



PACIFIC-EUROPE NETWORK FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION



PACE-NET Plus Think Tank Announcement
December 8-9, 2014
Auckland (New Zealand)
Venue: TBC
<http://pacenet.eu/>

Reconciling mining and sustainable development in the Pacific countries

The Pacific region represents an area of major strategic importance for the European Union and is of critical importance for global sustainability. The region's rich natural resources support major development for the region. However, rising sea levels, pollution, and social and cultural changes are putting all of this at risk, with the impacts being felt both locally and globally. The Pacific-Europe Network for Science, Technology and Innovation (PACE-Net Plus) supports the EU-Pacific policy dialogue and cooperation for addressing a number of major societal challenges: health and wellbeing, nutrition and food security, climate change, natural resources and the environment. It seeks to promote the implementation of joint activities, support innovation, and strengthen Pacific-EU research cooperation partnerships.

Researchers, representatives of civil society, mining sector officials and policy makers from both the Pacific and Europe will meet and discuss the latest knowledge and identify priority areas for future joint research and innovation to address the global challenges. They will also identify funding options and potential partner institutions. Three key thematic areas have been identified for discussion during the Think Tank comprising 3 sub-topics:

- 1) **Enhancing environmental consideration in mining while answering societal needs:** covering biodiversity conservation and compensation, ecological services disturbance, sites restoration, other natural resources management – water, energy, farmlands...-, recycling of mining sub-products;
- 2) **Increasing knowledge on deep sea mining environmental and social impacts:** covering technologies and environmental risks, social impacts and decision-making processes, institutional and legal framework;
- 3) **Mining industry and corporate social responsibility as a vector of societal innovation:** covering societal changes, projects acceptability by affected communities and adaptive strategies, inter-relations between local communities and mining companies.



The recommendations made in this think tank will be presented to the bi-regional policy dialogue platform that will be held in Auckland in December 2014.

Contact:

Dr France Bailly

CNRT nickel & its Environment
BP 18235
988457 Noumea Cedex (New Caledonia)
Phone: +687 28 68 72 . Cell: +687 75 44 80
e-mail: france.bailly@cnrt.nc

Prof. Jean-François Marini

PACE-Net Plus coordinator
IRD - BP A5
98848 Noumea (New Caledonia)
Phone +687 26 07 47
e-mail: jean-francois.marini@ird.fr



The Association
of Commonwealth
Universities



Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação



UNITED NATIONS
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION



Secrétariat général
de la Communauté
du Pacifique

