

Agenda



Scientific Workshop: Pacific Health and Environment Information Partnership

Date: 26 and 27 September 2016

Time: 8.30 – 5.00 each day

Location: Room 4D08, Block 4, Massey University, Wellington, New Zealand

Chair: Associate Professor Deborah Read

Attendees:

Prof Barry Borman, Prof David Briggs, Dip Chand, Dr Naomi Cogger, Yuliya Evdokimova, Dr Riz Firestone, Caroline Fyfe, Sally Gilbert, Carolin Haenfling, Rifat Hossain, Dr Mark Jacobs, Prof Paul Jagels, Dr Sarah Jefferies, Dr Stewart Jessamine, Dr Rok Ho Kim, Kirstin Lindberg, Helene Marsters, Dr Don Matheson, Sarah McDonald, Dr Natasha Murray, Rosemary Mwipiko, Rashmi Salopal, Sumi Subramaniam, Mathu Shanthakumar, William Tait.

Representatives from Pacific Island Countries and Territories (via videoconference): Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu

Apologies

Prof Carlos Corvalin, Hilda Fa'asalele, Xu Fei

Purpose

To develop a Pacific Health and Environment Information Partnership that:

- contributes to national and regional goals and objectives;
 - is consistent with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Healthy Islands Monitoring Framework, the WHO Western Pacific Regional Framework on Health and Environment, and other frameworks with corresponding indicator sets that Pacific Island Countries and Territories report against;
 - uses and coordinates existing data collections and indicators;
 - identifies environmental health programme successes and gaps, and how indicators may inform policy and practice;
 - is aspirational, building capability and capacity for data analysis and reporting.
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| | Day 1 | Monday 26 September 2016 | |
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| 1 | 8.30 am | Welcome, introductions and apologies Confirmation of agenda | A/Prof Deborah Read |
| 2 | 8.45 am | Introductory remarks from the New Zealand Ministry of Health and Massey University | Dr Stewart Jessamine Director of Public Health Prof Barrie MacDonald Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor, Massey University |
| 3 | 9.00 am | The Purpose and Challenges of Environmental Health Indicators (EHIs) Discussion: principles for effective EHIs | Prof David Briggs |
| | 9.45 am | Morning Tea | |
| 4 | 10.00 am | Review of Information Systems and Environmental Health Indicators - case studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Zealand • Solomon Islands • GIMS Initiative Discussion: aspirations for Pacific Island Countries and Territories to use EHIs | Prof Barry Borman Prof Paul Jagels Rifat Hossain |
| 5 | 11.00 am | Development of Environmental Health Indicators – best practice examples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodology (Sarah) • Border Health (Sarah) • Climate change (Kirsten) • Natural Hazards (Helene) • Population Vulnerability (Caroline) • Food Security (Anna) Discussion: dealing with data gaps | Massey EHI team |
| | 12.00 | Lunch | |
| 6 | 12.30 pm | Global, regional and national indicators: monitoring requirements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN Sustainable Development Goals • WHO Regional Framework for Health & Environment • Healthy Islands • WHO Regional Action Plan for Dengue Prevention and Control (2016 and beyond) • WHO APSED III • IHR (2005) Discussion: monitoring of pre-agreed indicators | Dr Natasha Murray Sumi Subramaniam Discussion Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Mark Jacobs • Rifat Hossain |
| 7 | 2.00 pm | Environmental Health Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • priority issues for Pacific peoples Discussion: avoiding data-driven EHIs | Dr Don Matheson (recorded presentation) Dr Rokho Kim Dip Chand and other PICs EH officers (via video) |
| | 2.45 | Afternoon Tea | |
| 8 | 3.00 pm | Environmental Health Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • supporting capability and capacity in the Pacific Discussion: supporting Pacific Island Countries and Territories with capability and capacity for reporting against EHIs | Dr Riz Firestone Dip Chand and other PICs EH officers (via video) |
| | 5.00 pm | Workshop Reception | |

| | Day 2 | Tuesday 27 September 2016 | |
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| 9 | 8.30 | <p>Domains/subject areas and datasets for EHIs in the Pacific, based on existing frameworks and indicator sets such as drinking-water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality (Helene) • Recreational water (Carolyn) • Indoor environmental (Caroline) • Drinking water (Carolyn) • Climate change (Kirstin) • Hazardous substances (Helene) • UV exposure (Kirstin) • Population information (Caroline) • Alcohol (Kirstin) <p>Discussion: Domains/subject areas and datasets for existing EHIs in the Pacific</p> | Massey EHI team |
| | 10.00am | Morning Tea | |
| 10 | 10.15am | <p>Domains/subject areas and datasets for EHIs in the Pacific, based on country priorities (i.e. could include expanded country-specific indicators)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any carry over presentations from session 9 • CPHROnline (Caroline, Carolyn, Rosemary) • Hazard map (Helene, Caroline) • Pacific map (Carolyn) • Pacific 'mask' for potential website (Barry) <p>Discussion: Differences in priority domains/subject areas and EHIs between Pacific Island Countries and Territories, including any expanded country-specific indicators</p> | Massey EHI team |
| | 12 noon | Lunch | |
| 11 | 12.30pm | <p>Website hosting and technical issues</p> <p>Discussion: how Massey University's website can support a Pacific Health and Environment Information Partnership</p> | Massey EHI team |
| 12 | 2.30pm | <p>Pacific collaborations for environmental health capacity and capability building</p> <p>Discussion: supporting Pacific Island Countries and Territories to take ownership of their EHIs and build capacity in-country; using EHIs to support health development</p> | <p>Dr Natasha Murray</p> <p>Dip Chand and other PICs EH officers (via video)</p> |
| | 3.30 | Afternoon Tea | |
| 13 | 3.45 | Conclusions and Recommendations: adoption of "Wellington Statement" | A/Prof Deborah Read |
| | 5.00 | Closure | |

**Background
Papers:**

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.abstract?keytype=ref&ijkey=LkDHkJeZYYliys4](http://jpubhealth.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/09/12/pubmed.fdw085.abstract?keytype=ref&ijkey=LkDHkJeZYYliys4)

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