



**28 June 2016 – Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji**

In conjunction with the PACE-NET Plus<sup>1</sup> bi-regional platform, a regional workshop will be organized with the Fonds Pacifique funded water governance project on:

***Water Governance in Oceania: water uses, access, management tools and policies<sup>2</sup>***

This workshop draws on both the results of the PACE-Net<sup>3</sup> and PACE-Net Plus projects from across the Pacific, as well as the ongoing work in New Caledonia, the Republic of Kiribati and the Kimberley region of Australia, that have been the main focus of the Fonds Pacifique project.

The workshop aims to support knowledge exchange and identification of future research, practice and innovation needs for water governance in the Pacific. In the first part, a general overview of the state of water governance in the Pacific will be provided. This will be followed by brief exposés of the recent participatory processes that are being developed in New Caledonia (VKP, Northern Province), the Kimberley (Fitzroy River 'Mardoowarra') and other areas for water planning and stewardship.

The second part of the workshop will then be an interactive investigation of other lessons from practice, as well as challenges and opportunities that build on from the work of the projects. This section will aim to update priority areas where participants could provide added value research and innovation projects that complement the existing technical and development programs of SPC and Pacific donors.

How to effectively develop and sustain a bi-regional water governance research and innovation 'community of practice' and forum that has been built as part of these projects will also be discussed.

**This workshop is open to all participants of the PACE-Net Plus platform with an interest in water governance, Fonds Pacifique Project partners, as well as other interested regional stakeholders (on request and based on capacity constraints).**

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<sup>1</sup> Pacific-Europe Network for Science Technology and Innovation (2013-2016)

<sup>2</sup> Officially titled: *La gouvernance de l'eau dans le Pacifique: usages, dispositifs, politiques publiques*

<sup>3</sup> Pacific-Europe Network for Science and Technology (2010-2013); e.g. White, I., Daniell, K.A., Ruecker, G., Robinson, R. (2012) Climate Change and Freshwater in the Pacific: adapting to global change in the freshwater and sanitation sector "Better water, better life, better world", Policy Brief No 1., Report from the PACE-Net Key Stakeholder Conference, Brussels, 20-23 July 2012, PACE-Net, FP7, Europe, 27p: [http://brussels-conference.pacenet.eu/sites/default/files/PACE-NET\\_Policy\\_Briefno1\\_Water.pdf](http://brussels-conference.pacenet.eu/sites/default/files/PACE-NET_Policy_Briefno1_Water.pdf)