



Background Information

This two-day practice-oriented participatory training program is offered prior to the Fiji International Conference on Landcare and Sustainable Agriculture in the Indo-Pacific.

The training has been specifically designed for the Indo-Pacific region with contributions from globally experienced practitioners, researchers, facilitators, and community leaders with deep and diverse experience in Landcare and LIFE approaches.

The program draws on previous Global Landcare training initiatives and reflects a participatory learning model that combines:

- principles-based practice
- community-led approaches
- facilitation and collaboration
- global and local exemplars
- reflective learning
- strategy development

The training includes a formal opening session, panel discussions, group activities, reflection exercises, and presentation of certificates at the conclusion of Day 2.

Overall Learning Outcomes

By the end of the two-day program, participants will be able to:

1. Explain the Landcare and LIFE approach as an adaptable, context-specific, community-led participatory model for sustainable land and natural resource management.
 2. Distinguish Landcare from projects, extension programs and policy initiatives while understanding how it interfaces with each.
 3. Apply core Landcare and LIFE principles within their own ecological, production, institutional or community contexts.
 4. Identify practical facilitation, coordination and partnership mechanisms that support community-led action in Fiji and broader Pacific contexts.
 5. Recognise and apply practical “good practice” criteria relevant to Landcare and LIFE initiatives.
 6. Understand the importance of learning, adaptation and networks in sustaining long-term community-based action.
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Introduction to Global Landcare

Building Practical Solutions In and With Community

DAY 1 — Monday 6 July 2026

Foundations of Global Landcare Practice

Theme: Understanding what Landcare is, why it works, and how principles-based community action supports sustainable change.

Registration and Formal Welcome

Time	Activity	Location
8.00 AM	Pre-Conference Registration	Library Forecourt
9.30 AM	Formal Fiji Welcome and Opening <i>MC: David Hickes FNU</i>	Lecture Hall
10.15 AM	Morning Tea	Bure

Session 1 — Purpose and Participant Expectations

Time	11.00 AM – 11.45 AM
Location	Library Workshop Space
Facilitator	Pamela Greet
Discussion Leaders	Andrea Mason, Nikki Cordero, Shipra Shah, Tanveer Hossain, Rob Youl, Nick Edgar

Learning Outcomes

Participants will: understand the purpose and structure of the training, identify personal learning goals, describe their own working context and challenges

Key Activities

- Plenary: Program overview, participatory learning principles – how we will learn together, participant introductions

- Small group discussions:
 - context of work
 - current challenges
 - communities and stakeholders involved
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Session 2 — What is Landcare/LIFE? Origins, Evolution and Adaptation

Time 11.50 AM – 12.45 PM

Facilitator Shipra Shah

Panellists Rob Youl, Joy Tukawira, Nick Edgar, Nikki Cordero

Learning Outcomes

Understanding how Landcare and LIFE models have evolved and adapted across diverse international contexts.

Key Activities

- Plenary: Panellists outline experience in different contexts of adaptation and contextual factors influencing how actions are defined, led and shaped to local situation

Panellists will speak to: Australian origins, Uganda, New Zealand, Philippines

- Small group discussions:
 - Start with local understanding and knowledge
 - transferable concepts
 - areas requiring adaptation
 - Notetakers/ rapporteurs required per group
 - Plenary report back from minimum of two groups
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Lunch 12.45 PM – 1.30 PM

Session 3 — Global Landcare in Practice: Comparative Experiences

Time 1.30 PM – 2.00 PM

Facilitator Andrea Mason

Panellists Alan Petersen, Nikki Cordero, Te Ao Apaapa, Trevor Meldrum

Learning Outcomes

More on local adaptation and responsiveness in diverse contexts: how local models emerge, how collaboration structures develop, how funding and governance influence implementation

Key Activities

- Plenary: experience in different contexts of adaptation and contextual factors influencing how actions are defined, led and shaped to local situation

Panelists will speak to current adaptive examples in Fijian farmer cooperative (Tei Tei Taviuni); Philippine Livelihood Extension through Facilitated Extension; Iwi-led catchment rehabilitation Aotearoa model; Land and Sea Ranger Caring for Sea and Country model Cape York Peninsula

Session 4 — Landcare Principles in Action (Part I)

Time 2.00 PM – 3.15 PM

Facilitator Nick Edgar

Panellists Alan Petersen, Nikki Cordero, Te Ao Apaapa, Trevor Meldrum

Learning Outcomes

How Landcare principles shape: participatory natural resource management, problem identification, local leadership, community engagement

- Key principles at work: grassroots leadership, participatory locally led governance, inclusion and autonomy, valuing traditional knowledge, linking landscape health, livelihoods and governance

Key Activities

- Plenary: Panelists (continuing from previous session) speak to how those six key principles inform how the model adapts to the needs of different contexts and communities through problem identification, determination of leadership structure, community input and engagement and issues are prioritised for action
 - Small group discussions considering the principles in relation to:
 - How was the issue identified?
 - Who leads action in community?
 - What role do traditional custodians play?
 - Who are potential partners?
 - Notetakers/ rapporteurs required per group for informing synthesis
 - Plenary report back from groups
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Afternoon Tea 3.15 PM – 3.30 PM

Session 5 — Collaboration and Partnerships for Community-Led Models

Time 3.30 PM – 4.30 PM

Facilitator Lorena Sabino

Panelists James Faiau (SPC), Arnold Parapi (PNG), Nikki Cordero (Philippines), William Kerua (Fiji)

Learning Outcomes

Participants can describe facilitation roles and decide local benefits of coordination models demonstrating understanding of the value of trust and legitimacy in community

Key Activities

- Plenary: Panelists (speaking to experience in Fiji, PNG, Philippines and Pacific generally) demonstrate different models for the role of a community leader or group facilitator, differences between community-embedded and more traditional institutional models, adaptation of extension, community-led innovations and building capacity through
 - Small group discussions considering the value of different approaches to:
 - Coordinator models
 - Extension adaptations
 - New opportunities of adaptation and innovation
 - Enhancing collaborative or coordination capacity across industries or government structures
 - Notetakers/ rapporteurs required per group for informing synthesis
 - Plenary report back from groups
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Session 6 — Group Synthesis and Personal Reflection

Time 4.30 PM – 5.00 PM

Facilitator Pamela Greet

Synthesisers Shipra Shah, Lorena Sabino

Synthesis

key insights, relevance to local contexts, practical applications of Landcare/LIFE principles

Overnight Reflection

Participants worksheet considers local application of principles, opportunities for adaptation, challenges and next steps.

DAY 2 — Tuesday 7 July 2026

From Principles to Practice

Theme Applying Landcare and LIFE principles to develop locally led and sustainable solutions.

Session 7 — Landcare as a Values-Driven System

Time 9.00 AM – 9.30 AM

Facilitator Pamela Greet

Panelists Te Ao Apaapa, Alan Petersen, Nikki Cordero

Learning Outcomes

Participants can describe landcare as a system informed by principles or values rather than a project in which local context drives decisions, action embodies principles, a network and learning system, actions embody collaboration and multi-scale actions

Key Activities

- Plenary: Panelists (speaking to experience in Aotearoa, Fiji, Philippines, demonstrate principles in action in diverse contexts showing local solutions link upward to regional/national issues, showing how actions impact the broader ecosystem (socially, environmentally, economically).
 - Case Studies will be from: Aotearoa New Zealand, Uganda, Australia
 - Rapporteur to synthesise key themes: Nick Kewa PNG
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Session 8 — Building Strategies and Partnerships

Time 9.30 AM – 10.45 AM

Facilitator Lorena Sabino

Panelists Te Ao Apaapa, Alan Petersen, Nikki Cordero

Learning Outcomes

Participants can identify shared problems and design value-adding partnerships relevant to scale and scope of challenge. Panel discussion and group activities cover strategy development basics and stakeholder and interest mapping, values-led partnership principles.

Key Activities

- Plenary: until 10.00 continuing panelists from previous session facilitated discussion showing how shared problems are identified and interests mapped, and stakeholder involvement is built, supported and documented.
 - Individual or team work session (worksheet) 45 minutes until tea break:
 - Identify dimensions: scope and scale of issue
 - Identify key stakeholders and potential partnerships
 - Consider and note what partners can contribute
 - Identify any risks or obstacles and mutual benefits
 - Worksheets to be completed
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Morning Tea 10.45 AM – 11.15 AM

Session 9 — Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL)

Time 11.15 AM – 12.30 PM

Facilitator Shipra Shah

Panelists Te Ao Apaapa, Alan Petersen, Nikki Cordero

Learning Outcomes

Participants understand how to build MEL into approach; distinguish monitoring for learning from reporting; and identify simple indicators.

Key Activities

- Plenary: 11.15- 11.40 Continuing with Panelists (Aotearoa, Fiji, Philippines) demonstrate learning principles through 15-minute panel discussion of why and how monitoring, evaluation and learning is best built in from first steps. Monitoring implementation, effectiveness and change – using data to build knowledge and better planning, adaptive management cycle (plan–act–review–revise)
- Discussion rapporteur to synthesise key themes: Nick Kewa PNG
- Small group discussions with group leaders (Nikki Cordero, Nick Edgar, Lorena Sabino, Joy Tukawira, Rohit Lal) :
 - Provide group with example of simple MEL integration from one of previous session case studies
 - Group lists core components for building MEL framework from the start
 - How to identify what to measure and what measures matter
 - Discuss: who is monitoring for—and why?

- Notetakers/ rapporteurs required per group for informing synthesis and feedback
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Lunch 12.30 PM – 1.15 PM

Session 10 — Assessing Good Practice Landcare Initiatives

Time	1.15 PM – 2.00 PM
Facilitator	Andrea Mason
Panelists	Lorena Sabino, Joy Tukawira, Nick Kewa, Shipra Shah
Plenary Rapporteur	Pamela Greet

Learning Outcomes

Participants can describe and apply principle-informed or values-led good-practice criteria for Landcare.

Key Activities

- 30 minute facilitated panel discussion followed by 15 minutes questions in plenary
 - Plenary session for in-depth discussion of how principles and values discussed over the last day ‘translate’ into good practice on the ground. How do we monitor and review this while doing? Builds on MEL discussion from last session. Examples from panelists should include mention of community good-practice criteria, adaptation to local context, livelihoods and inclusive participation.
 - Plenary rapporteur to synthesise key themes and questions
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Session 11 — Value Chains, Livelihoods and Outcomes

Time	2.00 PM – 2.50 PM
Facilitator	Shipra Shah
Panelists	Tanveer Hossain, Te Ao Apaapa, Alan Petersen

Learning Outcomes

Participants can explain how landcare links to and can influence livelihoods and value chains.

Key Activities

- 25 minute facilitated panel discussion in plenary followed by 25 minutes group work
- Plenary session discussion of relationship between farmer and family livelihoods and value chains from community to export markets, intersection with government policy at all levels and across productive sectors, discussion led to show how pre-consideration of relation to value chains whether at local, community, national level can improve outcomes.

- In small groups identify value chain or market issues related to your area of work
 - How might value chain issues create incentives for your participants
 - What obstacles might be encountered?
 - Do markets support or undermine Landcare?
 - Group rapporteurs synthesise key themes and questions
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Afternoon Tea 2.50 PM – 3.10 PM

Session 12 — Community Participation, Diversity and Localising Landcare

Time 3.10 PM – 4.00 PM

Facilitator Lorena Sabeno

Panelists Lo Dunn, James Faiau, Mere Valu, Trevor Meldrum

Learning Outcomes

Participants can recognise diversity and power dynamics and understand the value of extension offers in building community participation, know how to uplift inclusion and participation, address barriers to engagement.

Key Activities

- 25 minute facilitated panel discussion in plenary followed by 20 minutes facilitated discussion from floor of plenary and 5 minutes personal reflection.
 - Plenary panel session discussion of approaches to inclusivity and participation: discuss barriers, role of Extension officers in building inclusion, discuss benefits and challenges; why it matters – principles link / outcome and sustainability linkages.
 - Facilitated questions from floor and whole group discussion with focus on role of extension officers in building participation/inclusion; how to foreground local knowledge and cultural values. 20 minutes
 - Written individual reflection (worksheet): In your activity / project / group: who is missing from decision-making and why? 5 minutes
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Participant Reflection and Commitments

Time 4.00 PM – 4.20 PM

Facilitator Pamela Greet

Activity Guides Andrea Mason, Lorena Sabino, Shipra Shah, Rob Youl, Clinton Muller

Participants complete:

- workshop feedback forms
- individual commitment statements and their personal networking actions for the coming three months

Closing Ceremony and Certificate Presentation

Bure

Time 4.30 PM – 5.00 PM

Facilitators: Shipra Shah and Andrea Mason

Activities

- Program reflections – Nick Edgar, William Kerua, Mary Johnson
 - Key takeaways: adaptive, principled and values-based, research informed, practical community and farmer-led actions
 - Networking opportunities – establishment of *Global Landcare Pacific Knowledge Sharing Network*
- Certificate presentation

Social Networking Event

Time 5.30 – 7.00 PM

Hosted by Global Landcare

Location: MASALA TWIST RESTAURANT, Lot 4 Along the Queens Road, Nadi.

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