

Pacific Islands Conference on Ocean Science and Ocean Management

An Ocean of Knowledge for our Sea of Islands

11 – 15 September 2023, Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji

Conference objectives:

- Identify, discuss and prioritise ocean science and management priorities in the Pacific with all relevant country stakeholders and partners.
- Provide a platform for Pacific scientists to showcase their work and prioritise key scientific focuses and scientific questions.
- Take stock of the current situation of integrated ocean management in Pacific Island Countries and Territories and develop a shared understanding and way forward.
- Share on practical implications and example of integrating traditional knowledge to science project and ocean management.
- Discuss the implementation of the Ocean Decade in the Pacific and what it should look like

The Conference takes place in all three conference rooms of the Tanoa International Hotel:

- **Convention Centre (up to 120 participants)** - main plenary room (all mornings) and largest room for parallel sessions (afternoons)
- **Talei Room (70 people)** - broadcasting of the Convention Centre (mornings) and room for some parallel sessions.
- **Tanoa Room (50 people)** - Room for some parallel sessions, traditional knowledge and culture space open to all throughout the week for side meetings, storytelling, talanoa and kava sessions

Session formats throughout the week:

1. **Abstract-based presentations** – Structured and prepared presentation using visual support for 7 minutes with 3 minutes of questions and answers.
2. **Tok stori session** – Moderated discussion on a key topic with various stakeholders and different perspectives. Key themes are addressed over the course of 2 hours in a more open discussion with storytelling format, moving away from PowerPoint presentations.
3. **Deep dive session** - 1.5 hour of deep dive on a specific topic of interest, with the possibility of workshopping ideas to achieve a specific result or output with participants.
4. **Poster presentations** – Scientific posters with a presenter in a gallery walk format.

Please note: This programme is subject to change. The latest version of the programme is available on the [Conference webpage](#).

Overall Programme

Time	Monday 11 Sept <i>Discover</i>	Tuesday 12 Sept <i>Share</i>	Wednesday 13 Sept <i>Learn</i>	Thursday 14 Sept <i>Plan</i>	Friday 15 Sept <i>Act</i>
8.00	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
8.30 (Convention Centre)	Opening & Prayer Keynote speaker	Recap of Day 1	Recap of Day 2	Recap of Day 3	Recap of Day 4
8.45 (Convention Centre)		Presentations: National Ocean Policies in the Pacific 1/2	Ocean Decade: from global to national perspectives	Presentations: Traditional Ocean Knowledge	Looking ahead: BBNJ and Ocean Governance in the Blue Pacific
8.45 (Talei Room)	N/A	Presentations: Coastal modelling 1/2	Presentations: Fisheries and coastal science	Presentations: Climate and Open Ocean Science	N/A
10.00	Morning tea (Outside the Convention Centre)				
10.30 (Convention Centre)	Tok Stori on Policy implementation and traditional knowledge	Tok Stori on Biodiversity conservation	Perspectives: Transformative Marine Pollution Research	Tok Stori on Marine Spatial Planning and its applications in the Pacific	Looking ahead: Integrated Ocean Management: panel and workshop
12.30	Lunch (Garden Court Restaurant)				
1.30 (Convention Centre)	Presentations: Ocean Policy & Management Initiatives in the Pacific 1/2	Deep dive on Traditional Ocean Knowledge for Pacific Ocean Management	Presentations: Deep Ocean Science, Resources and Capacity Building	The Pacific Early Career Ocean Professional Network	Sustainable Oceans Financing
1.30 (Talei Room)	Deep dive on communicating ocean science	Workshop 1/3: Information portals and databases	Deep dive on Nature-based solutions	Deep dive on a multi-partner approach to Marine Spatial Planning	N/A
3.00	Afternoon tea (Outside the Convention Centre)				
3.30 (Convention Centre)	Presentations: Marine Spatial Planning	Presentations: National Ocean Policies in the Pacific 2/2	Presentations: Ocean Policy & Management Initiatives in the Pacific 2/2	Charting a course for the Ocean Decade in the Blue Pacific	Outcomes Document & closing
3.30 (Talei Room)	Presentations: Coral reefs and Ocean Acidification	Presentations: Fisheries and aquaculture in the Pacific	Presentations: Coastal modelling 2/2	N/A	N/A
5.00 Evening event	Poster presentations Opening cocktail (Restaurant area)			Launch of the Pacific Islands Ocean Decade Collaborative Centre and cocktail (Outside the Convention Centre)	

Workshops on Information portals and databases:

1/3: Talei Room, 1.30 pm on Tuesday 12 September

2/3: Tanoa Room, 3.30 pm on Tuesday 12 September

3/3: Tanoa Room, 8.45 am on Wednesday 13 September

Workshop on ocean observations for improved ocean forecasting

Tanoa Room, 1.30 pm on Thursday 14 September