



Pacific Voices on Climate Change:

**Sharing Knowledge, Listening and Strengthening Pacific
Voices.**

Australian Fellows Program

**The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) with the Pacific
Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO)**

**Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne, Australia
12 November – 3 December 2025**

FINAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

PROGRAM WEEK 1: SYDNEY

Week 1	MON, 10 Nov 2025	TUE, 11 Nov 2025	WED, 12 Nov 2025 SYDNEY	THU, 13 Nov 2025 SYDNEY	FRI, 14 Nov 2025 SYDNEY	SAT, 15 Nov 2025 SYDNEY	SUN, 16 Nov 2025 SYDNEY
	Participants arrive in Sydney from Fiji, Kiribati, PNG, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu		Day 1 SYDNEY	Day 2 SYDNEY	Day 3 SYDNEY	Day 4 SYDNEY	Day 5 SYDNEY
Morning 1 9.00 To 10.30			Welcome to Country Welcomes & Introductions UNSW Pro Vice Chancellor Verity Firth – PIANGO / DTP	9.00 – 9.30 welcomes / coffee 9.30 Climate Media Centre Training Dan Veldre 9.30-4pm	Introduction to Human Rights Standards / UN System	Sydney - Sleep In	Day of Rest
Facilitated			DTP		DTP		
Break 10:30-10:45							
Morning 2 10:45 To 12:30			Introductions Expectations Program Overview – Logistics / Etc	Climate Media Centre Training Dan Veldre 9.30-4pm	Open – Informal Session introducing UNSW academics plus Mary Mackillop Today- Caitlin Mcgrath and colleagues @ UNSW Campus 1-3pm	Excursion – Seeing Sydney The Opera House, Harbour Bridge and Circular Quay – Ferry across the Harbour to Manly	Free Time
Facilitated			DTP		DTP		
Lunch 12:30- 2:00					Welcome BBQ at UNSW	Lunch in Manly	
Afternoon 1 2:00-3:30			Sharing of Key Issues on Climate Change and Human Rights	Climate Media Centre Training Dan Veldre 9.30-4pm	Informal introductions and sharing continues	Walk around Manly / Shelly Beach	
Facilitated			DTP		DTP		
Break 3:30-3:45							
Afternoon 2 3:45-5:30				Climate Media Centre Training Dan Veldre 9.30-4pm Strategic Litigation on Climate Change – Nicole d’Souza – Grata Fund	UNSW, the Pacific and Climate Change - Talanoa	Return to Sydney City	
Facilitated			DTP	DTP	DTP		
Evening			Welcome Reception with AusLii / Paclii at University of Technology Sydney/ Dinner at Moore Park Hotel	Free Evening	Option: Organised Dinner or Free Evening	Free Evening	

PROGRAM WEEK 2: SYDNEY – MELBOURNE

Week 1	MON, 17 Nov 2025 SYDNEY	TUE, 18 Nov 2025 SYDNEY	WED, 19 Nov 2025 MELBOURNE	THU, 20 Nov 2025 MELBOURNE	FRI, 21 Nov 2025 MELBOURNE	SAT, 22 Nov 2025 MELBOURNE	SUN, 23 Nov 2025 CANBERRA
	Day 6 SYDNEY	Day 7 SYDNEY	Day 8 MELBOURNE	Day 9 MELBOURNE	Day 10 MELBOURNE	Day 11 MELBOURNE	Day 12
Morning 1 9.00 To 10.30	NSW Parliament House Welcome by the Hon. Janelle Saffin MP, Minister for Lismore, Minister for Small Business, Minister for Recovery, and Minister for the North Coast	9.15 – 10.30 – A brief History of Pacific Leadership on Climate Advocacy – Dr Wes Morgan (UNSW)	10.00 – 11.30 – Oxfam Australia Rod Goodbun / David Minh Tran – Campaigns & Advocacy Team –	10.00 – Reflection Talanoa and Preparations – Flagstaff Gardens	10.00am – 11.00 Morning Tea with Sheena Watt, MP , Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Action, Victorian Parliament House	Free Morning Options include Queen Victoria Market / Ian Potter Museum at Melbourne University	Free Morning
Facilitated		DTP	Oxfam Australia	DTP	DTP		
Break 10:30-10:45							
Morning 2 10:45 To 12:30	Group Discussion on Key Issues and Messages – Meet with Aileen McDonald Shadow Minister for Youth Justice Member of the Liberal Party	Cameron Holley - UNSW Institute for Climate Risk & Response (ICRR) 10.30-11.30 Exchange with UNSW law students on Climate Change Lawyering – reflections on COP30 and pacific engagement on climate issues.	Oxfam Australia- Jimi Peters / Lisa Thorpe – First Nations Program Interaction with Oxfam Timor Program & International Programs	11.00 - 1.00pm Women’s Environmental Leadership, IWDA, PLAN, Action AID - Gender and Climate Change –a Feminist Analysis Plus Level 1, 250 Queen Street, Melbourne.	Sheena Watt’s Personal Tour of Victoria Parliament	Free Time	Free Time
Facilitated		Lunch – 12 – 1.00 pm	Oxfam Australia	Pasanna Mutha-Merennege - IWDA	DTP		
Lunch 12:30-2:00	1.30pm Lunch at Australian Museum	UNSW- Jane McAdam and Regina Jeffries (UNSW) 1-2pm – Climate Change Migration / Forced Evacuations and International Law	Lunch at Queen Victoria Market	Lunch at Southbank	12-2pm Talanoa, Oceania Institute, Melbourne University – Students / Researchers / Academics- Jason Titifanue	Travel to Airport	
Afternoon 1 2:00-3:30	Australian Museum- free time	Human Rights and Climate Change – Building Clarity on State Obligations, Fossil Fuels Plus - Maria Nawaz (UNSW)	Visit to Clothing the Gap – Brunswick –First Nations, woman owned enterprise	2-4pm ABC Asia Pacific Newsroom Melbourne/ Evan Wasuka	3pm – 9pm – Diaspora Talanoa Joan Kirner Boardroom, Community House - 552 Victoria St, North Melbourne, https://ochouse.com.au	Travel to Canberra	Welcome BBQ at ANU with PASIFIKA ANU community, ANU students, academics
Facilitated		DTP	DTP	ABC Asia Pacific	Diversity Network Australia (DNA) – Bernie Goulding)		Rosslyn Ramoifuala, President Pasifika Students Association
Break 3:30-3:45							
Afternoon 2 3:45-4.30	3.30pm Australian Museum Pasifika Collection -Plus cultural activities with Australian Museum staff, Elijah Lemusu and team	Chasing the COPS – The Australian and Pacific and COP 31 – An Opportunity to Build Collaboration and Accelerate Action Dr Wes Morgan (UNSW)	Free Time	2-4pm ABC Asia Pacific Newsroom Melbourne/ Evan Wasuka	Dinner - Merleen Thomas from Victorian Kulawai (Fijian Youth, Women and Sports), Pefi King from Pacific WIN and Pacific Migration Partners – Plus		Free Time
Facilitated		DTP		DTP	(DNA) – Bernie Goulding) / Pefi King		

Evening	Free evening	Travel to Melbourne	Free Evening	Welcome Dinner – Pacific Climate Youth / DTP alumni – Paula and Cyndi Makabory in Thornbury	Pasifka Community – Welcome Dinner	Arrive @ ANU Canberra and settle in. Group dinner at Civic Asian Noodle House	
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PROGRAM WEEK 3: CANBERA – SYDNEY

Week 1	MON, 24 Nov 2025 CANBERRA	TUE, 25 Nov 2025 CANBERRA	WED, 26 Nov 2025 CANBERRA	THU, 27 Nov 2025 SYDNEY	FRI, 28 Nov 2025 SYDNEY	SAT, 29 Nov 2025 SYDNEY	SUN, 30 Nov 2025 SYDNEY
	Day 13 CANBERRA	Day 14 CANBERRA	Day 15 CANBERRA	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19
Morning 1 9.00 To 10.30	Australia's Development NGOs and Climate Advocacy – Ujjwal Krishna, ACFID Policy Officer	9:30-11.30 DFAT – Rebecca Redden / A/g Director CLF CLB CSD and Lina Wong	9.30 -11am Bilong Papua New Guinea exhibition at the National Gallery of Australia- tour with Crispin Howarth- Curator	9.30 – 11.00 am - Children's Rights and Climate Change – CRC General Comment 26 and the Rights of Future Generations – Emerging Law Dr Noam Peleg	DFAT – 9.30 – 10.30 Talanoa with Claire Chivell – DFAT, Office of the Pacific / Climate Change	Free time	Free Time Football for some participants -Maroubra Beach
Facilitated	DTP	DFAT	DTP	DTP	DTP		
Break 10:30-10:45							
Morning 2 10:45 To 12:30	Morning tea at ANU		11.30 – 11.45 – Meeting with David Pocock M's staffers at Parliament House	In-country reflections and discussions for post-program work	Pacific Regional Advocacy on Climate Change and Human Rights – Kavita Naidu	Free Time	Free Time
Facilitated	DTP			DTP	DTP		
Lunch 12:30-2:00		Lunch at the RUC, Turner	Lunch Parliament Canteen Tour of Australian Parliament- impromptu meetings with other visiting Pacific delegates	Afternoon tea at NSW Parliament House	UNSW Plus - Networking Lunch – EDO – AHRI – Maria Nawaz, Kirsty Ruddock		
Afternoon 1 2:00-3:30	1.30 PM – Meeting with Kate Thwaites, MP -Special Envoy for Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience	Meeting with the Canberra Quakers Quaker Meeting House, Turner	2-3:30pm Visit to Parliament Question Time	Tour of NSW Parliament House	Networking Continues	Free time	Free Time
Facilitated	DTP	David Purnell					
Break 3:30-3:45							
Afternoon 2 3:45-5:30	DFAT First Nations Program – Nikola Errington; Garigarra Hazell/ Barton	DFAT – Australian Fellowships Program staffafternoon tea and participant reflections, Barton	Travel to Sydney	NSW Parliament House- Janelle Saffin's Office- Teryn Crick Disaster Recovery Agency	Debriefing and Reflection – Talanoa	Pacific Night Pasifika Evening – 5.00pm – Minto Rosaline Parker – Micah	Pot Luck Dinner in Maroubra – Patrick's Place 7 Islands / 7 Dishes
Facilitated	DTP	DTP	DTP				
Evening	Free evening	Potluck dinner	Check into Meriton Suites, Waterloo	TBC	TBC		

PROGRAM WEEK 4: SYDNEY

Week 1	MON, 1 Dec 2025 SYDNEY	TUE, 2 Dec 2025 SYDNEY	WED, 3 Dec 2025 SYDNEY	THU, 4 Dec 2025	FRI, 5 Dec 2025	SAT, 6 Dec 2025	SUN, 7 Dec 2025
	Day 20	Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24		
Morning 1 9.00 To 10.30	Melaia Kubaabola – PIANGO on Pacific Regionalism/ hosted by DLA Piper	Peter Hannam – Media Advisor to Matt Keane, Climate Change Authority/ Communicating Messages on the Environment	Kesaya Baba – WWF Pacific Regional COP Advocacy post COP 30 – Virtual meeting	PARTICIPANTS RETURN HOME			
Facilitated	DTP	DTP	DTP				
Break 10:30-10:45							
Morning 2 10:45 To 12:30	The International Court of Justice Climate Change Case - AO knowledge exchange session – DLA Piper - Martin Place Milly Thomas	Suhaila Ali – Jubilee Australia – Building Support for the environment and Climate Change Advocacy Across Borders	Evaluation of Course Talanoa				
Facilitated							
Lunch 12:30-2:00	Lunch Hosted by DLA Piper	Lunch	Lunch				
Afternoon 1 2:00-3:30	An Introduction to the Pacific Legal Information Institute (PACLI) at the University of Technology Sydney	Program Reflections & Post Program Follow-Up	2.30. 3.00pm Professor Andrew Lynch, Dean UNSW Law and Justice- Certificates and Official Closing Ceremony				
Facilitated	Professor Philip Chung	DTP	DTP				
Break 3:30-3:45							
Afternoon 2 3:45-5:30	Using the Web for Research on Climate Legislation – Litigation Policy and Practice	Post Program Planning	Reflections and sharing of thanks – DTP and Participants				
Facilitated	Professor Philip Chung	DTP	Closing Dinner – Barefoot Bowls – Randwick Bowling Club				
Evening	Free Evening	5.30pm Pacific Voices on Climate Change - reception at CORRS – DTP Board Special Guest: The Hon Matt Thistlewaite , MP, Assitant Minister for Foreign Affairs	Closing Dinner – Barefoot Bowls – Randwick Bowling Club				