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

Study Tour

23 October 2026, Melbourne, Australia

Background

1. **Objective**
   This study tour combines a morning visit to CSIRO with afternoon visits to the Melbourne Connect, and Science Gallery Melbourne. The programme explores applied research, sustainable energy innovation, industry-academia collaboration, and research commercialization, providing insights into Australia's innovation ecosystem and sustainable development practices.

2. **Institutional Visits: CSIRO, Melbourne Connect and Science Gallery Melbourne**
   The study tour will provide insights into Australia's research and innovation ecosystem through visits to leading institutions. CSIRO will highlight applied scientific research and technological innovation. Melbourne Connect will showcase industry-academia collaboration and research commercialization, and Science Gallery Melbourne will demonstrate interdisciplinary approaches to science, art, and public engagement. Together, these visits will offer practical perspectives on sustainability, innovation, and knowledge exchange.

3. **Expected Outcome**
   Participants will gain practical insights into Australia's approaches to applied research, sustainable energy, and industry-academia collaboration. The visit will enhance their understanding of clean energy transition, research commercialization, and interdisciplinary innovation, providing valuable perspectives for sustainable development and innovation strategies in their respective countries.

4. **Programme of Study Tour**

Day 4 (Friday 23 Oct 2026) – Study Tour (Melbourne) Moderator: APNIC Foundation/ESCAP	
09:00 – 10:00	**Depart for CSIRO – Tour Site 1** (transportation to be arranged by ESCAP, 45 minutes' drive, depending on traffic) • Meeting point: IBIS STYLES KINGSGATE Hotel lobby, 09:00 hrs
10:00 – 12:30	**Tour Site 1 - CSIRO(Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation)** • Meeting point at CSIRO: Clayton Central Precinct, Main Reception, Research Way, Clayton VIC 3168 • 90 minutes tour
12:30 – 13:00	**Depart for Melbourne Connect (Tour Site 3)** (transportation to be arranged by ESCAP, 40 minutes' drive depending on traffic) • Meeting point at CSIRO: Clayton Central Precinct, Main Reception, Research Way, Clayton VIC 3168 • Drop off point: 700 Swanston Street Carlton VIC 3053 (Melbourne Connect is located near the Science Gallery Melbourne, after getting off, students meet at the Ground Floor Foyer of the Main entrance under the heart installation)
13:10 – 14:00	**Lunch** (participants have own lunch in restaurants around the Science Gallery Melbourne area) • Suggested restaurants within 500m of Science Gallery Melbourne: Master Fiery (Mandarin); KFC Carlton; Colorful Yunnan (Chinese); Subway; Fico Carlton (Italian); Domino's Pizza Carlton; Rice Bar Not Only Rice
14:00 – 15:00	**Tour Site 3: Melbourne Connect** 700 Swanston Street, Carlton, Victoria, Australia. • Meeting point: Science Gallery Melbourne building at 14:00 hrs • 60 minutes tour *Melbourne Connect is an innovation and research hub by the University of Melbourne, with main purpose to bring businesses, researchers, government agencies, start-ups and students together to develop new technologies and solve real-world problems.*

15:00 – 16:00	**Tour Site 4:** Science Gallery Melbourne (same building as Melbourne Connect) 114 Grattan St, Carlton VIC 3053, hours: Wed–Sat 11:00–17:00; free to enter • Meeting point: Science Gallery Melbourne. • 60 minutes tour *Tech focus: Generative AI & Interactive Tech – walk-in experimental AI displays, responsive robotics, and digital scientific data installations*
16:00 – 17:00	**End of the Study Tour** (transportation to be arranged by ESCAP) (20 mins) • Meeting point: Science Gallery Melbourne at 16:00 hrs • Drop off point: IBIS STYLES KINGSGATE Hotel lobby