

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Pre-COP31 & COP31 Pacific Journalist Training & Coverage Programme

Pacific Cooperation Broadcasting Limited (PCBL) / Pasifika TV, in partnership with SPREP

ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY

Pacific Cooperation Broadcasting Limited (PCBL), operator of Pasifika TV, is inviting journalists and editors across the Pacific to register for the pre-COP31 & COP31 Pacific Journalist Training & Coverage Programme, a free, virtual training series delivered by SPREP on climate change, the COP process, and how to cover it.

The training is open to all Pacific media professionals who want to develop their climate journalism skills. However, only journalists and editors currently belonging to a PCBL-affiliated broadcaster will be eligible for selection to attend pre-COP31 and COP31 as part of the official Pasifika TV Pacific coverage team.

Four (4) participants will be selected in total: 2 editors and 2 journalists.

Building on our shared experience at COP28, PCBL and SPREP are committed to ensuring Pacific voices, Pacific stories, and Pacific perspectives are at the centre of global climate coverage.

Pacific stories, told by Pacific people.

BACKGROUND

The 31st UN Climate Change Conference (COP31) will be held in Antalya, Türkiye from 9–20 November 2026. As one of the most climate-vulnerable regions in the world, the Pacific must have a strong, skilled, and resourced presence at the world's most important climate forum.

PCBL has partnered with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to co-design and deliver a structured training programme that builds real capability — not just awareness — in Pacific media professionals covering climate negotiations. Selected participants will also attend pre-COP31 in Suva, Fiji (5–8 October 2026) before travelling to Türkiye for COP31.

For more information about PCBL and our affiliated broadcaster network, visit: www.pasifikatv.co.nz

THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Training is delivered by SPREP across four virtual sessions, held weekly via Microsoft Teams. Each session runs approximately two hours.

Session 1 — Tuesday, 7 July 2026, 12:00pm – 2.00pm Samoa Time

Climate Change 101: Understanding the Basics

Including: what climate change is, what causes it, key terms and concepts, adaptation, mitigation, and the impacts already being felt across the Pacific — with a focus on the 1.5°C threshold and why it matters for our region.

Opened by SPREP Director of Climate Change Tagaloa Cooper on why COP matters and the Pacific's thematic priorities.

Session 2 — Tuesday, 14 July 2026, 12:00pm – 2.00pm Samoa Time

Climate Change Science, 1.5°C and Loss & Damage

Including: the IPCC, key science findings, why 1.5°C matters for the Pacific as SIDS, and an introduction to Loss & Damage — what it is and what it means for Pacific communities.

Session 3 — Tuesday, 21 July 2026, 12:00pm – 2.00pm Samoa Time

Pre-COP31, COP31 and the Pacific's Priorities

Including: an overview of COP31, working modalities, the COP31 pillars, and what pre-COP31 means for the Pacific — and how to cover it.

Session 4 — Tuesday, 28 July 2026, 12:00pm – 2.00pm Samoa Time

COP Negotiations — Hearing from the Pacific's Own

Including: firsthand accounts from Pacific COP negotiators, what it's like to cover a COP from the ground, and practical preparation for Antalya.

Sessions are led by experienced SPREP facilitators Nannette Woonton and Keni Lesa.

ATTENDANCE IS COMPULSORY. Participants must attend all four sessions to be eligible for selection.

HOMEWORK & ASSIGNMENTS

This programme is practical and demanding by design. Between each session, participants will be set written assignments. These are not optional, they are part of the selection process and reflect the standard of commitment required to cover a global climate summit.

Assignments will include tasks such as:

- A personal written account connecting your own country's climate change experience to what you have learned (up to 500 words)
- A Q&A story developed from interviewing a national climate expert
- An editorial on why pre-COP and COP31 matters for the Pacific

For those eligible for selection, assignment performance will be a key factor in the final decision. **Participants who do not complete assignments will not be considered.**

WHAT SELECTED PARTICIPANTS WILL DO AT PRE-COP31 & COP31

The four selected participants will work as a coordinated Pacific newsroom at pre-COP31 (Suva, Fiji) and COP31 (Antalya, Türkiye), producing:

- TV packages for broadcast across the Pasifika TV and PACHub network
- Pieces-to-camera (PTCs) and live reporting
- Social media and YouTube content for Pacific audiences
- Written stories, edited in real time

Participants will use either mobile journalism (MoJo) tools and workflows, or traditional camera equipment, supported by PCBL's editorial coordination team throughout (Tia Soakai & Stefan Ambruster).

WHAT'S COVERED

For the four (4) selected participants, PCBL will cover:

- ✓ Return international flights to pre-COP31 and COP31
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Daily per diems
- ✓ Ground transport

⚠ NOT COVERED: Travel insurance and visa costs are the responsibility of the participant and/or their broadcaster. Please read the Visa Requirements section below carefully.

VISA REQUIREMENTS — PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Most Pacific passport holders will require a visa to enter Türkiye. Requirements vary by nationality. We strongly encourage all applicants to check their requirements before registering and to begin the process early if selected.

- Samoa, Tonga, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu — citizens may be eligible to apply via the Turkish e-Visa system at www.evisa.gov.tr (typically processed online in minutes).
- Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, and other Pacific nations — a formal embassy visa application may be required, which can take several weeks. Check with your nearest Turkish embassy or consulate as early as possible.
- Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau — citizens travelling on New Zealand passports should check requirements applicable to NZ passport holders.

RECOMMENDED TIMELINE: If selected, aim to lodge your visa application no later than September 2026.

- Official e-Visa portal: www.evisa.gov.tr
- Türkiye Ministry of Foreign Affairs: www.mfa.gov.tr

ELIGIBILITY

The training is open to all Pacific media professionals. To be eligible for selection to attend pre-COP31 and COP31, you must also:

- Be currently employed by a PCBL-affiliated broadcaster (see www.pasifikatv.co.nz for the full list across 15 Pacific nations)
- Be applying in the role of journalist or editor
- Have your broadcaster/station manager's written support to participate in training and, if selected, to travel in October and November 2026
- Attend all four training sessions (7, 14, 21, and 28 July 2026) and complete all homework assignments
- Be available to travel to pre-COP31 in Suva, Fiji (5–8 October 2026) and COP31 in Türkiye (9–20 November 2026). Travel-to and from dates to be confirmed.
- Hold, or be in a position to obtain, a valid passport and entry visa for Türkiye

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

We are looking for motivated, capable Pacific media professionals who:

- Are passionate about the Pacific's climate story and its global significance
- Can produce multi-platform content under deadline pressure — TV packages, social media, written stories, PTCs
- Are committed to Pacific-led storytelling — Pacific stories, told by Pacific people
- Will invest fully in the training — attending every session and completing every assignment
- Have strong broadcaster support and are ready to represent their organisation and the region on a global stage.

HOW TO REGISTER

To participate in the training, you must first register using the QR code below or click on the link. Registration is free and open to all Pacific media professionals.

You will be asked to provide:

- Your full name
- Your email address
- Your WhatsApp number
- Whether you are registering as a journalist or editor

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- The broadcaster or media organisation you work for
 - Your manager's full name and email address
 - Confirmation that your manager is aware of and supports your participation

Link: <https://forms.gle/bbFs9n9EBdhsznt56>



COP31/SPREP/PTV

Registration is required before the first session on Tuesday 7 July 2026. Selection of the four participants to attend pre-COP31 and COP31 will be made following the completion of all four training sessions, based on attendance and assignment performance.

ENQUIRIES

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