

Call for Papers and Session Proposals

Pacific Internet Governance Forum (PacIGF) 2026

“Our Ocean, Our Internet: Pacific Leadership for A resilient and Inclusive Future in the age of Intelligence”

25-26 November 2026, Port Vila, Republic of Vanuatu

The PICISOC Board and the Pacific IGF Organizing Committee is happy to announce that the Pacific IGF 2026 **Call for Papers (CFP)** is now open!.

We invite proposals for presentations, panels and roundtable dialogues under the theme: **“One Ocean, Our Internet: Pacific Leadership for a Resilient and Inclusive Future in the Age of Intelligence”**.

Guided by the Pacific spirit of dialogue, collaboration, and collective stewardship, PacIGF2026 will bring together leaders, policymakers, governments, the private sector, civil society, the technical community, academia, indigenous knowledge holders, youth and development partners to shape a trusted, inclusive, secure and resilient digital future for the Pacific.

As our region navigates rapid advances in artificial intelligence (AI), digital transformation, connectivity, cybersecurity and data governance, the Pacific has a unique opportunity to shape its digital future according to its own values, cultures, aspirations and development priorities.

We particularly welcome submissions that share practical experience, research findings, policy analysis, community perspectives, innovative approaches, lessons learned and policy insights that strengthen the Pacific digital ecosystem and ensure that no community is left behind.

We invite you to join the conversation and help answer:

How can Pacific people lead the development of an Internet ecosystem that is trusted, inclusive, resilient, secure and reflective of our unique Pacific identity in the Age of Intelligence?

Proposals should demonstrate clear relevance to the Pacific and may address, but are not limited to, the following areas:

1. Inclusive Dialogue: Bringing all Voices Together
 - Universal and meaningful connectivity
 - Digital inclusion and affordability
 - Digital literacy and digital skills development
 - Youth participation in Internet governance
 - Gender equality and inclusion in the digital ecosystem

- Accessibility for persons with disabilities
- Online safety and child online protection
- Community engagement and multistakeholder participation
- Local content development and digital empowerment
- Bridging digital divides within and across Pacific Island countries

2. Pacific Solutions: Sharing knowledge, strengthening our Region

- Community networks and locally-led connectivity initiatives
- Pacific digital transformation success stories
- Regional cooperation and digital partnerships
- Indigenous knowledge in the digital age
- Cultural preservation through digital technologies
- Digital entrepreneurship and innovation
- Capacity-building and workforce development
- Digital public services and e-government initiatives
- Local content, local innovation, and Pacific technologies
- Lessons learned from Pacific digital development projects

3. Resilient Future: Building a Secure, Safe and Trustworthy Internet

- Cybersecurity strategies and frameworks
- Cyber resilience and incident response
- Critical information infrastructure protection
- Digital trust and online safety
- Data governance and data sovereignty
- Privacy and data protection
- Cybercrime legislation and enforcement
- Disaster preparedness and resilient communications
- Secure digital public infrastructure
- Building trust in the digital economy

4. Age of Intelligence : Harnessing Technology for Sustainable Development

- Artificial Intelligence governance and regulation
- Responsible and ethical AI
- AI for education, health, agriculture, fisheries, and public services
- AI and climate adaptation
- Emerging technologies and innovation ecosystems
- Digital government and service transformation
- AI readiness and capacity building
- Data ecosystems for AI development
- Pacific language technologies
- Opportunities and risks associated with emerging technologies

5. Our Ocean, our Home: Protecting our Ocean and our Cultures.

- Ocean protection and digital innovation
- Climate resilience and early warning systems

- Environmental monitoring technologies
- Blue Pacific digital initiatives
- Preserving Pacific cultures and languages online
- Indigenous knowledge in the digital age
- Sustainable technology and green digital infrastructure
- Community-led climate action through digital technologies

We particularly encourage proposals that:

- Showcase Pacific-led initiatives, research or community experience
- Include practical recommendations or transferrable lessons
- Bring forward perspectives that are underrepresented in regional digital policy discussions
- Encourage constructive dialogue among different stakeholder groups
- Address opportunities and risks associated with artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies.

Submission Guidelines

Please send your proposal by email to pacigfagendacommittee@gmail.com with the subject line: **"PacIGF2026 Submission – [Your Name / Organisation]"**

Your email should include the following information:

1. Proposed title of your presentation
2. Name(s) of the speaker(s)
3. Organization(s) and country/countries
4. Contact details, including email address and phone number
5. Short biography for each proposed speaker (approximately 100-150 words)
6. Abstract or session description (250-2500 words) outlining:
 - a. The Purpose and focus of your presentation/contribution
 - b. Key messages, findings, or experiences you will share
 - c. How your contribution relates to the conference theme
 - d. The intended audience and expected outcomes.
7. Preferred format :
 - a. Presentation (15-20mins)
 - b. Panel discussion (45-60minuts)
 - c. Roundtable or community dialogue (45-60 minutes)
 - d. Lightning talk (5-10minutes)
8. Relevant theme or topic area from the list above
9. Accessibility or technical requirements if any.
10. Disclosure of any commercial interests where relevant.

Co-authored or multi-speaker proposals are welcome. Multiple submissions from the same individual or organization are permitted, provided each proposal is distinct.

Submission deadline and timeline.

- Call for abstracts opens: 8th October 2026
- Submission deadline : 30th October 2026
- Notification of outcome: 5th November 2026
- Final session information due: 10th November 2026
- PacIGF2026 dates : 25th and 26th November 2026.

The program is expected to be published in advance of the conference, subject to confirmation of speakers and session details.

JOIN THE PACIFIC DIALOGUE

The Pacific Internet is more than infrastructure. It is a platform for connection, culture, learning, innovation, resilience, and opportunity.

PacIGF 2026 is an opportunity for the Pacific community to come together, share knowledge, celebrate achievements, address challenges, and shape a digital future that reflects our values and serves our people.

Bring your experience. Share your story. Contribute your ideas. Help shape the future of the Pacific Internet.

Thank you, and we look forward to receiving your proposals.

PacIGF 2026 Organizing Committee.