

The Pacific Network for Environmental Assessment



PNEA

- Initiative of SPREP's Environmental Monitoring and Governance Programme.
- Existing in some form but formally established in **2017**.
- supports SPREP EIA and ESS capacity building work in the region.
- Provides assistance, relevant resources, updates and access to good practice guidance and exclusive training materials as well as linking them up with peers and other professionals across the region and beyond.



Pacific Impact assessment practitioners discussing key issues facilitated through the PNEA
(Credit: Dr Greg Barbara)

PNEA PRINCIPLES

01



DATA SHARING

Capture and share existing knowledge in the EIA and ESS space to help regional practitioners improve their practice.

02



CAPACITY BUILDING

Stimulate learning by serving as a vehicle for authentic communication, mentoring, coaching, and self-reflection

03



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Encourage collaborative processes and facilitate dialogue to enable the free flow and exchange of ideas, information and expertise.

04



SUPPORT

Provide support and assistance to help practitioners transform their practice to accommodate changes in policy, practice, needs and technologies.

Who is the PNEA for?

1. Government officers in Pacific Island Countries and Territories who are responsible for administering, managing, or engaged with the EIA process in other regulatory or development proponent capacities (e.g., officers working in areas such as planning, health, energy, water, transport, fisheries, agriculture, natural resources).
2. Individuals working with development and financing organizations to promote environmental and social safeguards in the region.
3. EIA practitioners and consultants who work in the region



Events facilitated through the PNEA



Portal Features

- **Request assistance feature**
- Integration with SPREP Virtual Library and Pacific Environment data Portal (PEP)
- **‘Talanoa’ tool** - Online community discussion area dedicated to connecting IA practitioners across the region
- **Stories, news and events**
- **Resource library** - access environmental assessment resources, templates and educational materials; and
- **Weekly Newsletter** - the regular, and very popular, PNEA newsletter provides weekly serving of news, new research, IA guidelines and tools, employment opportunities.
- **Regular Email Blasts** – Regular email blast to users on latest IA news, updates and employment and academic opportunities



The image shows a screenshot of the PNEA Newsletter cover and a member spotlight article. The newsletter cover is dated 29 October 2021 (Issue 6) and features the PNEA and SPREP PROE logos. The member spotlight article features a portrait of Barnabas Zeron Bago, National Coordinator, Program Management and Coordination Unit (PMCU), MECDM, Solomon Islands. A quote from him reads: "I learnt of the PNEA through SPREP network. The Portal provides important and relevant information and learning opportunities." A button at the bottom of the article says "Get to know Barnabas".

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Barnabas Zeron Bago, who is a National Programme Coordinator for the Programme Management and Coordination Unit (PMCU) with the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology in the Solomon Islands. Barnabas works with a range of experts, consultants, and stakeholders to design projects (funding proposal) and compliance mechanisms to ensure smooth implementation.

[Get to know Barnabas](#)

The PNEA Today

- Largest community of practice for EIA and ESS in the Pacific - **370** members and **750** subscribers
- Members from **22** PICTs; Pacific subregions well represented in membership
- Users (Oct '17 – Mar '23) - **12,640**
- Page views (Oct '17 – Mar '23) - **42,581**
- Users by country (Oct '17 – Mar '23) – Top 10 in order – Samoa, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Micronesia, Cook Islands
- Newsletters editions disseminated - **32**
- Over **400** EIA, SEA and Safeguard resources on the portal



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