

REGIONAL OCEAN POLICY AND GOVERNANCE DIALOGUE

21 – 24 AUGUST 2023, NADI, FIJI

LOGISTICS NOTE

1. Dates

Monday 21st (8.30am) to Thursday 24th August 2023 (5pm).

2. Venue

- The dialogue will be held at the **Vision Meeting Room**, Hilton Fiji Beach Resort & Spa, Denarau Island, Nadi, Fiji.
- Supported participants are accommodated at Hilton Fiji Beach Resort & Spa. All other participants are encouraged to book their accommodation at the same hotel.
- Direction from Nadi International Airport to the Hilton Fiji Beach Resort and Spa can be accessed via link below:
<https://goo.gl/maps/yFSbDJy9GPDSSVnG9>

3. Meeting Participants

The dialogue will be attended by participants included in the provisional list available in **Annex I**.

4. The Agenda

The provisional agenda for the dialogue is available as **Annex II**.

5. In person attendance registration

- All participants are required to register for the dialogue and obtain a badge.
- A registration table will be set up outside the Vision Meeting Room on Monday 21 August from 8.00am where badges can be obtained.

6. Virtual attendance registration

For participants who are unable to attend in person, please find below registration link for zoom participation.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://forumsec-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArdOqqrD8pGtPnxfb6LyzHcNJJYGaKXhWz>

7. Arrival and Departure

The closest airport to the venue is Nadi International Airport. All sponsored participants attending the dialogue will be arriving at this airport.

8. Transport to and from the Airport

All participants will have to arrange their own transport to and from the airport.

To pre-arrange airport transfer, you can call or email any of the following:

Transport Providers	Email Contact	Phone Contact
Pehicle	admin@pehicle.com	+679 672-4086
Tewaka	database2@tewaka.com.fj	+679 9959170
Tourist Transport Fiji	enquiries@ttf.com.fj	+679 672 3311

There are also taxis available outside international arrival port at the Nadi International Airport.

9. Meals & Incidentals (M&I)

- For most supported participants, M& I will be disbursed at the meeting venue on Monday 21 August 2023.
- Direct deposit of M&I will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- For further queries on DSA please email merek@forumsec.org

10. Meals

- All funded participants for whom the Secretariat has secured a room at the Hilton Fiji Resort have breakfast included. **Participants will need to make their own arrangements for other meals.**
- The organisers will provide morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea during the dialogue.
- The Pacific Ocean Commissioner will be hosting a welcoming cocktail and dinner on **21 August 2023 from 6.30pm**. Further details will follow.

11. Insurance

The Secretariat is not responsible for accident, illness and luggage insurance. Participants are expected to make their own arrangements if so desired.

12. Climate and Conference Attire

- The climate in the west of Fiji, of which Nadi is located is dry with blue skies, low humidity and little to no rain. It is however very cold in the night.
- Participants are encouraged to dress accordingly.
- There will be an excursion on **24 August 2023 from 8.30am**. Participants are urged to bring sunscreen and sea sickness tablets. Further details will follow.

13. Currency and Banking Information

The currency of Fiji is the Fijian Dollar which currently stands at \$0.44 US Dollars for \$1.00 FJD.

14. Internet Services

Wi-Fi access is available in the hotel rooms and at the venue of the dialogue.

15. Dialogue documents

- For ease and in order to reduce the amount of paper used, participants are encouraged to utilise and access electronic copies of documents for the dialogue.
- Dialogue documents can be accessed at this link [Regional Ocean Policy and Governance Dialogue](#)
- The dialogue proceedings will be reported and published after the meeting.

16. Shirt and Top Sizes

For the opening ceremony, shirts (gentleman) and tops (ladies) are being organized. If not done so already, please email your shirt sizes for the men and top sizes for ladies to merek@forumsec.org .

17. Contact Person

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Annex I

List of Participants

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

	Countries/Organization	Name	Designation
1	OPOC	Dr Filimon Manoni	Pacific Ocean Commissioner
2	United Nations	Ambassador Peter Thomson	UNSG's Special Envoy for the Ocean
3	Palau	Minister Steven Victor	Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment.
4	Vanuatu	Mr Toney Tevi	Head of Maritime and Ocean Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs
5	Vanuatu	Mr Steve William Hango	Desk Officer, Maritime and Ocean Affairs Division, Department of Foreign Affairs
6	Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)	Mr Glen Joseph	Director, Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority
7	RMI	Ms Teri K. Elbon	Assistant Secretary- Bureau of Regional Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
8	RMI	His Excellency Junior Aini	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, RMI Embassy to Suva, Fiji.
9	RMI	Mr Terry Keju	First Secretary, RMI Embassy to Suva, Fiji
10	Kiribati	Ms Kabure Yeeting	Director of GeoScience Division, MFMRD
11	Kiribati	Ms Riria Moaniba	Senior Fisheries Officer, Ministry of Fisheries&Marine Resources Development
12	Nauru	Mr Tilson Ephraim	Director of Legal Affairs
13	Nauru	Ms Jasmina Jones	Policy and Legal Manager
14	Papua New Guinea (PNG)	Ms Grace Kaue	Acting Director, Office of Ocean Affairs
15	PNG	Mr Langa Kopio	Assistant Secretary, Department of National Planning and Monitoring
16	PNG	Ms Emma Pongopia	Foreign Service Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs
17	Tonga	Dr Siola'a Malimali	Deputy CEO for Fisheries

18	Tonga	Mr Penikoni Aleamotu'a	Senior Conservation Officer, MEIDECCC, Department of Environment
19	Fiji	Mrs Keleni Seruvatu	Acting Director Multilateral, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
20	Fiji	Mr Izhaar Ali	Ocean Specialist, Climate Change Division, Office of the Prime Minister
21	Palau	Ms Adelle Lukes Isechal	Applied Scientist/Marine Spatial Planning Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment.
22	Australia	Mr Dominic Ransan-Cooper	Assistant Director Pacific Climate Negotiations and Oceans Section
23	Australia	Ms Bridgette Cottrill	Senior Policy and Development Officer
24	Cook Islands	Ms Alex Herman	Seabed Minerals Commissioner, Seabed Minerals Authority
25	Cook Islands	Ms Teuru Passfield	Senior Foreign Service Officer, Treaties Multilateral and Oceans Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration
26	New Zealand	Mr Jonathan Paul Peacey	Senior Advisor Pacific Ocean and Fisheries, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
27	Samoa	Mr Afele Faiilagi	Assistant Chief Executive Officer- Environment and Conservations Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
28	Samoa	Mr Tau Jurgen Kappus	Principal Foreign Service Officer- International Relations Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
29	New Caledonia	Mr Gaston Wadrawane	Official Representative of New Caledonia to Fiji
30	Solomon Islands	Ms Gladys Kamia Isihanua	Assistant Secretary, Ocean and Climate Change Desk- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade

31	Solomon Islands	Mr Fredrick Dotho	Senior Conservation Officer- Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology
32	Solomon Islands	Mr Samson Houaitahona Maeniuta	Acting Deputy Director- Offshore Fisheries- Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
33	Solomon Islands	Mr Alan Aba	Chief Policy Officer- Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
34	French Polynesia	Mr Jean-Marc Karel Teriihauroa Luciani	Senior Technical Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries
35	Nia Tero++Thriving Peoples + Thriving Places++	Ms Lysa Wini	Solomon Islands Programming Manager
36	Waait Institutes Blue Prosperity Fiji	Mr Arthur Sokimi	Blue Prosperity Fiji – Site Manager
37	University of Fiji	Ms Priyatma Singh	Lecturer
38	Fiji National University	Ms Lia Bogitini	Lecturer
39	East-West Center- Pacific Islands Development Program	Mr Rufino Varea	Joint Doctoral Research Fellow
40	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)	Mr Michael Crowe	Regional Security Adviser
41	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Ms Celina Elvira Garcia	Ocean Climate Policy Specialist, Blue Pacific Finance Hub, ADB.
42	World Wildlife Fund (WWF)	Dr Mark Walter Drew	Director, WWF Pacific
43	World Wildlife Fund (WWF)	Mr Francis Areki	WWF
44	Kami Pasifiki Solutions	Mr Taholo Kami	Ocean Advisor
45	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	Ms Anastacia Amoa-Stowers	Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) Coordinator
46	Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources & Security (ANCORS)	Ms Genevieve Quirk	PhD Candidate
47	ANCORS	Ms Dominique Benzaken	PhD Candidate
48	Tufuga Law Firm & Consultancy	Mr Fagaloa Tufuga	Principal
49	Pacific International Maritime Law	Mr Johan Fred Amoa	President

	Association, Apia, Samoa		
50	The European Union Delegation to the Pacific	Ms Kim Edou	Ocean Programme Manager
51	Great Barrier Reef Foundation	Ms Theresa Fyffe	Executive Director Projects & Partnerships,
52	Great Barrier Reef Foundation	Ms Nicola Thomson	Director of Pacific Partnerships
53	Pacific Fusion Centre	Ms Anna Naupa	Associate Director
54	Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP)	Dr James Perez Viernes	Deputy Director
55	The Pacific Community (SPC)	Mr Jens Kruger	Deputy Director, Ocean and Maritime, GEM
56	SPC	Mr Herve Damlamian	Team Leader, Ocean Prediction and Monitoring, GEM
57	SPC	Mr Omirete Tabureka	Team Leader, Maritime Affairs, GEM
58	SPC	Mr Yolisaguyau Tom'tavala	Maritime Policy and Legal Adviser, GEM
59	SPC	Mr Hans Wendt	Integrated Ocean Management Adviser, GEM
60	SPC	Ms Janice Mose	Ocean Advocacy and Strategic Engagement Adviser, GEM
61	SPC	Dr Katy Soapi	Coordinator: Partnerships and Engagement, PCCOS
62	International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	Mr Semisi Seruitanoa	Membership Officer, Oceania Regional Office (ORO)
63	IUCN	TBC	
64	IUCN	TBC	
65	Conservation International (CI)	Ms Susana Waqainabete-Tuisese	Senior Director, Pacific Ocean and Island Program, Asia Pacific Field Division
66	Pacific Network on Globalisation (PANG)	Mr Joey Tau	Ocean Campaigner
67	PANG	Mr Jason Titifanue	Research Intern
68	Footprints in the Sand Consulting	Ms Seema Deo	Consultant
69	PIFS	Ms Lavinia Tomtavala	Research Officer
70	PIFS	Mr Jonacani Drobula	IT Support
71	OPOC	Mr Peni B. Suveinakama	OPOC Manager
72	OPOC	Ms Tekau Frere	OPOC Adviser
73	OPOC	Ms Mereseini Marau	Ocean Communications Officer

74	OPOC	Ms Mere Koroivosa	OPOC Admin & Data Management Assistant
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VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

	Organization	Name	Designation
1	Climalysis	Dr Jeremy Hills	Consultant
2	University of Wollongong	Mr Lucky Wuwung	PhD Candidate
3	University of Wollongong	Prof Quentin Hanich	Researcher
4	UNDOALOS	Ms Alice Hicuburundi	Principal Legal Officer
5	UN CBD	Mr Joseph Appiott	Marine Coordinator
6	UNEP	Ms Leticia Carvalho,	Principal Coordinator Marine Branch
7	CARICOM Secretariat	Mr. Kareem Sabir	Senior Project Officer, Sustainable Development
8	Western Indian Ocean Region Regional Ocean Governance Strategy	Ms. Yvonne Waweru,	Senior Governance Advisor
9	Commonwealth Secretariat	Mr. Kenroy Simmons	Legal Adviser, Ocean Governance and Maritime Boundaries
10	University of the South Pacific	Dr Jack Dyer	Lecturer in Ocean Policy and Governance
11	Alliance of Small Island States	Ms Anama Solofa	Marine Policy Analyst
12	WCPFC (TBC)		
13	ASEAN Secretariat (TBC)		

Annex II

Pacific Regional Ocean Policy and Governance Dialogue

21 – 24 August 2023

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Time	Learning Day 1 <i>Theme: Overview of Status Quo</i> <i>Overview of the State of Play with global and regional ocean policy and governance.</i>	Learning Day 2 <i>Theme: National Experiences & Vision</i> <i>Setting</i> <i>Learning from the national policy frameworks end with a High Level Dialogue (Recap)</i>	Talanoa Day 3 <i>Theme: How to achieve our Vision</i> <i>Facilitated Talanoa amongst participants on regional issues, challenges and recommendations. (Recap)</i>	Talanoa Day 4 <i>Theme: Moving forward to Implement our Vision</i> <i>Finalize recommendations</i>
0900 – 1030	<p>Opening Ceremony [0900 – 0930] MC: Peni Suveinakama (OPOC) Prayer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pacific Ocean Commissioner, Dr. Filimon Manoni, (Welcoming remarks – 8mins) UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy for the Ocean, Ambassador Peter Thomson (Invited Guest Speaker – 8mins) Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment of Palau, Hon. Steven Victor (Keynote Speaker – 8mins) <p>Group Photo & Morning Tea (0930-1015)</p>	<p>Session 5: Presentation of National Ocean Policies (NOP): Facilitator: Tekau Frere (OPOC) 10mins each Presenter</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vanuatu: Mr Tony Tevi, Head of Maritime and Ocean Affairs PNG: Ms Grace Kaue, Acting Director, Office of Ocean Affairs Cook Is: Ms Teuru Passfield, Senior Foreign Service Officer, Multilateral Samoa: Mr. Afele Faiilagi, Assistant Chief Executive Officer Environment RMI: Mr Glen Joseph, Director, Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority Fiji: Mr. Izhaar Ali, Ocean Specialist, Climate Change Division, OPM Solomon Is: Ms. Gladys Isihanua, Assistant Secretary, Ocean and Climate Change Desk <p>Reasons for establishing the NOP? Goals and Governances Structures of NOP? How are different sectors and stakeholders involved? Identifying linkages to regional and global ocean policies? NOP implementation and follow up and review? What are the financing arrangements and opportunities? Is there a</p>	<p>Main Talanoa 1: Ocean Issues, Policies and Actors Facilitator: Dominic Ransan-Cooper – Australia</p> <p>Unpacking the ocean issues, policies and regional actors who currently play a part at the national and regional levels? How can these actors work closely together and how can we address the chronic data inadequacy that will be useful for follow up and review? Specific focus on thematic ocean issues that are sensitive, unresolved and requiring specific attention? Identify other current and emerging ocean issues?</p>	<p>[Site Visit: Captain Cook Trip to Tivua Island with Marine Biologist and Mangrove and Coral Planting.]</p> <p>(Depart Denarau Marina at 9:00am and return 4:15pm)</p> <p>Main Talanoa 4: Recommendations Facilitator: Pacific Ocean Commissioner, Dr. Filimon Manoni. -Outline dialogue recommendations. -Participants to review recommendations and agree on way forward.</p>

		need for a regional approach to support development and implementation?		
1030 – 1100	Morning Coffee/Tea Breaks			
1100 - 1200	<p>(1015-1200) Session 1: Global and Sectoral Ocean Policy and Governance Overview Facilitator: Ms. Keleni Seruvatu – Fiji</p> <p>i. UNDOALOS: Ms. Alice Hicaburundi, Principal Legal Officer (10mins) ii. UN CBD: Mr Joseph Appiott, Marine Coordinator (10mins) iii. UNEP: Ms. Leticia Carvalho, Principal Coordinator Marine Branch (10mins) iv. WCPFC: Ms. Moss-Christian, Executive Director (tbc) (10mins)</p> <p>Status of policy and governance globally? What are the strengths and weaknesses of global, ocean policies and governance? How can global policies and governance support the regional and national levels? Opportunities for PSIDS to inform global discourse? - How can we address the data gaps?</p>	<p>Session 6: Small Talanoa Breakout Groups: Reflect on State of Play Facilitator: Overall Facilitator</p> <p>Discuss linkages between national, regional and global levels? -What are the issues (including emerging issues) in terms of current ocean policies and governance? How can they be addressed? Are the existing governance arrangements sufficient? Approach to implementation and follow up and review?</p>	<p>Main Talanoa 2: Current Ocean Governance and Policy Challenges and Limitations Facilitator: Glen Joseph - RMI (tbc)</p> <p>What are the gaps and challenges in the existing ocean governance and policy regime? Relationships among the national, regional and global ocean policy and governance systems. Understanding the different roles in ocean governance and policy implementation, coordination, and coherence.</p>	<p>Closing ceremony formalities MC: Peni Suveinakama -Dr. Filimon Manoni, Pacific Ocean Commissioner – Way forward.</p>
1200 – 1300	<p>Session 2: Overview on State of Play for the Pacific Ocean Policy & Governance: Facilitator: Mr. Tilson Ephraim- Nauru (tbc)</p> <p>i. Forum Leaders 2050 Strategy: (tbc) ii. OPOC: Peni Suveinakama, Ocean Analyst & Manager (10mins): Regional Ocean policy and governance, including the 2050 Strategy. iii. Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources (ANCORS), Ms. Genevieve Quirk (10mins) Sharing perspectives on which areas of ocean policy and governance works, what could be improved and opportunities for the future.</p>	<p>Continue Session 6</p>	<p>Continue Main Talanoa 2 Discussion</p>	

1300 – 1400	Lunch Break			
1400 – 1500	<p>Session 3: Small Talanoa Breakout Groups: Reflect on Global and Regional State of Play Facilitators: Overall Facilitator</p> <p>What are the linkages between regional and global levels? What are some of the policy and governance gap areas that need to be addressed? What are the unresolved/sensitive issues (including emerging ones)? How can these be addressed? Are the existing governance arrangements sufficient? Approach to implementation and follow up and review?</p>	<p>Session 7: Facilitated Dialogue: Facilitator: Pacific Ocean Commissioner, Dr. Filimon Manoni (10mins For each speaker)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy for the Ocean, Ambassador Peter Thomson ii. Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment of Palau, Hon. Steven Victor (tbc) iii. Vanuatu: Mr Tony Tevi, Head of Maritime and Ocean Affairs (tbc) iv. Taholo Kami What are some of the big ocean ideas you would like for the Pacific to take up to UNOC? How can we be better custodians? How can we be more inclusive on ocean governance at all levels? How can we address the difficult ocean issues for the region? 	<p>Main Talanoa 3: Opportunities to Address the Limitations and Challenges of Ocean Policy and Governance Facilitator: Tekau Frere (OPOC)</p> <p>How to achieve what we want (our vision)? Unpacking options and solutions to improve the state of play to address the gaps and challenges? Do we need a shared regional approach/principles/apply and enforce same standards? Discuss the practical implementation of ROPs and NOPs? What are the successful coordination & governance models? How quality and timely data and M&E frameworks inform ocean policy and governance? What institutional and policy reforms are needed and how?</p>	
1500 - 1530	Afternoon Coffee/Tea Breaks			
1530 - 1700	<p>Session 4: Presentations on approached by different regions/sub-regions ocean policy and governance: Facilitator: Ms. Alex Herman – Cook Is (tbc)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. CARICOM Secretariat: Ms. Amrikha Singh, Programme Manager, Sustainable Development (10mins) ii. Western Indian Ocean Region Regional Ocean Governance Strategy: Ms. Yvonne Waweru, Senior Governance Advisor (10mins) iii. Commonwealth Secretariat: Mr. Kenroy Simmons, Legal Adviser, Ocean Governance and Maritime Boundaries (10mins) iv. ASEAN Secretariat: (tbc) 	<p>Session 7: Small Talanoa Breakout Groups 2: Facilitated Dialogue Facilitator: Ms. Susana Waqainabete-Tusese (CI)</p> <p>Derive recommendations: Concrete ideas from High Level Dialogue that can be taken forward? What aspects can the Pacific learn from other region’s initiatives? (Slido)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Inward Looking: Policy considerations and governance/mechanisms -Outward Looking: Inform and influence global policy and governance? How can we leverage Pacific engagement further? 	<p>Continue Main Talanoa 3 Discussion</p>	

Note: OPOC Program for Friday 25 August 2023 (9am – 12pm)

	ITEM	TIME	COMMENTS
1	Presentation by OPOC on its current Program 2023 – 2026: Focus on key future platforms of engagement and initiatives: i. POA ii. BBNJ iii. UNFCCC COP iv. 2023 Year of the Ocean	09:00 – 10:00am	
2	Discussion on key matters arising from Dialogue for OPOC	10:00 – 10:30am	
	Morning Tea	10:30 – 11am	
3	Way forward – Wrap up (End of Meeting)	11:00 – 12:00pm	
	Lunch	12:00 – 1:00pm	

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