

FORUM PROGRAM



Across the Pacific, the forces shaping our future are already in motion. Rising seas, changing climates and evolving social, economic and environmental pressures continue to challenge our communities. Yet throughout our region, another force is gathering strength. A force driven by innovation, leadership, knowledge and collective action.

These are the Wave Makers.

The Pacific Islands Forum on Climate and Environment (PIFCE) 2026 brings together the people, organisations and ideas creating meaningful change across our Blue Pacific. From traditional custodians and community leaders to policymakers, scientists, entrepreneurs and emerging innovators, this forum celebrates those who are not simply responding to change, but actively shaping what comes next.

Over the coming days, delegates will explore new approaches to climate resilience, environmental stewardship, renewable energy, nature-based solutions, finance, technology and community-led adaptation. Together, we will share knowledge, challenge assumptions, forge partnerships and amplify the innovations emerging from our islands and oceans. Every movement begins with a single ripple. Every ripple has the potential to become a wave. **Welcome to PIFCE 2026. Welcome to a gathering of Pacific Wave Makers.**

27 June 2026 - Pre-Forum Event

TIME	SESSION
All day	ClimateTech Hackathon

30 June 2026 - Pre-Forum Event

TIME	SESSION
9:00	Mangrove Planting at Erakor Half Road
13:00 - 15:00	Clean-Up & Upcycling of Southern Ward with Yumi UP and Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC)
15:00	Site Visit to Port Vila's Compost Facility
17:00 - 19:00	A High-Level Policy Dialogue on Climate Change, Women's Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (By invitation Only)

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1 July 2026

TIME	FAREA PACIFIK 1	PACIFIC BALLROOM 1	PACIFIC BALLROOM 2
8:00 - 8:30	Registration		
8:30 - 10:25	Opening		
10:25 - 10:45	Morning Tea		
10:45 - 11:45	Plenary Panel Discussion Pacific Leadership in Global Climate Decision-Making	Innovation Pitch Competition	
11:45 - 12:45	Plenary Panel Discussion Innovating with Nature: Nature-based Solutions for a Thriving Blue Pacific	Innovation Pitch Competition	
12:45 - 13:40	Lunch		
13:40 - 14:40	Plenary Panel Discussion From Commitment to Action: Delivering Loss and Damage Support for the Pacific	Innovation Pitch Competition	From Shocks to Strength: Health Systems Adapting to Climate Change Burnet Institute
14:40 - 15:00	Afternoon Tea		
15:00 - 16:00	Innovation in Academia: The Role of Pacific National Universities in Building Climate and Environmental Leaders Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC)	Customary Custodial Management of Blue Carbon Ecosystems and Investments Infinity Blue (PNG) Limited	Toward Pacific Wide Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification Earth Sciences New Zealand (ESNZ)
16:00 - 17:30	Vanuatu Data Science Driving Innovation in Climate Change and Natural Disasters Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics	Storian as Method: A Pacific, Community-Led Approach to Loss and Damage. From the nakamal to the national programme - co-learning Loss and Damage with communities in Vanuatu, and adapting the method across the Pacific. Pacific Advisory, on behalf of the Nabanga Loss and Damage	What Does Just Transition Mean for the Pacific? A Co-Creation Workshop Asia Development Bank (ADB)
17:30-1740	Announcemnet of the Finalists for the Pitch Competition		

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2 July 2026

TIME	FAREA PACIFIK 1	PACIFIC BALLROOM 1	PACIFIC BALLROOM 2
8:00 - 9:00	Registration		
9:00 - 10:00	Plenary Panel Discussion Unlocking Pacific Innovation: Addressing Barriers, Financial Gaps and Enablers for Sustainable Development	Blue Carbon Ecosystem Policy - Discussion and Official Launch Dept of Environmental Protection & Conservation, Vanuatu	Integrated innovative approaches for biodiversity conservation, sustainable land management and climate-smart agriculture for coastal adaptation in Vanuatu. Adaptation to Climate Change in the Coastal Zone of Vanuatu Second Phase (VCAP2) project"
10:00 - 10:30	Morning Tea		
10:30 - 11:30	Innovative Capacity Building for Resilient and Low Carbon Pacific Communities Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC)	Vanuatu National Tabu Eria Roadmap + Launch of the Shefa Provincial Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Dept of Environmental Protection & Conservation, Vanuatu	Building Finance-Ready CSOs: Lessons in Capacity Strengthening for Pacific Resilience UNDP
11:30 - 13:00	Lunch		
13:00 - 14:00	Locally Defined Resilience: How Communities Define and Track What Matters Pacific Farmer Organisations	ClimateTech Hackathon Vanuatu 2026 Vlab	Women Wetem Weta (WWW): Women Leading Climate Resilience in the Pacific Action Aid Vanuatu
14:00 - 15:00	Panel on Applications of Climate and Hazard Risk Data in the Context of Loss and Damage Earth Sciences NZ (PaRTneR Programme)	ClimateTech Hackathon Vanuatu 2026 Vlab	Scaling Bamboo for Resilient Construction in the Pacific Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)
15:00 - 15:30	Afternoon Tea		
15:30 - 16:30	Round table on customary and community-led natural resource management Gardiens	Young Pacific People Tackling the Triple Planetary Crisis UNEP, SPREP, NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, Vanuatu's Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation	National Air Quality Taskforce, covering climate change mitigation efforts through the implementation of the Pollution Control Act for SLCPs and the OLP Act for HFC phase-out. Department of Environmental Protection & Conservation, Vanuatu
16:30 - 17:30	Driving institutional support to customary-led natural resource management SEVE	Climate AI for Resilience and Early Warning - From Data to Decision-Making DI Lab Inc.	REnew Pacific: Empowering Rural Communities of Vanuatu through Renewable Energy Solutions Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

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3 July 2026

TIME	FAREA PACIFIK 1	PACIFIC BALLROOM 1	PACIFIC BALLROOM 2
8:00 - 9:00	Registration		
9:00 - 10:30	Making It Locally: Fabrication as Climate Resilience in the Pacific Field Ready	Unlocking Climate Finance in the Pacific: From Conceptualisation to Capitalization KPMG Fiji	Pacific Guidance on Internal Planned Relocation: A Decolonized Approach Rooted in Pacific Values International Organization for Migration IOM
10:30 - 11:00	Morning Tea		
11:00 - 12:30	Innovation Pitch Competition (Final) and Awards	Project Halo: Harnessing nature-based solutions and the blue economy to improve lives and livelihoods in urban and rural Pacific communities Water Research Laboratory, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of New South Wales, Sydney”	Data-Driven Energy Planning for Climate-Resilient Pacific Island Grids Scinergy Pacific
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch		
13:30 - 15:00	Innovative Loss and Damage Funding Mechanisms Department of Climate Change, Vanuatu	Dignified Pathways: Pacific Voices Shaping Climate Futures Moana Tasi Project	Unlocking Climate Resilience through Parametric Payouts United Nations Capital Development Fund UNCDF
15:00 - 15:15	Afternoon Tea		
15:15 - 17:25	Closing		
17:25 - 18:00	Refreshments		
18:00 - 19:30	Entertainment		

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