KOICA-ESCAP-APNIC Foundation Joint Capacity Building Training Programme on Digital Technologies for Addressing Climate Change Impact in the Pacific

20 – 30 October 2026,
Brisbane, Australia

By invitation only

Background

Pacific Island Countries contribute minimally to climate change yet face severe impacts and vulnerable to rising sea levels, salinization, and intensified tropical storms. Recognizing the urgent need for innovative adaptation strategies, a project funded by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) aims to enhance the capacity of Pacific Island Countries by developing digital governance frameworks that leverage digital technologies and data, aligned with the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (APIS) platform. Implemented in partnership with the Jeju National University and the APNIC Foundation, the project delivers a capacity-building workshop designed to equip government officials with the necessary skills and knowledge to design and implement policies for climate change adaptation. This capacity-building training programme builds on the first training programme held from 20 to 30 August 2025 in Australia, further details are available here.

This project responds to the Astana Ministerial Declaration on Digital Inclusion and Transformation in September 2024, which requested ESCAP to provide technical assistance, policy analysis, and capacity development to promote digital innovation for sustainable development. It also aims to foster knowledge-sharing among members, particularly least developed, landlocked, and small island developing states.

In addition, the project responds to the APIS Steering Committee requests for continued ESCAP support for countries in special situations (LLDCs, LDCs, and SIDS) per ESCAP resolution 79/10, the Astana Declaration, and the APIS Action Plan 2022-2026. The project also aligns with the 'Technology and Connectivity' theme of the 2050 Blue Pacific Continent Strategy—prioritizing digital capacity building in Pacific Island Countries—and supports the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS by enhancing vulnerable populations' access to emerging technological innovations.

Organisers

- The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
- The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- With the support from Jeju National University of the Republic of Korea and the APNIC Foundation

Date, venue, & workshop mode of delivery

- Date: 20 – 30 October 2026 (excluding travel days)
- Venue: Brisbane, Australia
- Workshop mode of delivery: In-person only

Sponsorship

The organizers will sponsor nominated government officials from Fiji, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, and selected experts.

Language

The capacity building training workshop will be conducted in English.

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