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Date: Thursday 9 July, 2026

Time: 8.30am - 5.00pm

Venue: FNU Bonunaqwele, Nadi Campus

FIJI INTERNATIONAL LANDCARE & SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

DAY 2 - PROGRAMME

- 8.30am Registration and arrival
- 9.00am Prayer
- 9.05am Remarks by the Australia High Commission, Acting Deputy Head of Mission: [Mr Vas Withanage](#)
- 9.15am Keynote Address
[Professor Palatasa Havea](#)
Dean Pacific - Massey University
- 9.30am Panel Discussion (Landcare/LIFE Project)
[Dr Mary Johnson](#), [Dr Nick Edgar](#), [Ms Lo Dunn](#), [Dr Noel Catibog](#), [Mr Alan Peterson](#), [Dr William Kerua](#)
Facilitated by [Mr Clinton Muller](#)

10.00am Morning Tea Break

Concurrent Sessions

Oral Presentation Room 1: Lotu

Theme A: Sustainable Agriculture, Environment, and Biophysical Systems

Chairperson: [Dr Pamela Greet](#) Rapporteur: [Ms Naomi Wati](#)

- 10.20am Agroecological Diversification, Farming Systems, and Climate Resilience in Labasa, Fiji
[Dr Lorena L. Sabino \(Philippines\)](#)
- 11.035am Enhancing the Sustainable Productivity of Smallholder Citrus Farmers in the Eastern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea: Challenges, Opportunities, and Pathways for Improvement
[Ms Audrey Iyeho \(Papua New Guinea\)](#)
- 10.50am Cultivating Resilience: Integrating Watershed Management and Sustainable Agriculture to Prevent Water-Related Outbreaks
[Mr Timoci Naivalulevu \(Fiji\)](#)
- 11.05am Catchment Management Training in the Pacific. Developing the next generation of catchment leaders.
[Mr Te Ao Apaapa \(New Zealand\)](#)
- 11.20am Assessing the Salinity Squeeze and Food Security on Fead Island, Autonomous Region
[Mr Rodney Biri \(Papua New Guinea\)](#)
- 11.35am Invasive Ceratocystis species: A threat to biodiversity and agriculture in the Indo-Pacific
[Dr Virginia Marroni \(New Zealand\)](#)
- 11.55am Cultural Microbial Diversity Isolated from proposed restoration sites in Naviti, Yasawa, Ba Province, Fiji.
[Mr Maika Daveta \(Fiji\)](#)
- 12.05pm Integrating land care principles and sustainable port practices
[Mr Judah Wamamberi \(Papua New Guinea\)](#)



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Oral Presentation Room 2: Vanua

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

Chairperson: Dr Shalendra Prasad Rapporteur: Dr Eganooosi Atojunere

- 10.20am LIFE beyond the project: methodological reflections on sustainability and relational practice
[Dr Anne Shangrila Fuentes \(Australia\)](#)
- 10.35am Community empowerment through Participatory Guarantee Systems: Pacific experiences.
[Fabienne Gande \(New Zealand\)](#)
- 10.50am Integrating Historical and Traditional Agricultural Knowledge Practices in Small-Scale Farming Communities in Fiji.
[Ms Sherlyn Nandam \(Fiji\)](#)
- 11.05am Blending Tradition and Technology: Indigenous led On Country Pest and Weed Management for a Resilient Future.
[Mr Trevor Meldrum \(Australia\)](#)
- 11.20am Carbon or Community? Navigating Voluntary Carbon Markets for Locally Led Rural Development.
[Dr Julian Prior \(Australia\)](#)
- 11.35am Cultivating Resilient Agricultural Communities Through Indigenous Knowledge, Shared Collaboration, and Inclusive Engagement.
[Mr Alby Marsh \(New Zealand\)](#)
- 11.55am Agricultural Extension: The Journey from the Past for the Future.
[Ma. Alexie Lizaba \(Philippines\)](#)
- 12.05pm Seeing is Believing - Baby Steps.
[Mr Solomon Nagaunavou \(Fiji\)](#)

Workshop Room 3: Matanitu

Chairperson: Ms Mere Valu Rapporteur: Ms Josphine Kumar

- 10.20am Open Geospatial Data for Sustainable Landcare: Leveraging Digital Earth Pacific for UNCCD Reporting.
[Dr Nicholas Metherall \(Fiji\)](#)

Workshop Room 4: Magimagi

Chairperson: Dr Shalini Singh Rapporteur: Mr Jiteshnal Prasad

- 10.20am Valuing Community Network – Key to Australian Landcare Success.
[Mr Dave Bateman \(Australia\)](#), [Professor Kazuki Kagohashi \(Japan\)](#), [Mr Rob Youl and Ms Jen Queealy \(Australia\)](#)
- 1.00pm **LUNCH BREAK**



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Chairperson: Associate Professor Kaliova Ravuiwasa **Rapporteur:** Mr Waisea Sewabu

- 1.30pm Sustaining Socio-Ecological Resilience Through Farmer-Led Landcare: Lessons from the Ned Landcare Association in a Remote Upland Landscape, Philippines. [Ms Louise Bernadette C. Del Castillo and Dr Lorena L. Sabino \(Philippines\)](#)
- 1.45pm Scaling Indigenous Soil Conservation and Ecosystem Resilience: A Comparative Study of Traditional Farming Systems across the Pacific Region. [Mr Eric Messimato \(Papua New Guinea\)](#)
- 1.55pm Combating Landslides and Improving Agricultural Resilience using Landcare Initiatives in *Southwestern Uganda*. [Mr Jon Lambert \(Australia\) and Dr Joy Tukahirwa \(Uganda\)](#)
- 2.05pm Establishing biodiverse landscapes through agroforestry in Fiji. [Dr Shipra Shah \(Fiji\)](#)
- 2.15pm Governing home-scale biogas systems for a circular food economy [Dr Fredrico Davila \(Australia\)](#)
- 2.25pm Governing the circular nutrient economy in the agrifood system and opportunities for Pacific Island Countries. [Mr Jordan Roods \(Australia\)](#)

Oral Presentation Room 2: Vanua

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

Chairperson: Dr Mary Johnson **Rapporteur:** Mr Tomasi Namoumou

- 1.30pm Taralala: Relational Learning and Evaluation in Non-Formal Agricultural Training. [Mr Andrew Boyle \(Australia\)](#)
- 1.45pm Strengthening Socio-Economic Resilience Through Farmer-Led Landcare: Insights from Farming Communities in Labasa, Fiji. [Professor Canesio D. Predo \(Philippines\)](#)
- 1.55pm Marrying Research and Development: Community-Led Development for Shared Learning and Impact. [Ms Alice Muller and Mr Clinton Muller \(Australia\)](#)
- 2.05pm The BEE-ABLE Model: Fostering Resilient Livelihoods and Pollinator Ecosystem Stewardship through Community-Led Beekeeping in Fiji. [Dr Muhammed Saiyad Riyaz Ud Dean \(Bangladesh\)](#)
- 2.15pm Governance, Livelihoods, and Fisheries Out-Migration in Fiji. [Ms Jasnita Ali \(Fiji\)](#)
- 2.25pm Farmers on the Frontline: Climate Change Perceptions and Adaptation Practices Among Smallholders in Fiji. [Ms Amelia Nadau \(Fiji\)](#)



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Chairperson: Dr Ilisoni Leweniqila **Rapporteur:** Ms Vashnika Narayan

1.30pm Understanding Invasive Ceratocystis Pathogens: A Hands-On Demonstration for Biosecurity and Biodiversity Protection in the Indo-Pacific.
[Dr Virginia Marroni \(New Zealand\)](#)

Workshop Room 4 Magimagi

Chairperson: Mr Solomon Nagaunavou **Rapporteur:** Ms Brianna Loata

1.30pm Collaborative Pathways: Integrating Traditional Knowledge and Science for Pacific Agricultural Resilience.
[Mr Alby Marsh \(New Zealand\)](#)

2.35pm Panel Discussion: Revisiting the Straight Path – ‘Sala Dodonu’
[Turaga Bale na Tui Macuata](#), [Ratu Wiliame Maivalili Katonivere](#), [Dr Winifereti Nainoca](#), [Dr Kenneth Cokanasiga](#), [Professor Amenatave Yauvoli](#), [Dr Adi Alisi Vudiniabola](#).
Chaired by [Professor Unaisi Nabobo Baba](#)

3.40pm Vote of Thanks by Dean of the College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
[Associate Professor Dr Kaliova Ravuiwasa](#)

4.00pm Conference Closing

4.30pm 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.

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