



Provisional

Navigating Pacific futures: climate change and resilience

Sunday 16 – Tuesday 18 December | WP1631

Pacific Island countries are uniquely affected by climate change. This high-level dialogue will place an international spotlight on Pacific priorities and concerns, and on the Pacific's leadership and innovation on this challenge. The event will bring Pacific leaders together with development partners, civil society and academics to exchange perspectives, learn from experience, and promote new partnerships. The neutral format of a Wilton Park discussion offers a space in which to develop effective foreign policy responses and innovative approaches that respond to Pacific needs and priorities. The dialogue will also draw lessons from the Pacific as the world begins to adapt to the upheaval of a changing climate and changing ocean.

In association with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade

Sunday 16 December

1500	Participants arrive. Tea and coffee available
1530	Briefing for facilitators in the common room
1600-1620	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>Sharmila Nebhrajani Chief Executive, Wilton Park</p>
1620-1730	<p>1. COP24 debrief: strengthening Pacific voices at the UNFCCC</p> <p>At the COP, what Pacific concerns were addressed satisfactorily? What strategic approaches to influencing COP outcomes worked from the Pacific perspective? What new and innovative steps could Pacific actors take to further elevate the influence of Pacific Island countries in UNFCCC processes? How do we go beyond the UNFCCC to influence global debate on climate and energy policy and achieve the Paris Agreement's long-term goals, including mid-century decarbonisation and making finance flows consistent with low-emissions development?</p> <p>This introductory session will be a roundtable discussion to hear reflections from the COP24.</p>
1730-1800	Tea/coffee

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1800-1900

COP24 debrief: strengthening Pacific voices at the UNFCCC

Continues in plenary

1900

Reception followed by dinner

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0715-0900

Breakfast

0915-1100

2. High-level dialogue the oceans-climate nexus

The Paris Agreement recognises the essential role of the ocean as a key climate regulator. Achieving the ambition of the Paris agreement would not be possible without a living ocean, and vice versa. What options are available to us to build formal recognition of the links between ocean and climate change into the international rules-based system, e.g. the UNFCCC, UNCLOS, BBNJ and/or another multilateral framework? What outcomes would we target in a regional response to the climate/oceans nexus? What might that response look like? What legal options exist to maintain states' rights over existing maritime zones and maritime boundaries?

1100-1130

Group photograph followed by tea/coffee

1130-1300

3. High-level dialogue on financing for resilience

How resilient is the Pacific to extreme weather events? How can bilateral and multilateral partnerships assist with effective delivery of development assistance and attract more climate-resilient investment in the region? How can development policies and climate resilience priorities be better aligned? What are the potential trade-offs, risks and rewards? Highlighting innovative approaches, sharing best practices and lessons learned. How do existing regional solutions meet Pacific needs?

1300-1400

Lunch

1400-1500

Free time

1500-1615

4. High-level dialogue on climate change and security

This high-level dialogue will consider the nexus between climate change and impacts that threaten regional and national security. Climate change poses a range of risks to human security, with issues such as water and food security, and health, injury and mortality from extreme weather events. Climate change also challenges national economic security, with impacts on key sources of economic activity and redirection of economic resources to climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction and recovery. There are also questions about the effects of sea-level rise on maritime boundaries. What concerns do Pacific island countries have about the capacity of the existing international frameworks to deal these challenges? What are the options for preventing and addressing the human security issues? What are the options for addressing the national economic security issues?

1615-1645

Tea/coffee

1645-1800

5. High-level dialogue on climate-induced displacement and migration

Continuing dialogue, building upon the previous session and the Nansen Initiative regional consultations, climate change is already causing internal migration which could eventually lead to cross-border migrations. What are the challenges of creating coherent, meaningful, risk-informed policies? What might a Pacific-led regional response look like?

1800-1900	Free time
1830	Briefing for working group facilitators in the library
1900	Reception followed by dinner

Tuesday 18 December

0800-0900	Breakfast and checkout
0900-1100	<p>6. Working groups</p> <p>Beginning in plenary for reflections and introductions to working group sessions. Then breaking into four small breakout groups to focus on issues raised during the high-level dialogues, identifying tipping points and opportunities.</p>
1100-1130	Tea/coffee
1130-1245	<p>7. Next steps and principles for collaboration</p> <p>Reports from the working groups and discussion of proposed actions and policy recommendations.</p>
1245-1400	Lunch
1400-1415	<p>8. Evaluation survey</p> <p>Completion of online survey</p>
1415-1515	<p>9. Conclusions and outcomes</p> <p>An opportunity to map ideas to processes and to identify the potential for adoption of new strategies. Reviewing key policy recommendations arising and defining actions to implement the ideas explored during the dialogue.</p>
1530	Participants depart