

Inaugural Pacific Islands
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Social Media Tool Kit



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2030 United Nations Decade
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The Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Science

Background:

The Pacific Community (SPC) through its Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Science will convene Pacific stakeholders at a regional conference on ocean science and ocean management in 2023 as part of the Ocean Decade implementation in the Pacific. At the national, regional, and global levels, there is a great push to address ocean issues in a more integrated way to better use ocean resources, benefit from the ocean space while protecting ecosystems, cultures and livelihoods.

The Ocean is also the largest heat and carbon sink on the planet, as it absorbs CO₂ and excess heat caused by climate change. Thus, it is crucial to address ocean and climate issues as a nexus.

This event will bring together relevant country stakeholders and partners to discuss ocean science and management priorities in the Pacific. It will be a key platform to identify national and regional needs, highlight key scientific questions and attract funds to bridge key gaps between ocean science and ocean policy implementation.

"An Ocean of Knowledge for our Sea of Islands"

The statement "An Ocean of Knowledge for our Sea of Islands" refers to the vast amount of knowledge that exists about the Pacific Ocean and its islands. This knowledge is essential for ocean science and ocean management, as it helps us to understand the ocean's ecosystems, its resources, and its threats.

The Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean on Earth, and it is home to a wide variety of marine life. The islands of the Pacific are also home to a rich diversity of cultures and traditions. This knowledge of the ocean and its islands is essential for managing the ocean's resources sustainably, and for protecting the environment.

The statement "An Ocean of Knowledge for our Sea of Islands" also highlights the importance of indigenous knowledge in ocean science and ocean management. Indigenous peoples have a long history of living in the Pacific Ocean, and they have developed a deep understanding of the ocean's ecosystems and resources. This knowledge is essential for managing the ocean sustainably, and for protecting the environment.

The statement "An Ocean of Knowledge for our Sea of Islands" is a call to action to build on the existing knowledge of the Pacific Ocean and its islands, and to use this knowledge to manage the ocean sustainably and protect the environment.

Key Messages

- Prioritizing Pacific Ocean Science and Management: Bringing together all relevant country stakeholders and partners to identify, discuss, and prioritize ocean science and management priorities in the Blue Pacific. We can address urgent issues, effectively manage resources, and create focused policies for sustainable ocean governance by encouraging conversation and cooperation.
- Showcasing Pacific Scientific Excellence: Providing a dynamic platform for regional and international scientists to showcase their innovative work and achievements. By highlighting their research, methodologies, and discoveries, we can collectively prioritize key scientific focuses and scientific questions. This will enhance collaboration, drive advancements in ocean science, and contribute to evidence-based decision-making for our Blue Pacific region.
- Building a Path towards Integrated Ocean Management: Taking stock of the current situation of integrated ocean management in Pacific Island Countries and Territories and develop a shared understanding and a way forward. By examining existing frameworks, identifying gaps and challenges, and promoting knowledge exchange, we can work together towards comprehensive and effective approaches to ocean management that ensure sustainability and resilience.
- Harnessing the Power of Traditional Knowledge: Highlighting the practical implications and successful examples of integrating traditional knowledge, science, and ocean management. By embracing the knowledge and insights of indigenous communities, we can enhance scientific endeavours, foster cultural preservation, and develop strategies that incorporate traditional knowledge, leading to more effective and culturally appropriate ocean management practices.
- Shaping the Ocean Decade in the Pacific: The conference serves as a platform to discuss the implementation of the Ocean Decade in the Pacific and envision its future. Through engaging conversations, we can collectively define the Ocean Decade's goals, initiatives, and strategies specific to the Pacific region. This will maximize its potential to drive transformative change, strengthen partnerships, and accelerate progress towards sustainable ocean governance in the Pacific.

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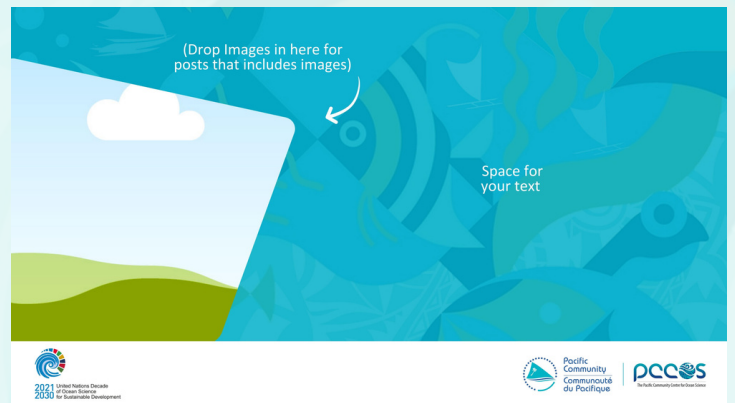


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