



Responding to climate change in partnership with
our Pacific Island neighbours

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The Pacific Islands Forum

Pacific Calling Partnership is delighted to report that the Director of the Edmund Rice Centre, Phil Glendenning, will be attending this year's Pacific Islands Forum together with Dr. Simon Bradshaw of Oxfam and Claire Anterea (pictured above) of the Kiribati Climate Action Network (KiriCAN). This year's meeting will be held in the capital of Tuvalu, and will be hosted by the Prime Minister of Tuvalu, Mr Enele Sopoaga. The meeting, beginning on 13th of August, will again highlight the region especially in relation to what has been described as "the existential issue" of climate change. It will be a test for Australian climate policy as the Pacific Islands request additional commitment from Australia to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and to limit the mining and export of coal. Recently [a strong declaration](#) was issued by members of the Pacific Islands Development Forum, requesting more action on climate change from Australia.

The urgency of the matter for the world as a whole was recently highlighted by the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which painted a picture of a future world impacted by rising seas and other climate related natural disasters. The paper emphasised that limiting warming to 1.5°C would require "unprecedented action" by the world community and would require immediate action for deep cuts to greenhouse gas emissions. The leaders of the Pacific Islands have repeatedly regard climate change as "the single greatest threat" to the well-being of their people and have sought assurances from the Australian government that they have the power to provide the leadership the region so desperately requires.

Phil will be meeting with our recent Tuvaluan KATEP (Kiribati Australia Tuvalu Exchange Program) participants, Litia Homasi and Nipah Lusama, who will be joining TuCAN (Tuvalu Climate Action Network) to put together an event focused on climate change alongside the PIF. It is also hoped that Phil, Simon and Claire will have the opportunity to engage with Australian and Pacific leaders and the international press. Pacific Calling Partnership will keep you informed. Follow our [facebook](#) page for up-dates heading into, and during, the PIF.

A New Volunteer Position Created

As a result of increasing work-loads (and ambition!), the Pacific Calling Partnership has recently advertised for a volunteer to join the team at the Edmund Rice Centre. We are excited at the prospect of expanding the team which will give us the additional resources needed to more adequately confront the challenges of the climate change affects our most vulnerable neighbours in the Pacific.

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