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Date: **Wednesday 8 July,  
2026**

Time:  
**8.30am - 5.00pm**

Venue:  
**FNU Bonunaqwele,  
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# FIJI INTERNATIONAL LANDCARE & SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

## DAY 1 - PROGRAMME

- 8.30am Registration and arrival
- 9.00am Prayer
- 9.05am Protocol – Welcoming Chief Guest  
[Honourable Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka](#)  
Prime Minister of the Fiji Island
- 9.45am Introduction of Chief Guest and keynote address  
[Professor Unaisi Nabobo-Baba](#)  
Vice-Chancellor - Fiji National University.
- 10.15am Conference opening and Chief Guest keynote address  
[Honourable Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka](#)
- 10.35am Keynote address  
[Dr Nick Austin](#)  
Acting ACIAR CEO
- 10.55am Launch of South Pacific Extension and Development Institute (SPEDI)
- 11.15am Group photo
- 11.20am Morning tea
- 12.00pm Panel Discussion (Landcare/LIFE Project)  
[Dr. Mary Johnson](#), [Dr Nick Edgar](#), [Dr Joy Tukahirwa](#), [Dr Noel Catibog](#),  
[Mr. Alan Peterson](#)  
Facilitated by [Mr. Clinton Muller](#)
- 1.00pm Lunch

### Concurrent Sessions

#### Room 1 (Lotu Room) - Theme B: Agri-Food Systems, Livelihoods, and Market Resilience

**Chairperson:** Professor Canesio D. Predo      **Rapporteur:** TBC.

- 2.00pm Compensation Valuation for Indigenous Land and *iQoliqoli* in Fiji: A Method for Tangible and Intangible Assets  
[Mr. Paula Raqeukai](#)
- 2.15pm Empowering Changemakers: Establishing the Fiji Women in Agriculture Network as a Model for Market Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods  
[Ms. Salote Waqairatu-Waqainabete](#)
- 2.30pm Farmer Led Innovation in Developing Egg Production as additional income for small family farmers  
[Mr. Alan Peterson](#)
- 2.45pm Climate Financing in Fiji: A Review of Fiji's Agricultural Sector  
[Dr. Atish Chand](#)
- 3.00pm Clustering strategies to develop competitiveness of farms and agri-based enterprises for small-scale producers in the value chain: the Philippine experience  
[Professor Larry N. Digal](#)

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3.15pm Island shareholding the ideal management system to support commercial agricultural production?  
[Professor Paul Iji](#)

3.30pm Organising collective Action for small-scale farmers: Comparing Agro-based clusters and cooperatives in the Philippine cocoa subsector.  
[Mr. Marvin Orbeta](#)

### Room 2 (Vanua Room) - Theme C: Learning, Innovation, Collaboration, and Social Systems in Agriculture

**Chairperson:** Dr. Shipra Shah     **Rapporteur:** TBC

2.00pm Landcare in the looking glass: enduring perspectives, shifting paradigms, new horizons; a survey of change and transformation of the 'landcare landscape' since the Nanzan 2017 discussions.  
[Dr. Kazuki Kagohashi](#)

2.15pm Partnerships to resource community-led solutions for environmental and climate-related challenges, for community well-being and top enhance smallholder livelihoods: Global Landcare's small projects initiative  
[Dr Pamela Greet](#)

2.30pm Corporate Stewardship and Community Landcare: A Pakistani Perspective  
[Mr. Muhammad Ayaz](#)

2.45pm Weaving myths in sustainable agroecological practices in the Pacific: Drawing lessons from inland Baelelea tribe on Malaita, Solomon Islands  
[Dr James Kwaimani Faiau](#)

3.00pm SCSC 4 Life: Institutionalization Of Life Program (Livelihood Improvement Through Facilitated Extension) In South Cotabato State College.  
[Mr. Edward Lovel](#)

3.15pm Agroecology towards Social and Ecologic Crisis: An Evaluation of Agroecology School for Young Peasants in Timor-Leste  
[Mr. Leonardo F. Soares](#)

3.30pm Engaging Pacific communities in sustainable land and farming transitions through approaches of Free, Prior and Informed Consent in Fiji  
[Mr. Ponipate Baleinamau](#)

### Room 3 (Matanitu Room) - Workshop

**Chairperson: Mr. Nikki Codero Rapporteur: TBC**

2.00pm Propelling beyond 2030: Lessons from current SDG frameworks for future development practice  
[Dr. Mary Johnson](#)

### Room 4 (Magimagi Room) - Poster

**Judges:** Dr. Anne Shangrila, Dr. Mereia Fong, Dr. Royford Magiri

2.00pm Traditional healing and land stewardship in Fiji  
[Ms. Kelera Naivalu](#)



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Catchment Management in Aotearoa New Zealand. Key success factors for catchment groups and the importance of incorporating Indigenous knowledge

[Dr Nick Edgar](#)

Innovative Financing Strategies for the Agricultural Sector in Fiji

[Dr Jazbeen Ali](#)

Nutraceutical Profiling and Climate-Change Perceptions of Brown Rice Farmers in Fiji

[Mr Roneel Prasad](#)

Integrating Community-Led Landcare with Gender-Inclusive Livelihoods: A Case Study of Faith and Hope Association in Mozambique

[Ms. Vital Kashila Tshimpanga](#)

Charting the Success of Junior LandCare in Rural Africa

[Mr. Jon Lambert](#)

A reflection on women in aquaculture: trends, policies, and research gaps in Fiji

[Ms. Salote Waqairatu-Waqainabete](#)

School-Based And Rural Community Farming as A Pathway to Nutrition, Education, And Climate Resilience in Kenya

[Mr. Zachary NGARE](#)

Building enduring cultural partnerships in Aotearoa and across the Pacific Nations to respond to invasive pest and disease threatening agricultural and environmental sustainability.

[Ms. Teresa Waiariki](#)

Moving Beyond Teaching and Research toward Holistic Development

[Dr. William Kerua](#)

3.45pm **Afternoon Tea with Poster Display and Exhibition Judgement**

**END OF DAY 1**

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## DAY 2 - PROGRAMME

- 8.30am Registration and arrival
- 9.00am Welcome and Recap  
[Dr. Mary Johnson](#)
- 9.30am Plenary Keynote and / or Panel Discussion  
[Mr. Clinton Muller](#)
- 10.30am Morning Tea
- Concurrent Sessions**
- Oral Presentation Room 1: Lotu**  
**Theme A: Sustainable Agriculture, Environment, and Biophysical Systems**
- Chairperson: [Dr Pamela Greet](#) Rapporteur: (TBC)
- 11.00am Agroecological Diversification, Farming Systems, and Climate Resilience in Labasa, Fiji  
[Dr. Lorena L. Sabino](#)
- 11.15am Enhancing the Sustainable Productivity of Smallholder Citrus Farmers in the Eastern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea: Challenges, Opportunities, and Pathways for Improvement  
[Audrey Iyeho](#)
- 11.30am Cultivating Resilience: Integrating Watershed Management and Sustainable Agriculture to Prevent Water-Related Outbreaks  
[Timoci Naivalulevu](#)
- 11.45am Catchment Management Training in the Pacific. Developing the next generation of catchment leaders.  
[Dr Nick Edgar](#)
- 12.00pm Assessing the Salinity Squeeze and Food Security on Fead Island, Autonomous Region  
[Rodney Biri](#)
- 12.15pm Invasive Ceratocystis species: A threat to biodiversity and agriculture in the Indo-Pacific  
[Dr Virginia Marroni](#)
- 12.30pm Literary Manifestations of Biodiversity Engagement in the writings of India and Fiji Literature  
[Mr. Astiva Singh](#)
- 12.45pm Integrating land care principles and sustainable port practices  
[Mr. Judah Wamamberi](#)



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## DAY 2 - PROGRAMME

### Oral Presentation Room 2: Vanua

#### Theme C: Learning, Innovation, Collaboration, and Social Systems in Agriculture

Chairperson: Dr Shalendra Prasad Rapporteur: (TBC)

- 11.00am LIFE beyond the project: methodological reflections on sustainability and relational practice  
[Dr. Anne Shangrila Fuentes](#)
- 11.15am Community empowerment through Participatory Guarantee Systems: Pacific experiences.  
[Fabienne Gande](#)
- 11.30am Integrating Historical and Traditional Agricultural Knowledge Practices in Small-Scale Farming Communities in Fiji.  
[Ms. Sherlyn Nandam](#)
- 11.45am Blending Tradition and Technology: Indigenous led On Country Pest and Weed Management for a Resilient Future.  
[Mr. Trevor Meldrum](#)
- 12.00pm Carbon or Community? Navigating Voluntary Carbon Markers for Locally Led Rural Development.  
[Dr. Julian Prior](#)
- 12.15pm Cultivating Resilient Agricultural Communities Through Indigenous Knowledge, Shared Collaboration, and Inclusive Engagement.  
[Ms Alby Marsh](#)
- 12.30pm Agricultural Extension: The Journey from the Past for the Future.  
[Ma. Alexie Lizaba](#)
- 12.45pm Seeing is Believing - Baby Steps.  
[Mr. Solomon Nagaunavou](#)

### Workshop Room 3: Matanitu

**Chairperson:** Ms Mere Valu **Rapporteur:** (TBC)

- 11.00am Open Geospatial Data for Sustainable Landcare: Leveraging Digital Earth Pacific for UNCCD Reporting.  
[Mr. Nicholas Metherall](#)

### 11.15am **Workshop Room 4: Magimagi**

**Chairperson:** [Dr Shalini Singh](#) **Rapporteur:** (TBC)

- 11.00am Valuing Community Network – Key to Australian Landcare Success.  
[Dave Bateman](#)

1.00pm **LUNCH BREAK**



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### Oral Presentation Room 1: Lotu

#### Theme A: Sustainable Agriculture, Environment, and Biophysical Systems

Chairperson: Dr Kaliova Ravuiwasa Rapporteur: (TBC)

- 2.00pm Sustaining Socio-Ecological Resilience Through Farmer-Led Landcare: Lessons from a Farmer-Led Landcare Association in a Remote Upland Landscape, Philippines.  
[Louise Bernadette C. Del Castillo](#)
- 2.15pm Scaling Indigenous Soil Conservation and Ecosystem Resilience: A Comparative Study of Traditional Farming Systems across the Pacific Region.  
[Mr. Eric Messimato](#)
- 2.30pm Combating Landslides and Improving Agricultural Resilience using Landcare Initiatives in  
*Uganda*.  
[Jonathan Lambert](#)
- 2.45pm Establishing biodiverse landscapes through agroforestry in Fiji.  
[Dr. Shipra Shah](#)
- 3.00pm Governing home-scale biogas systems for a circular food economy  
[Dr. Fredrico Davila](#)
- 3.15pm Governing the circular nutrient economy in the agrifood system and opportunities in Pacific Island Countries.  
[Jordan Roods](#)

### Oral Presentation Room 2: Vanua

#### Theme C: Learning, Innovation, Collaboration, and Social Systems in Agriculture

Chairperson: [Dr Mary Johnson](#) Rapporteur: TBC

- 2.00pm Taralala: Relational Learning and Evaluation in Non-Formal Agricultural Training.  
[Andrew Boyle](#)
- 2.15pm Strengthening Socio-Economic Resilience Through Farmer-Led Landcare: Insights from Rural Communities in Labasa, Fiji.  
[Professor Canesio D. Predo](#)
- 2.30pm Marrying Research and Development: Community-Led Development for Shared Prosperity  
[Alice Muller](#)
- 2.45pm The BEE-ABLE Model: Fostering Resilient Livelihoods and Pollinator Ecosystem Services through Community-Led Beekeeping in Fiji.  
[Dr Muhammed Saiyad Riyaz Ud Dean](#)
- 3.00pm Governance, Livelihoods, and Fisheries Out-Migration in Fiji.  
[Ms Jasnita Ali](#)
- 3.15pm Farmers on the Frontline: Climate Change Perceptions and Adaptation Practices in Fiji.  
[Ms. Amelia Nadau](#)



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### Workshop Room 1: Matanitu

Chairperson: Dr Ilisoni Leweniqila Rapporteur: (TBC)

2.00pm Understanding Invasive Ceratocystis Pathogens: A Hands-On Demonstration and Biodiversity Protection in the Indo-Pacific.  
[Dr Virginia Marroni](#)

### Workshop Room 1: Magimagi

Chairperson: Mr. Solomon Nagaunavou Rapporteur: (TBC)

2.15pm Collaborative Pathways: Integrating Traditional Knowledge and Science for Resilience.  
[Ms Alby Marsh](#)

2.30pm Bringing it all together

3.00pm Conference Closing

6.30pm Conference Dinner



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## DAY 3 - PROGRAMME

The final day of the conference will feature a series of optional field visits, providing delegates with practical, on-the-ground insights into sustainable agriculture, Landcare approaches, and community-led development in Fiji.

Hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Waterways and Sugar Industry, these visits are designed to complement the conference themes by connecting discussions on extension, livelihoods, and socio-ecological systems with real-world application. Delegates will have the opportunity to engage directly with farmers, community groups, and practitioners, and to explore how Landcare principles are being adapted within the Fijian context.

To accommodate varying travel schedules, comfort levels, and learning interests, a range of field visit options with different durations will be offered. These will include a full-day tour, a three-quarter day option, and a shorter half-day visit.

### Field Trip Options

#### 1. Research to Practice: Sigatoka Valley (Full Day)

This full-day visit will travel to the Sigatoka valley and focus on the connection between agricultural research, extension, and on-ground practice. The program will include visits to the Ministry of Agriculture Sigatoka Research Station, the Taiwanese Technical Mission, and a Landcare farming community in Nakavika. Delegates will gain insight into how research, training, and extension are being translated into practical outcomes for farmers, with a focus on productivity, sustainability, and local adaptation.

#### 2. Organic and Diversified Farming Systems: Sabeto Valley (Three-Quarter Day)

This visit will explore organic and diversified farming systems within the Sabeto Valley. Delegates will visit a mix of established and emerging farm enterprises, including the Bulachino site and a recently established farming operation. The visit will highlight approaches to soil health, crop diversification, and market-oriented production, and provide an opportunity to engage directly with farmers on the opportunities and challenges of transitioning to more sustainable systems.

#### 3. Agricultural Infrastructure and Value Chains: Nadi Area (Half Day)

This shorter visit will focus on key agricultural infrastructure supporting Fiji's production and export systems. Sites visits include a biosecurity treatment facility linked to agricultural exports and a mushroom composting operation. The visit will provide insight into the systems and processes that underpin market access, product quality, and value chain development.



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