



**PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM**



**Pacific Quality Infrastructure Principles Workshop**

**ADB Business Opportunities Seminar, 25 May 2026**

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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

8:30 – 9:00 am

### OPENING SESSION

Welcome, Prayer, PQIP Introduction & Progress Update, Group Photo

9:00 – 9:15 am

### BREAK

Morning Tea

9:15 – 11:00 am

### SESSION 1

Economic & Governance Principles  
Local Content · Value for Money · Private Sector Investment · Responsible Borrowing & Governance

11:00am – 11:50 am

### SESSION 2

Social, Environmental & Resilience Principles  
Inclusivity · Social & Environmental Safeguards · Climate Resilience

12:00 pm

### WRAP UP

# Pacific Quality Infrastructure Principles



## Local Content

Use local labour, develop local talent, support local businesses



## Value for Money

Generate positive social and economic values



## Climate Resilience

Build resilience to future impacts of climate change



## Responsible Borrowing and Governance

Borrow sustainably, spend transparently and accountably



## Social and Environmental Safeguards

Protect the environment, people and livelihoods



## Inclusivity

Infrastructure for all, inclusively developed



## Private Sector Investment

Incentivise private sector to finance and develop infrastructure



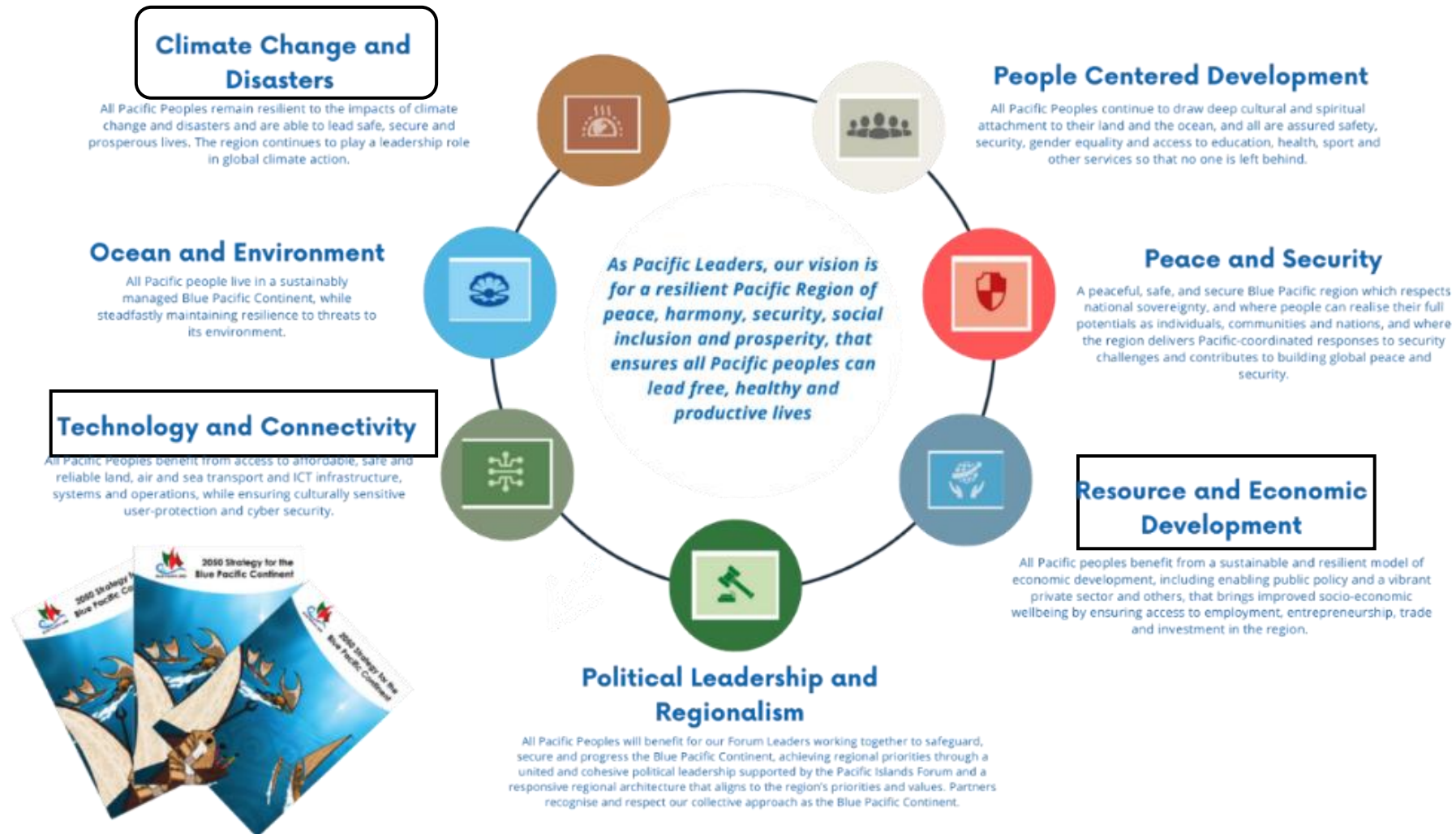
Pacific Forum Leaders 2023, Cook Islands

# 18 Pacific Forum Member Countries



Australia	Cook Islands	Federated States of Micronesia	Fiji
French Polynesia	Kiribati	Nauru	New Caledonia
New Zealand	Niue	Palau	Papua New Guinea
Republic of Marshall Islands	Samoa	Solomon Islands	Tonga
	Tuvalu	Vanuatu.	

# 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent



# PQIP Adviser objectives

## Socialise

Support Forum Member Countries integrate the 7 PQIPs into national infrastructure planning

## Implement

Support Forum member countries strengthen local content

## Awareness

Raise awareness of infrastructure practitioners in Forum Member Countries of the PQIPs

# In country missions

Solomon Islands

Samoa

Tuvalu

Republic of Marshall Islands

Palau

Tonga



# Proposed activities to strengthen local content



Review of national procurement frameworks to include specific local content criteria for infrastructure projects



Embed into infrastructure projects KPIs to measure knowledge transfer



Regular workshops held by the government and the private sector to inform the private sector of the infrastructure pipeline projects



Asset management plans in place for infrastructure



Conducting market assessment of local contractors to inform procurement packaging



Capacity building

# West Coast Road Project in Samoa funded by World Bank

- 24km main economic corridor to the Faleolo international airport
- \$115 million Samoan tala, with \$101.3 million allocated for construction, \$13.2 million for design and supervision services, and \$0.5 million for land and property compensation
- Split into 9 different construction contracts
- All constructed by local contractors
- [Climate Resilient Transport Infrastructure in the Pacific | Building Beyond Tomorrow](#)



Samoa Observer | Local company gets West Coast Road contract

[Visit >](#)



Samoa Observer | \$115M tala West Coast Road commissioned

# Vaisigano Bridge Project in Samoa funded by JICA



- 40million tala including design, supervision and ocnstruction of new Vaisigano Bridge and approach roads
- Main bridge connecting Apia to the only international port at Matautu
- Main contractor was Konoike Construction (Japan) but majority of the civil works were subcontracted to local contractors
- Received the Award for the Construction Project Category at the 6th Japan Construction International Award Ceremony

• [LTA VAISIGANO BRIDGE OFFICIAL OPENING FINAL #LTA #beautifulsamoa #vaisiganobride](#)

# Raising awareness of PQIPs



Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Palau, Republic of Marshall Islands

Presented on PQIPs and collaborated with PRIF on embedding PQIPs into MCA for NIIP



Providing regular updates for PIFS and PRIF social media platforms



Working with the PIFS Communications Team to create a webpage to house public available resources which is related to each principle



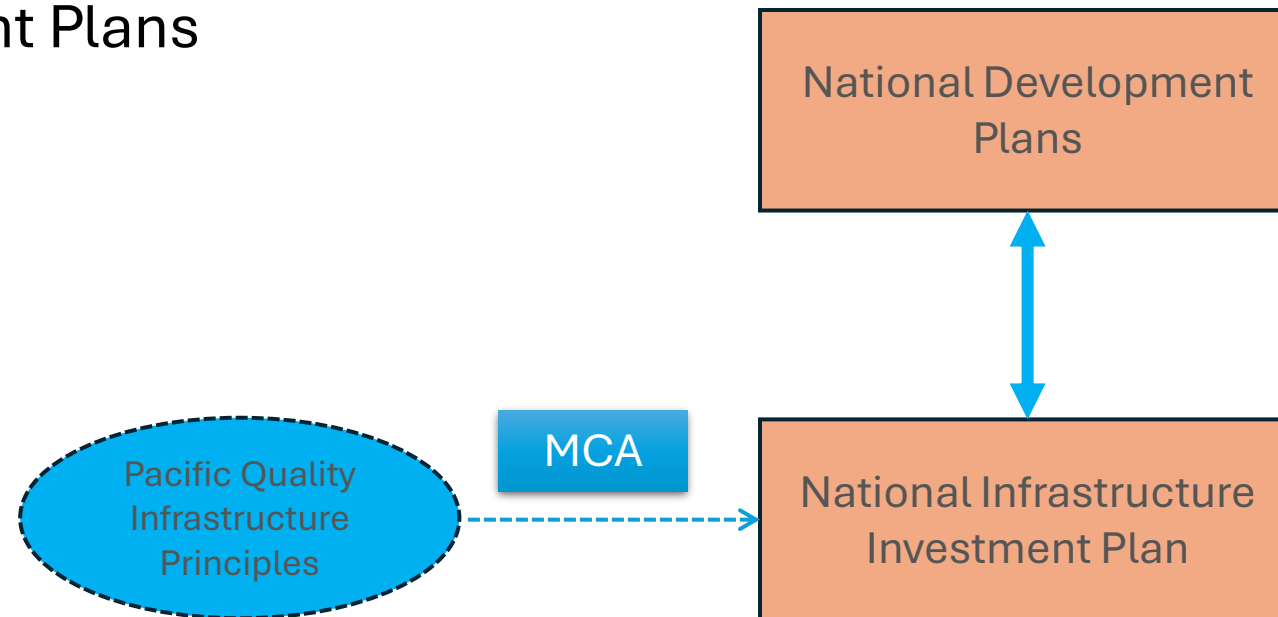
Have engaged a videographer to produce videos for PQIP promotion



Hosting online webinars consisting of panelists whom are carrying out work which are relevant to the PQIPs

# Integrate PQIPs into national infrastructure planning

- Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Palau, Republic of Marshall Islands
  - Presented on PQIPs and collaborated with PRIF on embedding PQIPs into Multi-criteria Analysis when developing National Infrastructure Investment Plans



# Strengthen local content

- Samoa
  - Supported the hosting of a workshop led by the Chamber of Commerce and Ministry of Finance for government to present the infrastructure pipeline to the private sector



# Strengthen local content

- Tuvalu
  - Ongoing collaboration with Ministry of Finance and ADB TA in reviewing their national procurement framework- incorporate local content criteria



# Strengthen local content

## Tonga

Collaborated with the Ministry of Infrastructure to update the local private sector market assessment and helped Mol host the workshop to inform the private sector of Tonga's infrastructure pipeline



# Planned local content activities

25-27th May: ADB Business Opportunities Seminar,  
Nadi

Reporting to the Forum Leaders Meeting



Joint workshop with JICA on asset management for  
Micronesian countries, Palau

Reporting to Forum Economic Ministers Meeting

Scoping potential support for other Forum member  
countries



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# PQIP ALIGNMENT ASSESSMENTS

Rate the alignment of your country's national infrastructure plans to the 7 Pacific Quality Infrastructure Principles using the following rating:

<b>Strong</b>	Principle is explicitly addressed with clear policies, targets or frameworks
<b>Partial</b>	Principle is referenced but lacks detail, targets, or consistent application
<b>Limited</b>	Principle is absent or only implicitly referenced in national plans

SESSION 1

# Economic & Governance Principles

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 Local Content  Value for Money  Private Sector Investment  Responsible Borrowing & Governance



# LOCAL CONTENT

Use local labour, develop local talent, support local businesses

**Step 1:** Define Local Content

**Step 2:** Rate your country's national infrastructure plans' alignment to Local Content principle.

**Step 3:** Identify ways to strengthen the alignment of your country's national infrastructure plans to the Local Content principle

**Step 4:** As a country group, develop 3–5 quantifiable indicators your country will use to measure local content in infrastructure delivery. Example: % of contract value spent with local subcontractors.



# VALUE FOR MONEY

*Getting the best outcomes from every infrastructure dollar — through the full life of the asset*

## Rate the alignment of your country's national infrastructure plans to the Value for Money Principle

### Questions to guide discussions

**Q  
1**

Does your country's procurement process assess value for money beyond the lowest bid?

**Q  
2**

How does your country account for operations and maintenance costs when selecting infrastructure projects?

**Q  
3**

What barriers prevent your country from applying whole-of-life costing in project selection?

**Q  
4**

Identify ways to strengthen the alignment of your national infrastructure plans or implementation to the Value for Money principle



# PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT

*Creating the conditions for the private sector to participate and invest in Pacific infrastructure*

## Rate the alignment of your country's national infrastructure plans to the Private Sector Investment Principle

### Questions to guide discussions

What are the biggest barriers preventing local private sector companies from bidding for and winning infrastructure contracts in your country?

Does your government publish a forward infrastructure works programme? If not, what would it take to introduce one?

Are there examples of successful government-private sector collaboration in infrastructure delivery you can share?

What changes to procurement rules or contract structures would most help local contractors compete?

How could development partner funding be better structured to maximise private sector participation (e.g., framework contracts, phased works)?



# RESPONSIBLE BORROWING & GOVERNANCE

*Ensuring infrastructure investment is transparent, accountable, and financially sustainable*

## Responsible Borrowing

Does infrastructure debt fit within fiscal limits?

Are operations and maintenance costs built into financing plans?

Is there a clear repayment strategy?

Are terms compared across financing options?

## Good Governance

Are procurement decisions transparent and merit-based?

Is there independent oversight of major contracts?

Are community voices included in infrastructure decisions?

Are anti-corruption safeguards in place and enforced?



**Rate the alignment of your country's national infrastructure plans to the Responsible borrowing and governance principle and identify ways to strengthen alignment**



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# Session 1 Presentations

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## SESSION 2

# Social, Environmental & Resilience Principles

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 Inclusivity  Social & Environmental Safeguards  Climate Resilience



# INCLUSIVITY

*Ensuring infrastructure benefits everyone regardless of gender, disability, age, or location*

## Rate the alignment of your country's national infrastructure plans to the Inclusivity Principle

### Questions to guide discussions

Is there a GEDSI (Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion) policy in your country's infrastructure sector?

What would 'fully inclusive' infrastructure planning look like in your country and what's the biggest barrier to getting there?

If your country's infrastructure plans is aligned to the inclusivity principle, how is it translated to government policies and implemented on the ground

Identify ways to strengthen alignment of your country's national infrastructure plans and implementation to the Inclusivity principle



# SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS

*Protecting people and the environment in the planning, construction, and operation of infrastructure*

**Rate the alignment of your country's national infrastructure plans to Social and Environmental Safeguards Principle**

## Questions to guide discussions

What are the environmental and social safeguards policies in your country?

How are the safeguards policies being enforced?

Think of how infrastructure projects are implemented in your country, how are the social and environmental impacts considered and addressed during design, construction and maintenance of the infrastructure?

What are recommendations to strengthen your country's environmental and social safeguards?



# CLIMATE RESILIENCE

*Designing and building infrastructure that withstands climate change and extreme weather events*

## Rate the alignment of your country's national infrastructure plans to Social and Environmental Safeguards Principle

### Questions to guide discussions

**1**

Does the national infrastructure plan explicitly reference the country's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and National Adaptation Plan, and are infrastructure investment priorities aligned to the adaptation and mitigation actions those documents commit to?

**2**

Has the country conducted a formal vulnerability assessment of its existing infrastructure portfolio- roads, ports, water, energy, public buildings against current and projected climate hazards (sea-level rise, cyclones, flooding, drought, storm surge)?

**3**

Have national road, bridge, water, and building design standards been updated to incorporate climate resilience requirements.

**4**

Identify ways to strengthen your country's infrastructure plans to the Social and Environmental Safeguards principle



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# Session 2 Presentations

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# Fa'afetai!

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