

TECHNOLOGY AND WATER SUSTAINABILITY

Building water resilience

PACIFICCONNECT
International Centre for Democratic Partnerships

Pacific Connect Dialogue
22-23 April 2020
Honiara, Solomon Islands

***Pacific Connect* invites you to join other ambitious and accomplished change-makers at its annual Network Dialogue in Honiara. The two-day event will bring together leaders from the Pacific and Australia to discuss how digital connectivity and emerging technologies can expand business opportunities in water sustainability. Submissions due by 23 March 2020.**

What is 'Pacific Connect'?

Pacific Connect was launched by the Prime Minister of Australia in September 2017 to forge stronger, strategic-level relationships between Pacific and Australian leaders across the public, private and community sectors. *Pacific Connect* is delivered by the International Centre for Democratic Partnerships (ICDP) and sponsored by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. It operates in Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.

ICDP has designed a program of activities to promote collaboration, networking and business opportunities between Australia and the Pacific. The broad theme for the activities is applying digital technology to support sustainable development with a focus on women and entrepreneurs.

What is the 'Network Dialogue'?

The *Pacific Connect* Network Dialogue brings together small groups of dynamic emerging leaders from the Pacific and Australia to build business capacity and foster collaboration. Delivered using the 'Second Track' process and incorporating the Pacific 'Talanoa', the dialogue aims to set realistic goals in a trusted and safe environment. Facilitators encourage participants to share ideas and develop practical steps to reach them, whilst ensuring different perspectives and the expertise of others is valued in a respectful cultural context.

With this underlying philosophy, the *Pacific Connect* program creates a dialogue to help build business capacity and establish a strong network to support long-term professional and personal collaborations.

In 2019, ICDP convened ten Network Dialogues in the region, which were supported by issue-specific workshops and regular networking events.

What are we aiming for?

Addressing water and sanitation challenges in the Solomon Islands is a fundamental measure in addressing basic human rights and economic growth needed, especially for women and girls.

The aim of the two-day event is to engage participants from government, industry and academia to turn a passion for water sustainability into action, developing projects for the water future of Solomon Islands. It will be run in acknowledgement of the Sustainable Development Goal on sustainable water management and sanitation for all.

Potential topics for discussion may include current and future technologies for water usage, collaborative data collection, mapping of the watershed, water security and safety, sanitation, and wastewater treatment and waste disposal.

Through practical, action-oriented discussions and workshops, participants will:

- ▶ Learn ways to integrate their passion for water and sustainability into action
- ▶ Create opportunities to grow their businesses through connecting with tech businesses, water experts, entrepreneurs and utilities
- ▶ Expand their personal and professional networks to find the support they need for success

The Dialogue will be co-facilitated by **Dr Ian Watt AC**, Chair of ICDP and **Mr Ian Gooden**, General Manager, Solomon Water.

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Who are we looking for?

We are looking for people with leadership skills, a positive, 'big picture' outlook and a record of achievement in their chosen field.

Our participants will be courageous and passionate free thinkers willing to share their own networks and ideas to build a better tomorrow for all. A keen interest in digital technology is necessary, but technical skills are not.

How will you benefit?

Pacific Connect offers exciting opportunities for outstanding people in Australia and the Pacific to forge new relationships through continued engagement on common challenges.

Opportunities include:

- ▶ Mentoring and internships with Australian and Pacific organisations
- ▶ Business capacity building, including opportunities for informal/formal pitches
- ▶ Study tours to experience Australian start-up and entrepreneur communities
- ▶ An invitation to participate in future *Pacific Connect* Dialogues and international forums, including the annual Ideas Exchange
- ▶ Unique networking opportunities with regional leaders
- ▶ Development of new commercial partnerships
- ▶ Seed funding for select projects

For a full description of opportunities available for Community members, see the ***Pacific Connect* Participant Lifecycle Diagram** attached and refer to our website, www.icdp.com.au

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PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL 2020

Venue Heritage Park Hotel – Honiara

Dialogue – Technology and Water Sustainability

- 4:00pm** Registration. Official welcome
- 4:10pm** LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE
- 6:30pm** Free time

Venue: Heritage Park Hotel – Honiara

- 7:00pm** NETWORKING DINNER
- 9:00pm** Close

THURSDAY, 23 APRIL 2020

Dialogue – Technology and Water Sustainability

- 8:45am** Networking, Tea & coffee
- 9:00am** PLANNING SESSION
- 10:30am** Morning tea
- 10:45am** PROJECT INITIATION
- 12:00pm** Lunch
- 1:00pm** INFORMATION SESSION
- 1:30pm** PROJECT CONCEPTION
- 2:45pm** OUTCOMES & NEXT STEPS
- 3:00pm** Dialogue Closes

How can you get involved?

Please forward your career history, a brief overview of your relevant achievements, and an outline of any community work or a recent CV to pacific_dialogue@icdp.com.au For more information about the application process, please [click here](#).

Enquiries info@icdp.com.au

Deadline 23 March 2020

PARTICIPANT JOURNEY

