



Guidelines for Engaging in the Pacific Innovation Forum on Climate and the Environment (PIFCE)

Introduction

The Pacific Innovation Forum on Climate and the Environment (PIFCE) organizers welcomes submissions of innovative solutions from governments, non-government organizations, civil society organizations, businesses, educational and academic institutions to be featured and be part of the PIFCE held in Port Vila, Vanuatu from 1 - 3 July 2026.

These guidelines will help the organizers create an impactful, well-coordinated event that complement the main forum program and ensure innovative solutions are well presented and showcased in the 3 days event

Priority

The Pacific Innovation Forum on Climate and the Environment (PIFCE) will prioritize innovative and practical solutions implemented in Pacific Island Countries, with strong relevance to local contexts and needs. The Forum will place particular emphasis on Pacific-led solutions, private sector-driven initiatives, and community-led approaches.

PIFCE 2026 encourages **private sector actors** — including local businesses, social enterprises, innovators, start-ups, investors, utilities, and industry leaders — to participate not only as contributors, but as co-creators and implementers of solutions. The Forum seeks to highlight market-driven innovations, sustainable business models, public-private partnerships, and investment-ready ideas that support resilience, low-carbon development, and inclusive sustainable economic growth across Pacific Island Countries.

Equally, PIFCE 2026 strongly values **community-led initiatives**, recognizing communities as essential champions of innovation, adaptation, and environmental stewardship. The Forum invites participation from community organizations, women- and youth-led initiatives, cooperatives, and civil society actors that are developing locally grounded, culturally responsive, and inclusive solutions. These initiatives reflect the lived experience of climate and environmental impacts and demonstrate how local knowledge and collective action can deliver tangible and lasting change.

Forum Themes and Thematic Areas

Expressions of interest to engage with the forum must align with the theme and thematic areas of PIFCE 2026.





The Theme of PIFCE 2026 is: “Champions of Innovation for Sustainable and Resilient Futures: Harnessing Ideas and Knowledge to Advance Pacific Solutions”.

This theme calls on individuals, organisations, private sector, communities and governments across the Pacific to step forward as active drivers of change — not just participants — in addressing climate and environmental challenges. It reflects PIFCE 2026's core intent: to bring together diverse actors from governments, entrepreneurs, civil society, and academia to transform local knowledge and innovative thinking into practical, Pacific-led solutions that build long-term resilience and sustainability across the region.

The supporting and underlying 3 Thematic Areas of PIFCE, which will guide the content and programming of the Forum are as follows:

1. Resilient and Low Carbon Pacific Communities: Protecting Lives, Livelihoods & Enabling a Just and Inclusive Transition.

Exploring pathways to reduce carbon emissions and strengthen community resilience, local economies and business while ensuring the transition to a sustainable future is fair, inclusive, and leaves no one behind.

2. Restoring and Conserving Pacific Island Ecosystems: Land, Ocean, Biodiversity & Circular Economy Solutions

Championing the protection and restoration of the Pacific's unique terrestrial and marine ecosystems through innovative approaches that support sustainable livelihoods, local enterprises, circular economy solutions that work in harmony with nature.

3. Turning Loss and Damage into Action: Building Collective Understanding and Advancing Community Centered Action, Policy, Finance, and Pacific Leadership

Moving beyond acknowledgement of climate-driven loss and damage to drive concrete Pacific-led, community centered action through stronger and inclusive policy frameworks, dedicated financing, and amplified regional leadership.

Types of Forum Engagements –

- **Attend the event as a participant**, with access to plenary sessions, panel discussions, workshops, exhibitions, and networking opportunities throughout the Forum.
- **Host a Side Event or Workshop:** Side events and workshops are sessions held alongside the main agenda to offer deeper dives into specific topics, facilitate networking, showcase innovation, or foster collaboration. A side event can be:
 - A panel or roundtable discussion
 - A workshop or training that will offer hands-on learning across various topics that align with the overall themes of the Forum.

For more information, review the [PIFCE Side Event and Workshop Guidelines](#)





- **Host an Interactive booth** - Booths will be available in pavilions outside of the main event space. These offer a space to innovators to showcase their solutions while engaging with participants to provide a deeper, hands-on understanding of their innovations.
- **Participate in a Pitch Competition** - Take part in a Pitch Session that will consist of short, focused presentations where participants will have the opportunity to showcase their innovative solutions to a diverse audience, including businesses leaders, potential donors, investors and partners organizations.

*Due to limited time and space, proposals for side events, workshops, and participation in the Pitch Competition may be subject to a selection process by the Event Secretariat.

[Click here to complete the EOI form to propose Side Event, Workshop, participate in the Pitch Competition, host an Interactive Booth.](#)

Deadline for Submissions: Extended until 5 May 2026

Please note that submissions received by 24 April 2026 will be prioritised.