

Pacific Centre for Social Responsibility and Natural Resources

**PACE-Net+ Bi-Regional Dialogue Platform
Nadi Fiji**

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PacSen Vision and Objective

- Inception workshop held at SPC Suva in November 2015 – funded through PACE-Net+ seed funding.
- **PacSen** – Pacific Centre for Social Responsibility and Natural Resources - hosted at the Geoscience Division (GSD) of SPC.
- **Vision:** to contribute to the improvement of wellbeing of the Pacific Communities through the responsible and sustainable management of the region's natural resources.
- **Objective:** to establish a Pacific knowledge hub addressing gaps in social responsibility in the use of natural resources.



Workshop Outcomes

- PacSen shall be responsible for:
 - address gaps identified in national policies and capacities;
 - develop/enhance monitoring and evaluation capacity of PICTs;
 - create a platform for social and scientific research, data and information, and policy development;
 - assist governments in strengthening the existing processes and systems;
 - promote the involvement of Pacific Universities and research institutions in policy and development.



Partners and Networks

- **PacSen Steering Group** – John Burton (DWU, PNG); Glenn Banks (Massey University, NZ); Pierre-yves Le Meur (IRD, New Caledonia); Akuila Tawake (SPC, Fiji).
- Pacific Island Countries and Territories.
- Pacific universities and research institutions (e.g. UPNG, DWU, ANU, USP, IRD, etc).
- International organisations including CROP Agencies.
- Civil Society Organisations.
- Local Communities.
- Private Sector.



PacSen Activities and Future Plans

- A concept note developed to approach donors for funding (e.g. Horizon 2020).
- Organised a panel discussion on PacSen at STAR conference in Nadi Fiji in June 2016.
- Future initiatives:
 - Secure immediate, medium, and long-term funding arrangement.
 - Approach partners regarding collaboration and potential funding.
 - 2016-2017: PacSen Coordinator in place and activities implemented.
 - 2017: submit a regional initiative on PacSen to PIFS to be considered a region priority.

