

Fiji National Symposium on Plastic Pollution Prevention

Date: Wednesday 16th October - Friday 18th October

Venue: Pacific Islands Forum, Main Conference Room

Location: Suva, Fiji

AGENDA

DAY ONE

Time	Agenda Item
8.30 - 9.00	Registration
9.00 - 9.20	Opening Prayer Reverend James Bhagwan, Pacific Council of Churches
9.20 - 9.50	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sivendra Michael - Permanent Secretary , Ministry of Environment and Climate Change • Ms. Munkhtuya Altangerel - Resident Representative, UNDP Pacific • Dr. Diana Barrowclough - Senior Economist, UNCTAD
9.50 - 10.00	Group Photo
10.00 - 10.30	Morning tea/ coffee
10.30 - 10.45	Scene setting - Overview of symposium objectives
10.45 - 11.45	Session 1: Situating the Pacific in the future Global Plastics Treaty Panel Discussion <i>Panelists</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sivendra Michael - Permanent Secretary , Ministry of Environment and Climate Change <i>What are Fiji's national priorities for the Global Plastics Treaty?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Amardeep Wander - Waste management and marine litter expert, Waste Recycling Environment Network <i>What kind of control measures are fit for purpose in the Pacific, applying a lifecycle approach?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Diana Barrowclough - Senior Economist, UNCTAD <i>What are the enabling mechanisms for effective implementation?</i>
11.45 - 12.30	Session 2: Policy and Regulatory Frameworks for Plastic Pollution Prevention Key discussion points include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effectiveness of global, regional, and national plastic pollution frameworks 2. Need for stronger, ambitious, context-appropriate national policies to address plastic pollution Presenters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Patricia Parkinson - Director & Principal Consultant, Environmental Law Oceania Consultancy • Mr. Tevita Cagilaba - Office of the Solicitor General • Prof. Trisia Farrelly - Senior Research Scientist, Transdisciplinary Science Group, Cawthron Institute • Mr. Andrea Volentras - Programme Manager POLP, SPREP
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch

13.30 - 15.30	Session 3: Plastics Circularity: Keeping plastics out of the waste stream through increased Recovery, Reuse, Recycling, Repurposing, Redesign Key discussion points include: 1. Challenges and opportunities with waste collection, recovery and repurposing 2. Beyond Plastics: Substitutes and Alternatives Presenters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Joe Inoke - Director—Growth, Pacific Recycling Foundation • Mark Hirst - HG Leach • Nasinu Town Council Representative • Mr. Henrique Pacini - Senior Economist, UNCTAD • Mr. Rufino Varea - Regional Director, Pacific Islands Climate Action Network (PICAN)
15.00 - 15.30	Afternoon tea/ coffee break
15.30 - 16.30	Session 4: Product Stewardship in Practice Key discussion points include: 1. Case studies of extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes 2. Voluntary container deposit schemes Presenters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hilary Boyes - PacWaste Plus Technical Waste Project Officer, SPREP • Mr. Nick Barnes - Assistant General Counsel, Natural Waters of Fiji • Dr. Amardeep Wander - Waste management and marine litter expert, WREN • Ms. Angela Meyer - Senior ANZPAC Program Manager, ANZPAC
16.30 - 17.00	Day One Wrap Up
17.00 - 19.00	Welcome kava session: Talanoa and refreshments

DAY TWO

Time	Agenda Item
8.00 - 8.30	Registration
8.30 - 8.45	Setting the scene: The Science of Plastic Pollution in the Pacific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Trisia Farrelly - Senior Research Scientist, Transdisciplinary Science Group, Cawthron Institute
8.45 - 9.45	Session 5: Plastic Pollution in the Pacific: A Multifaceted Challenge Key discussion points include: 1. The Human, Environmental, Socio-Economic, and Cultural Costs of Plastic Pollution in the Pacific 2. Spotlight on Pacific Research: Key Findings on Plastic Pollution Presenters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jasha Dehm - Research Fellow, PaCE-SD, USP • Mr. Rufino Varea - Regional Director, Pacific Islands Climate Action Network (PICAN) • Ms. Marian Gauna - Marine Project Officer, IUCN • Dr. Jane Muncke - The Scientists' Coalition
9.45 - 10.15	Q&A and Reflections
10.15 - 10.45	Morning tea/ coffee

10.45 - 11.40	Session 6: Monitoring and Data Management Key discussion points include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tracking, traceability and reporting for plastics data 2. Opportunities for data-driven, evidence-based policies for plastic waste management Presenters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ashish Chand - Fiji Bureau of Statistics • Ms. Marian Gauna - Marine Project Officer, IUCN • Ms. Reyna Gilbert - Principal Associate, Pew Charitable Trusts • Mr. Wayne Fuakilau - Managing Director, TrashBoom Pacific • Ms. Suzanne Turaganiwai - Co-Founder, POLYP
11.40 - 12.30	Session 7: Awareness, Education, and Behavior Change Key discussion points include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The role of education and media in influencing behaviour change 2. Community awareness and capacity building to address plastic pollution Panel Discussion <i>Panelists</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Shalvin Sanjeet Prasad - Ministry of Education • Mr. Stan Simpson - President, Fijian Media Association • Mr. Joeli Tawake - Ministry of iTaukei Affairs • Dr David Rohindra - Associate Professor, USP • Ms. Mere Leba - Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 15.00	Session 8: Stakeholder mapping exercise Key discussion points include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identifying key actors and their roles 2. Understanding the success and challenges on current ongoing initiatives, and identifying gaps and opportunities (Break outgroups + Plenary Report Back)
15.00 - 15.30	Afternoon tea/ coffee break
15.30 - 16.30	Session 9: CSOs/ NGOs in the Plastics Ecosystem Key discussion points include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The role of CSOs/ NGOs in addressing plastic pollution: Case studies from the ground Facilitated by Mr Rufino Varea, PICAN
16.30 - 16.45	Day Two Wrap Up

DAY THREE

Time	Agenda Item
8.45 - 9.00	Registration
9.00 - 9.45	Overview of National Action Plans and Strategies for Plastics SPREP and CIEL
9.45 - 10.00	National Plans and Initiatives on Plastics: Case Study Break Free From Plastics (BFFP)
10.00 - 10.30	Morning tea/ coffee

10.30 - 12.30	Session 10: Co-designing a blueprint for Fiji's National Plastic Pollution Strategy Key discussion points include: 1. Prioritization exercise on key focus areas for a robust plan on addressing plastic pollution in Fiji 2. Whole of Society Approach: Stakeholders from across the entire plastics value chain working together (Breakout groups + Plenary Report Back)
12.30 - 13.00	Lunch
13.00- 14.30	Session 11: Investing in a Plastic-Free Future Key discussion points include: 1. National and Regional Financing Options for Plastic Pollution Prevention 2. New financing substitution opportunities and investment for Plastic Pollution Prevention Facilitated by Dr Diana Barrowclough, UNCTAD
14.30 - 15.00	Afternoon tea/ coffee break
15.00 - 16.00	Local, sustainable products showcase
16.00 - 16.30	Symposium Wrap Up