Building Future Climate Leaders in the Pacific: Leadership & Communication Training for COP21

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Climate Change Programme – student enrollment

- Unclassified Study
- PG Diploma
- MSc
- PhD

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Students by Nationality
Climate Change Programme – Student accomplishments (135 PGD, 25 MSc)
To build communication & leadership capacity for Emerging Climate Change leaders in Pacific

350 Pacific youth led grassroots network working with Pacific communities to fight climate change.

Local and regional actors, media representatives and 16 students from all Pacific island delegations.
The Project

✔ Nexus between research & practice
increase capacity
adaptive leadership dialogue cooperation
strategic thinking media advocacy
share knowledge from citizen experience, skills personal stories.

Adaptive leadership less leadership ‘characteristics’ more
empowerment for change.

✔ Build trust
& collaborative action in local & regional participants
Prepare strategies for Paris Climate Conference (COP 21) AND
Future Pacific climate change resilience projects
The Project – 3 phases in 2015

July
Formative Research – interviews, document analysis, observation, PAR

November
Design & Implement training – PAR, document analysis, 2 Pacific position papers, PIDF & PIFs negotiation, cultural issues, communication plan for COP 21

December Evaluation – PAR, document & media analysis
Phase II: workshop training. Suva (Fiji).
November, 2015.

**Nexus between research and practice:**
Share local expertise & understanding of science, history, culture, local context - researchers, guest speakers, students, local community leaders, NGO climate change practitioners, local media.

**Opportunity:**
- better understand the negotiation process
- discuss the Pacific position at COP21
- strengthen journalism and communication skills
- network and become better ambassadors
Workshop activities Suva, FIJI

Preparing Communication Plan for COP21
Joint CROP Social Media Campaign

to build trust and collaborative action amongst participants, not only in preparation for COP 21, but for future South Pacific CCA/DRR projects.
Negotiation, what to expect, communication planning
Media training
TV
Radio
Key messages
Tell your story
Leadership training

Team building

Leadership
Peer learning & sharing

Social media
Sharing of Facebook, twitter accounts, links
COP 21 in Paris
Outcomes

- contributed to the strong voice of Pacific Island Countries during COP 21, Paris.
- develop PAR-based leadership and communication capacity building across the wider Pacific region
- We hope project will be of interest to organisations engaged in community resilience-building activities.
- Detail Journal article submitted to Environmental Communication