

UUSC Pacific Partner Gathering

In June of 2022 UUSC convened a regional partner gathering in Pearl Harbour, Serua Fiji. The gathering created space for partners to plan and map out the different projects in impacted communities that needed resourcing. The outcomes from that gathering can be found [here](#).

True to commitments that were made in that gathering, UUSC dispersed the Loss and Damage funds that were made available by the Scottish Government, through the CJRF.

Those funds have reached the communities that requested them and UUSC has continued to support those communities and ensure the reporting processes have been simple and clear.

One year from the gathering in Pacific Harbour, UUSC is now reconvening the network to share updates and learnings and reflect on the process the way our communities have experienced it.

In order to achieve this we have identified 4 main goals for the gathering:

- **Network Strengthening:** Be in a space that can support the strengthening of our UUSC partner network. From both strong and fresh partnerships, this will be an opportunity to learn about, and from, each other. Strengthen our foundation and coordinate to allow for collaborative network-wide strategies to build a strong approach to addressing Loss and Damage.
- **Information Sharing:** Foster a culture of information sharing, ensuring space is created for updates and report backs and ensuring we honour our feedback loops.
- **Reflect and Evaluate:** Look back on the journey of the network so far. Review and celebrate the diversity of projects and the depth of the work and make time to really acknowledge how far we have come and what we have achieved.
- **Design the Future:** Re-center on the priorities around Loss and Damage, then formulate strategies to build community resilience, movement power, political alignment and analysis and keep the voices of the communities we serve.

Meeting Date: Oct 11-14 2023

Venue: Tanoa Waterfront Hotel, Lautoka

Agenda Overview:

Day 0: Arrival

- To ensure we arrive in the space together on the day we all arrive we will plan to have our cultural opening in the evening. This will either be traditional ceremony or a cultural ritual that will help ground our gathering in place and give each participant an opportunity to contribute to the building of our space together
- We will share a meal together
- Go through housekeeping and ensure everyone has settled in ok and has everything that they need.

Day 1: Network Strengthening and Information Sharing

Goals for Day 1:

- Setup and strengthen the container for the space
- Create lots of opportunities for people to acknowledge who they are and where they come from. share and be seen.
- Share information.
 - Hear from UUSC

Day 2: Reflection and Evaluation

Goals for Day 2:

- Review a timeline of activities
 - Create space for the sharing of stories as we move through it, celebrating key moments and wins.
- Report backs from projects
 - Hearing from partners on the different projects the Loss and Damage fund has supported
- Reflections and growing strengths
 - Evaluating the process and the experience of partners that have gone through the funding process
 - Ensure that the key learnings from both the funder and receiver have space to be shared

Day 3: Design the Future

Goals for Day 3:

- Closed Eye Process
 - Envisioning the future we want and the principles we want to be guided by
- Mapping out key priorities and projects
 - Identifying communities and partners that should also be in the space
- Review our Outcomes statement and update