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# 4th CLEAN PACIFIC ROUNDTABLE

Concept Note

# Background

The inaugural Clean Pacific Roundtable was held in 2016 and successfully followed by the second Roundtable hosted at the Pacific Islands Forum in 2018, which included the keynote address from the Honourable Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, Prime Minister of Fiji. As a direct result of the second Roundtable, the 49th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Communique reaffirmed Leaders’ commitment to eliminate marine litter; recognised the urgency of implementing the Pacific Marine Litter Action Plan and stated that waste is a critical issue for the Blue Pacific.

Since then, the role of the Clean Pacific Roundtable has grown in recognition of the complex challenges of the waste sector in the Pacific, and urgency surrounding meeting these challenges for effective planning, coordination and financing for a Clean Environment, Resilient Ocean, and enabling Healthy Communities.

The Third Pacific Clean Roundtable (CPRT3) in 2021 focused on:

* Creating a safe Pacific Circular Economy
* Waste industry-based enterprise with enhanced public-private partnerships
* Bridging people and waste: Enhancing consciousness in managing waste

The Clean Pacific Roundtable (CPRT 3) 2021 was held virtually due to the impacts of the COVID 19 Pandemic. A CPRT Steering committee held in February 2020 approved the conversion of the CPRT event from a face-to-face meeting to a Virtual event. This was primarily decided on the various challenges presented surrounding the uncertainty of enabling participants to travel to New Caledonia to undertake the meeting.

Therefore, to enable the successful delivery of the CPRT 3, the Secretariat initiated the procurement process to engage Insight Pact an experienced company that will assist in hosting the event using a practical virtual platform and infrastructure.

The engagement of Insight Pact was based on requirements for a competent virtual platform provider who can build the event website and virtual platform to host the technical and roundtable sessions and associated promotional events. Also, to deliver and manage the live stream event sessions, online event elements for participant involvement and assist with the development and roll out of promotional material activities related to the event.

During the event, Insight Pact used Hubilo as the Virtual Platform. 455 people were registered into the platform, and 266 of those users logged into the platform over the course of the event dates. Peak usage was on 16 and 24 November with active users on the platform ranging between 2 and 48 during the dates of the event. Based on this Hubilo active user information and the actual number of participants live on each session, which ranged between 40 to 100 participants per session.

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| Title | Sustainable innovations for a c**lean environment, resilient ocean, and healthy communities** |
| Purpose | To provide a vehicle to disseminate outcomes, promote regional collaboration and resource complementarity, and expand networking opportunities to assist Pacific Island countries and territories in the delivery of safe and sustainable waste management practices and to prevent pollution-related issues that impact the health of the ocean and communities within the region:   * Showcase activities undertaken to deliver the CP2025 * Highlight and explore opportunities for collaboration and partnerships to deliver innovation and improvement in waste management in the Pacific * Facilitate networking and dialogue amongst waste management stakeholders in the Pacific region * Improve donor coordination * Mobilise technical and financial resources * Develop monitoring and reporting methods * Provide a vehicle for high-level agreement and action to provide a regional position on waste management to other regional and international Fora that intersect with waste management and the impact of waste on the environment. |
| Objectives | * Collate further stakeholder input to ensure the CP 2025 Implementation Plan can be delivered and come up with a Resolution/Statement of future prioritised activities in the short term, * Promote improved understanding of gaps and opportunities within the region and support the mobilisation of technical and financial resources to fill gaps in waste and pollution management. * Promote the establishment of new waste management networks, * Engage with existing regional networks in the waste and pollution sector to support improved coordination of actions * Confirm and agree with Regional KPIs and data monitoring & reporting frameworks to monitor and report on regional activity to deliver CP2025 and soon to be developed CP2035 or plus. * Agree upon the date, location and focus for the next CPRT with supporting Technical Working Groups. * Resolution/Statement of future prioritized activities based on information from the Roundtable. |
| Expected outcomes | * Collate further stakeholder input to ensure the CP 2025 Implementation Plan can be delivered and come up with Resolution/Statement of future prioritised activities in the short-term, * Promote improved understanding of gaps and opportunities within the region and support the mobilisation of technical and financial resources to fill gaps in waste and pollution management. * Promote the establishment of new waste management networks, * Engage with existing regional networks in the waste and pollution sector to support improved coordination of actions, and * Agree upon the date, location, and focus for the next CPRT. * Agree on the Vision, Objectives, and Targets for the CP2035 or plus Strategy Development that will be undertaken in 2024 * Confirm commitment from Donors and Development Partners to fund CP3035 Strategy Development and confirm desired activities to be included in the Strategy to receive their ongoing funding support. |
| Target audience | 150 to 200 attendees for each session from a very wide range of stakeholder groups including the government sector, waste and environmental practitioners, development partners, private sector, community (including youth and other vulnerable groups), NGOs, academic and research institutions, and interested individuals within and outside the Pacific region.  70-75 Government representatives to be funded through SPREP implemented donor projects, remaining attendees to be attracted from Private Sector, Institutions, Civil Society, community groups, and Donor & Development Partners. |
| Delivery mode | Possible modes of delivery for consideration to accompany the sessions are:   * CPRT Plenary presentations with powerful keynote addresses for each day to set the scene * Country-led roundtable discussions to raise issues and determine courses of actions * Poster presentations to showcase successful initiatives of PICTs (in EXPO space) * EXPO * Site Visit Tours * Networking sessions * Local activities |
| Event Sessions | The CPRT and associated events are proposed as follows:  **Monday 5 August 2024 – Day 1**   * Official Opening: High-level Welcome and Introduction * Ministerial Address * Plenary Session: CP2025 and achievements   **Tuesday 6 August 2024 – Day 2**   * Discussion on Waste Management and Emerging Issues – Circular Economy, Pollution Control, Hazardous Waste, End-of-life vehicles, Waste-to-Energy, Disaster Wastes.   **Wednesday 7 August 2024 – Day 3**   * Plastic Dialogue   **Thursday 8 August 2024 - Waste Focussed Session**   * Specific discussions on the key structure and framework of CP2035 * Development of shared vision for CP2035 and high-level commitment to deliver. * Clarification of gaps and needs for the Region to achieve CP2035. * Development & Agreement on Outcome Statement   **Friday 9 August 2024 –** **CPRT Outcome statement &** **Donor & Development Partner Roundtable**   * Development of CPRT Outcome Statement * Launching of LOAs, MOUs, Reports, etc. relating to waste management. * Facilitated discussion that seeks Donors and Development Partners to reflect and respond on outcomes of CPRT and confirm interest in different issues/sectors willing to commence active discussions in the region regarding funding opportunities. |
| Date, duration and venue | * Dates: A total duration of 5 days from **Monday 5th August to Friday, 9th August 2024**. * **D**uration: The official programme should not exceed 8 hours each day (specific session length to be agreed) * Location: Tuvalu |
| Potential sources of funding | * Registration * Sponsorship * Projects (J-PRISM III, PacWaste Plus, POLP, GEF Islands, PACPLAN, PAWES) – to support airfares and per diem of the member countries that they are covering and other identified stakeholders. * Fonds Pacifique – airfares and per diems of participants from the French Territories and interpreters. * SPREP– meals for non-funded participants and other logistics.   A full Budget is to be developed to determine what funding currently exists, what applications for funding are required, and the development of sponsorship and attendee packages if needed. |
| Themes | Themes:   * Circular Economy * Pollution Control * Hazardous Waste * End-of-life vehicles (ELV) * Plastic Summit * Disaster Waste * Waste to Energy |
| Face-to-face hosting | The 4th CPRT meeting will be held physically in Tuvalu and all sessions will be delivered in a face-to-face mode. |
| Participants’ Engagement | Each Session will be designed to hear from Countries, Industries, Institutions, Communities & Projects to fully explore:   * The problem/issues facing the Pacific (as stated in the CP 2025) * Actions undertaken or underway to address the issue * Challenges remaining to effectively manage the issue   The Session intends to showcase the good works undertaken and provide an opportunity for integrated discussion between sectors to facilitate partnerships, deliver outcomes and opportunities and provide input into CPRT sessions, CP2035 needs, and inform Donors and Development Partners where they could focus future support. |
| The event will be promoted through the event and social media, where the audience will be informed in advance of the details of the Roundtable including the main messages around the value of the Roundtable and logistics. |
| The participants will be further engaged to provide feedback on the achievements of the Roundtable. |
| Features to enhance engagement | * More exciting presentations with more infographics and videos, if possible * For Roundtable discussions, we may use interactive Q&A sessions, etc. People will be designated to manage the conversations with attendees while the speaker is making a presentation, or the panelists are discussing. * Sessions are to be recorded and turned into content available for up to 1 year after the conference. * Use video teasers to introduce the session and set the scene for the topic of the session. * Availability of the recorded sessions for 1 year after the Roundtable |
| Management of event flow | The CPRT Chairperson will provide an introduction of each session including a recap of the previous day’s outcomes. |
| Language | The Roundtable remains bilingual (English and French) with all content and communication tools to be available in English and French. All sessions need to have simultaneous interpretation. |
| Event report | An event report will be produced to include all information and resources provided through links and, a list of resource persons and attendees. The report should also highlight the successes, challenges, and lessons learned as well as a Sustainability Plan to continuously hold the event periodically. |
| Outcome Statement | An outcome statement shall be developed from the CPRT providing the agreed views of the CPRT members for the direction of waste management & pollution control in the region. |
| Evaluation and feedback | Participants will be invited to quickly express their satisfaction level per session through a feedback mechanism that will be built into the platform. A survey will also be launched at the end of the event. |