the need to capture emerging opportunities and scale innovation, while ensuring successful amplification of Pacific-grounded approaches.

- **Institutionalise Pacific Ocean Finance Week as an annual regional convening:** Establish Pacific Ocean Finance Week as a recurring annual event to sustain momentum, deepen partnerships, and support regional agenda-setting on ocean finance. The inaugural week demonstrated the value of bringing together Pacific governments, regional organisations, practitioners, funders and technical partners in one forum, creating space for practical learning, donor coordination and follow-on collaboration. Future annual meetings of the Pacific Ocean Finance Group under the Pacific Ocean Alliance should coincide with Pacific Ocean Finance Week, ensuring that technical exchange, coordination and decision-making are mutually reinforcing.

- **Strengthen regional coordination on ocean finance under the Pacific Ocean Alliance:** Advance the design of a Pacific Ocean Finance Group under the Pacific Ocean Alliance to better coordinate funding flows, technical assistance, and capacity support to PICTs. This effort also aims to improve transparency and data sharing, among group members, and facilitate shared dialogue on ocean finance priorities in the Pacific. Under the POA, an ongoing Pacific Ocean Finance Exchange Series should be prioritised, including:

    - An annual in-person Exchange
    - Quarterly or bi-annual virtual updates
    - Topic-specific, practice-focused workshops



Closing Reflection

Pacific Ocean Finance Week demonstrated how closer alignment between Pacific-led ocean ambitions and practical financing pathways can accelerate impact. Participants shared a clearer baseline of progress, sharpened priorities for action, and identified feasible country and thematic financing pathways, while strengthening networks across governments, practitioners, and partners. A consistent lesson was the need to start with the problem to be solved—recognising that capacity, readiness, coordination, and data gaps remain binding constraints to scaling ocean finance. Importantly, the week generated momentum for deeper regional coordination, transparency, and shared learning, including advancing a Pacific Ocean Finance Group and an ongoing Exchange series. Together, these outcomes position the region to translate ambition into fit-for-purpose, locally led financing solutions that reflect Pacific contexts and priorities.



Annexes

The Annexes below can be accessed via the Pacific Ocean Finance Exchange Google Drive.
Annex A: Pacific Ocean Finance Exchange agenda (3–5 March 2026)

Annex B: Exchange Participant list
Annex C: Ocean Finance Case Studies
Annex D. Glossary of Terms
Annex E: Participant Resource Guide
Annex E: Session Presentations









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