



PIURN Summer Institute – Climate Change in the Pacific

24th November to 28th November 2025



Location : USP Lower Campus, Marine Lecture Theatre

Time	Day 1 – Monday 24 Nov	Day 2 – Tuesday 25 Nov	Day 3 – Wednesday 26 Nov	Day 4 – Thursday 27 Nov
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	<p>9:00 AM - Registration Opens : collection of informations, packs-goodie bags, etc.</p> <p>9.30 AM - Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Professor Jito Vanualilailai, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education and Co-Chair of the Pacific Islands Universities Regional Network</p> <p>Dr Manumatavai Tupou-Roosen, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Regional Campuses & Global Engagment</p> <p>Dr Awnesh Singh, Interim Director USP Centre for Sustainable Futures</p>	<p>Global and Regional Initiative: Setting the scene Post COP 30</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr George Carter (ANU)</p>	<p>Pacific Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection Methods: Tok Stori, Talanoa, Tālanga and relationality</p> <p>Facilitators: Dr Armagan Sabetian (AUT)</p>	<p>Local Approaches to Building Pacific Resilience</p> <p>Facilitator: Professor Meg keen (ANU)</p>
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Morning tea			
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	<p>Introduction of the participants - Ice breaker activities</p> <p>Objectives of the training - Build a community of practices & Identify research gaps in the region</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr Tolu Muliaina (USP)</p>	<p>Adaptation Methods to Mitigate the Impact of Climate Change in the Pacific</p> <p>Facilitators: Dr Isoa Korovulavula (USP)</p>	<p>Disseminating Results of your Research to the General Public</p> <p>Facilitators: Dr Armagan Sabetian (AUT)</p>	<p>Innovative Solutions Developed in the Pacific – Nature-based and Engineered Solutions: Arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi as potential regulators of climate change impact on the metabolome of medicinal and aromatic plants</p> <p>Facilitators: Dr Nicolas Lebouvier (UNC)</p>
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch			





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1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	<p>Critically examine, appreciate and identify aspects of the Unique Pacific Landscape grounded in the Pacific Way of Cooperation</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr Manu Tupou-Roosen, ADVC Regional Campuses USP</p>	<p>Regional Research Agenda's expertise in Climate Adaptation - Working within a regional context and Data collection method in the Climate Change field in the Pacific context</p> <p>Facilitator: Ms Luisa Wara (SPC)</p>	<p>Talanoa: Reflection on the Pacific Nexus - Faith and Education in Climate Change Research</p> <p>Facilitators: Dr Brian Alofaituli (NUS)</p>	<p>Reflection on the Research Gaps in the Region</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr Tolu Muliaina (USP)</p>
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Afternoon Tea			
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>How to integrate Pacific Methodologies in the research work of PhD Students</p> <p>Facilitators: Dr Rosiana Lagi (USP)</p>	<p>Healthy Islands in a Changing Climate: Strengthening Pacific Health and Wellbeing Through Local Knowledge</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr Donald Wilson (FNU) and Dr Bobby Porykali (PNGUoT)</p>	<p>Activities - PhD Thesis Synergies</p> <p>Facilitators: TBC</p>	<p>Wrap-up session</p>
5:00 PM	<p>Networking session - Informal Kava Session</p>	<p>Fostering Higher Education in the Pacific : Opportunities for 2026</p>		

Day 5 - Friday 28 Nov: Field Trip - Buretu Village, Tailevu
Meeting up at 8:30 AM

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