PACIFIC PRECOP31 FIJI/TUVALU | VALE NI VANUA KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Vale ni Vanua Knowledge Exchange: Pacific Pre-COP31 Opening Plenary Session

DATE Monday 5 October 2026
VENUE Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa — Ballroom
AUDIENCE 650 pax
TIMING: Doors and seating from 8.45am

TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
9.30am	**MC Welcome** Master of Ceremony: Mr. Inoke Bainimarama	3 mins
	Prayer and Opening Reflection Reverend James Bhagwan — Pacific Conference of Churches	3 mins
	Fiji Hon. Lynda Tabuya — Minister for Environment and Climate Change	6 mins
	Australia Hon. Chris Bowen MP — Minister for Climate Change and Energy	6 mins
	Cultural Performance	6 mins
	Youth i. Ms Sally Higgins — COP31 Presidency Youth Climate Champion ii. Ms Miliana Iga — Pacific representative (Pacific Youth Council)	6 mins (3 mins per speaker)
	Civil Society i. Ms Emeline Siale Ilolahia — Executive Director, Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) ii. Dr Rufino Varea — Director, Pacific Islands Climate Action Network	6 mins (3 mins per speaker)
	UNFCCC Women and Gender Constituency Ms Noelene Nabulivou — DIVA for Equality (Official Representative, UNFCCC Women and Gender Constituency)	3 mins
	UNFCCC Mr Simon Stiell — Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	5 mins
	Pacific Envoys Ms Tina Stege (Republic of the Marshall Islands)	3 mins
	Australian First Nations Representative Justin Mohamed – Ambassador for First Nations People	3 mins
	Pacific Indigenous Representative Ms Lavenia Naivalu	3 mins

TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
	Just Transition Ms Michelle O'Neil — President, Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) Mr. Felix Anthony – General Secretary, Fiji Trades Union Congress Mr. Edward Benard – CEO, Fiji Commerce and Employers Federation	9 mins (3 mins each)
	Oceans and Climate Nexus Video A journey to Plastic Free Pacific (video)	3 mins
	Science Dr Awnesh Singh	3 mins
	COP31 Antalya and the Action Agenda Including Electrification, Zero Waste and Green Industrialization Speaker: Representative of Türkiye	5 mins
	Cultural Performance	6 mins
	Health and Climate Nexus Hon. Julia Gillard — Chair, Wellcome Trust	4 mins
	Video — High-Energy "Tasking"	1 min
11.40am	**Closing Remarks** Dr Sivendra Michael — Government of Fiji	3 mins
11.45am — CLOSE OF OPENING PLENARY Delegates move to the Vale ni Vanua Knowledge Exchange sessions		