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## Loss and Damage and the Climate Negotiations

13-14 October, 2022

Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva, Fiji

### Concept Note and Program

#### Introduction

The University of Fiji in collaboration with the Ministry of iTaukei Affairs, Pacific Islands Development Forum, Linköping University, Sweden, and the ANU Institute for Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions is conducting a 2-day workshop on “**Loss and Damage and the Climate Negotiations**”. The workshop will be held from 13 to 14 October 2022, at Grand Pacific Hotel. The goal of the workshop is “*strengthening collaborations and knowledge sharing.*”

The event will bring together an audience of decision-makers working on environmental and climate issues in Pacific island states, with an international, national, regional, or local focus, researchers, industry leaders, NGOs, representatives from communities dealing with loss and damage impacts, and media to discuss the concept of loss and damage from a Pacific perspective.

#### Rationale

Pacific Island nations, such as Fiji, have played a key role in global negotiations and elevating the issue of climate-related loss and damage on international agendas. Moreover, Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are moving forward with actions to address Loss and Damage as it is already occurring. Whilst issues of finance rightfully claim priority at the international level, there are outstanding questions that need to be addressed of how Loss and Damage should be interpreted and addressed at different levels, especially taking into account the multiple perspectives, experiences and knowledge of different stakeholders. Now is an opportune time to come together to understand the perspectives and experiences of Pacific Islanders who are experiencing loss and damage in profound ways due to climate change, and to communicate lessons based on this to the wider audiences.

#### Theme and Scope

Over the course of two days we intend to explore;

- The diverse perspectives, experiences and meanings of loss and damage for various professionals and communities in the Pacific
- From the Pacific perspective, ‘What are the tangible actions taken to address loss and damage?’
- Implications for COP27 and future work within climate conventions



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# Program

## Day 1: Climate Change Loss and Damage (L&D)

Time	Agenda Item	Lead	Remarks
<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Opening Session</b>		<b>13 October 2022</b>
8.00 - 8.45	Participant registration	The University of Fiji	
9.00- 9.10	Welcome	Ms. Priyatma Singh	Lecturer, The University of Fiji
9.10 - 9.30	Opening Remarks	Prof. Shaista Shameen	Vice-Chancellor, The University of Fiji
9.30- 10.00	Chief Guest's Keynote Address	Mr. Pita Tagicakakirewa	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of iTaukei Affairs, Fiji
10.00 - 10.15	"Why are we here? Loss and damage in the wake of recent geopolitical disruptions"	Prof. Bjorn-Ola Linner	Professor in Environmental Change, Linkoping University, Sweden
10.15 -10.30	Group Photo	All Participants	
<b>10.30-11.00</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>		
	<b>Session One</b>		
11.00 - 11.30	Overview of climate change and L&D from Pacific perspective	Ambassador Solo Mara	PIDF Secretary General
11.30 - 12.00	L&D: Considering the community perspective in the Pacific	Ms. Linda Siegele	Pacific L&D Negotiator
12.00- 12.30	Making sense of L&D in the Pacific: Translating between spaces and audiences	Dr. Stephen Woroniecki Ms. Priyatma Singh	Linkoping University The University of Fiji
<b>12.30-13.45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
13.45 - 14.00	Song Performance	UniFiji Samabula Campus Performance & Expressive Arts Group	
	<b>Session Two</b>		
14.00 - 15.30	<p><b>Panel 1: Towards comprehensive, nuanced, sensitive and culturally/Pacific-relevant interpretations of L&amp;D</b></p> <p>Panel Members;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Kelepi Saukitoga</li> <li>- Ms. Senivasa Waqairamasi</li> <li>- Mr. Kunal Singh</li> <li>- Mr. Daniel Lund</li> <li>- Ms. Arieta Daphne</li> </ul>	<p>Moderator - Dr. Ramendra Prasad - Senior lecturer, The University of Fiji</p> <p>Community representative [Narikoso, Fiji]</p> <p>Principal Environment Officer, Ministry of Environment, Fiji</p> <p>Climate Policy Officer, British High Commission, Fiji</p> <p>Policy Adviser and Climate Risk Management Specialist</p> <p>Senior Scientific Officer at Fiji Meteorological Services</p>	<p>Interpretations of L&amp;D:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-What does L&amp;D look like in the Pacific?</li> <li>-What are different perspectives on L&amp;D?</li> </ul>
<b>15.30-15.45</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>		
	<b>Session Three - Final session for Day 1</b>		
15.45- 16.30	<p><b>Talanoa Dialogue:</b></p> <p>Developing comprehensive, nuanced, sensitive and culturally/Pacific-relevant interpretations of L&amp;D</p>	All participants	

## Day 2: Emerging Responses

Time	Agenda Item	Lead	Remarks
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Session One</b>		<b>14<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>
9.00 - 9.10	Welcome & Recap of day 1& Introduction to day 2	Ms. Malaika Mikaelsson	PhD Candidate - Linkoping University
9.10 - 9.35	Governing loss and damage at the national level: the case of Tuvalu	Dr. Elisa Calliari	Research Scholar at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Vienna
9.35 - 10.00	Message from Swedish Warsaw International Mechanism Executive Committee [WIM ExCom] member	Ms. Kajsa Fernström-Nåtby	Head Of Section at Government Office, Ministry of Environment, Sweden
10.00 - 10.25	Loss and damage from the perspective of communities - what has it been like on the frontlines? Living with Loss; everyday experiences of dealing with Loss and Damage	Ms. Teresa Wise	Community representative - Namosi
10.25-10.50	Addressing Loss and Damage in Planned Relocation Processes - the Fiji Context	Ms. Christine Fung	Senior Technical Advisor - GIZ
<b>10.50 - 11.15</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>		
11.15 - 11.20	Poem	Mr. Jainan Prasad	
	<b>Session Two</b>		
11.20 - 13.00	Roundtable discussions: The practical ways in which Loss and Damage is being addressed.	All Participants	What is happening, and what lessons can we draw from experiences on the ground? Diverse perspectives from stakeholder groups
<b>13.00- 14.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
	<b>Session Three</b>		
14.00 - 15.30	<b>Panel 2: Addressing Loss and Damage</b>  Panel Members; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prof. Mark Howden</li> <li>- Dr. Siobhan McDonnell</li> <li>- Ms. Komal Narayan</li> <li>- Mr. Krishneil Narayan</li> </ul>	Moderator - Ms. Arpana Pratap - Director Blue Economy, PIDF  Director of the Institute for Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions -ANU  Senior lecturer, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU  Youth Representative  ExecutiveDirector, Sustainable Future Consultancy (NGO)	-What issues are at stake when it comes to addressing L&D at the national and local levels?  -What lessons can be drawn from attempts to address Loss & damage so far in the Pacific, over and above adaptation?
<b>15.30 - 15.45</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>		
	<b>Final Session - Concluding Remarks</b>		
15.45 - 16.15	Take home messages for the negotiations and the International Discussion on L&D [how we frame and engage with L&D]	Dr. Stephen Woroniecki Ms. Malaika Mikaelsson	Linkoping University
16.15-16.30	Conclusion and way forward	Ms. Priyatma Singh	The University of Fiji

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