

PACIFIC BLUE CARBON WORKSHOP & THIRD ANNUAL IPBC MEETING

The International Partnership for Blue Carbon (IPBC) – together with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat-Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (PIFS-OPOC) – is hosting two blue carbon events at the PIFS campus in Suva, Fiji, this September: the IPBC’s third annual meeting and a Pacific blue carbon workshop.

PACIFIC BLUE CARBON WORKSHOP **18 – 19 September**

Purpose: build understanding of blue carbon, share lessons, discuss challenges and solutions

Who’s invited: Pacific country representatives and project, policy and technical experts

What’s being discussed:

- the **state of play** on blue carbon science, policy and on-ground activities in the Pacific
- how blue carbon supports **healthy oceans, sustainable livelihoods and action on climate**
- pathways, tools and methods for **effective implementation** of activities
- **financing avenues** and other incentives to support action and scaling-up
- **key issues, priorities and possible next steps** to encourage blue carbon action and cooperation in the region

THIRD ANNUAL IPBC MEETING **19 – 21 September**

Purpose: share knowledge, track Partnership progress, develop future priorities for blue carbon

Who’s invited: members of the Partnership and guests – governments, NGOs, and researchers

What’s being discussed:

- **Key developments, trends and achievements** in blue carbon, and **Partnership progress**
- Policy and technical issues relating to blue carbon **tools and methods, governance, and access to finance**
- The Partnership’s focus for the year ahead and priority **events and activities**

The agenda will also include informal and structured networking and knowledge exchange opportunities.

Coastal blue carbon ecosystems — mangroves, tidal marshes and seagrasses — are important for addressing **climate change** and securing social, economic and environmental outcomes. Improved management of these ecosystems can enhance **food security, livelihoods**, and **coastal resilience**, and contribute to delivering Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement through carbon **sequestration** and **adaptation**.

The International Partnership for Blue Carbon – announced at the UNFCCC COP21 in 2015 – aims to protect and restore coastal blue carbon ecosystems by building awareness, sharing knowledge, and accelerating practical action. With 34 members spanning government, NGOs and research institutions, the Partnership is

Supported by  a key platform for international blue carbon policy discussions. More information can be found at

www.BlueCarbonPartnership.com



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Please indicate your interest in attending one or both events by emailing:

bluecarbonpartnership@environment.gov.au

There are **no event registration fees**.

PACIFIC BLUE CARBON WORKSHOP

18 – 19 September 2018 Suva, Fiji

Activity	Outcome/focus
DAY 1 – Tuesday 18 September	
<i>Session 1 – Intro to blue carbon policy context and wetland values</i>	
0830 Welcome	Welcome from workshop hosts, workshop overview, housekeeping
0900 Opening plenary: Wetland values and culture	Pacific Island wetland values: socio-cultural context for knowledge & management
1030 <i>Morning tea</i>	
<i>Session 2 – Intro to blue carbon science</i>	
1100 Science deep dive (+ Live Q & A)	Experts discuss evidence base, state of BC science/research in the Pacific, future directions
1200 <i>Lunch</i>	
<i>Session 3 – Blue carbon policy and building blocks</i>	
1300 Policy deep dive (+ Live Q & A)	Experts discuss BC in oceans, regional policy frameworks, NDCs and international policy initiatives
1430 Technical building blocks	MRV in national policy settings, MRV tools, methods, guidance
1500 <i>Afternoon tea</i>	
<i>Session 4 – Blue carbon priorities</i>	
1530 Country and regional priorities for blue carbon	Blue carbon in policies and plans, country priorities, identification of key gaps, challenges
1700 Plenary report back and wrap up	Review key concepts/ideas, preview day 2 activities, housekeeping (inc logistical arrangements for field trip)
1730 <i>Close. Depart PIFS for hotel - dinner by own arrangement.</i>	
DAY 2 – Wednesday 19 September	
<i>Session 1 - Blue carbon projects</i>	
0900 Welcome	Day 2 Overview, Field trip briefing
0915 Blue carbon practical deep dive (+ Live Q & A)	Experts discuss blue carbon projects, practical and technical considerations
1015 <i>Morning tea</i>	
<i>Session 2 - Finance</i>	
1045 BC finance pathways and guidance	Experts discuss innovative/sustainable project financing, the blue economy, scaling-up and multilateral financing
1200 <i>Lunch</i>	
<i>Session 3 – Field trip: blue carbon in action</i>	
1300 Field trip activities - Lami Bay; Laucala Bay	Blue carbon project visit including in-situ technical demonstration of measurement and monitoring techniques.
1600 <i>Returning to accommodation in Suva approximately 4.30pm</i>	
RECEPTION – IPBC Meeting Opening, Wednesday 19 September	
1800 Evening reception	Welcome address, Meeting overview, presentation of Workshop highlights (includes IPBC Meeting registration)
<i>Reception includes welcome dinner</i>	

Please refer questions on the Workshop agenda to: bluecarbonpartnership@environment.gov.au

THIRD ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

19 – 21 September 2018 Suva, Fiji

Activity	Outcome/focus
RECEPTION – IPBC Meeting Opening, Wednesday 19 September	
1800 Evening reception	Welcome address, Meeting overview, presentation of Workshop highlights (includes IPBC Meeting registration)
<i>Reception includes welcome dinner</i>	
DAY 1 – Thursday 20 September	
0900 Welcome	Welcome from meeting hosts, agenda overview, housekeeping
0920 Science expert panel (+ Live Q & A)	Updates on key blue carbon science and research developments and implications for policy, including outcomes from 2018 Blue Carbon Initiative Scientific Working Group meeting
1015 <i>Morning tea</i>	
1045 'Four corners' country presentations: parallel sessions	Country representatives present updates in regional groupings Groups identify common challenges and lessons; report to plenary
1200 Policy expert panel (+ Live Q & A)	Experts discuss international policy and examples of how blue carbon is being integrated in policy frameworks
1300 <i>Lunch</i>	
1400 Partnership Strategy 1: blue carbon gaps and needs	Partners and participants reflect on progress and information from morning sessions to consider global priorities for blue carbon
1445 Snapshots: profiling new developments/achievements	Showcase on new tools, guidance, projects and initiatives
1530 <i>Afternoon tea</i>	
1600 Action expert panel (+ Live Q & A)	Experts present experiences from projects to protect, restore and monitoring blue carbon ecosystems, drawing on the experience of technical initiatives and pilot projects around the world
1645 Wrap up	
1700 <i>Close. Depart PIFS for hotel - dinner by own arrangements.</i>	
DAY 2 – Friday 21 September	
0845 Welcome	
0900 Focal groups: parallel sessions	Join one of the IPBC's three established focal groups: 1) Tools and methods, 2) Governance and linkages, 3) Finance, to participate in facilitated policy discussions on identified priority issues
1030 <i>Morning tea</i>	
1100 Focal group report back	Readouts from three focal group discussions, group identification of common challenge and solutions
1130 Partnership Strategy 2: IPBC focus and priorities	Partners and participants contribute to the strategic direction of the Partnership for 2018-19, including opportunities to collaborate
1230 Governance update, next steps Meeting close	Call for nominations to join Coordinating Group, confirmation of next steps for Partnership, noticeboard and upcoming events
1300 <i>Lunch</i>	
1400 <i>Return transport to hotel for sponsored delegates, 2pm</i>	

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