

CLIMATE RESILIENT TONGA

Professional Development Program

“This training has been beneficial in my line of work as it has equipped me with new skills and knowledge to better carry out my work. Learning about disaster management and the important role that media and communications has during times of disaster has been eye opening.”

Participant, Post Climate resilient
Tonga Survey, August 2018



BACKGROUND

- Tonga is extremely vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and disaster risks because of its geographical, geological and socio-economic features.
- The Government of Tonga has recognised the need to mainstream climate resilience.
- Through a grant from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) the Government commissioned the delivery of training on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction for Tongan government employees.

Participants were

50% Male and 50% Female



- From Police, Meteorology, Emergency Management, Climate Change, Environment, Finance

PROGRAM DESIGN

- Tonga's response to climate change
- Pacific Climate Futures
- Mitigating Tonga's carbon emissions
- Resilience, Adaptation Pathways and Transformation Assessment (RAPTA) Training for Tonga
- Communicating Climate Change Adaptation in Tonga
- Disaster risk reduction Tonga

This Program was delivered in Nuku'alofa, Tonga by a multi-sectoral team

- Sustainably Pty Ltd
- CSIRO
- TAFE NSW
- ISF @ UTS
- Independent experts
- In-country coordinator

Action learning was carried out in group projects:

Two of the four work projects conducted during this program related to assessment of carbon footprints and two related to building national resilience to climate change.



PROGRAM AIM

- To deliver accredited technical training of government staff strengthening the enabling environment for climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction at national and local levels.

OUTCOME

The program resulted in a qualification:

Certificate IV in Environmental Management and Sustainability accredited by TAFE NSW.

100% COMPLETION

4.9 out of 5 average student satisfaction

34% Confidence in **KNOWLEDGE UP** from below neutral to agree

26% Confidence in **SKILLS UP** from neutral to strongly agree

ONE YEAR LATER ...

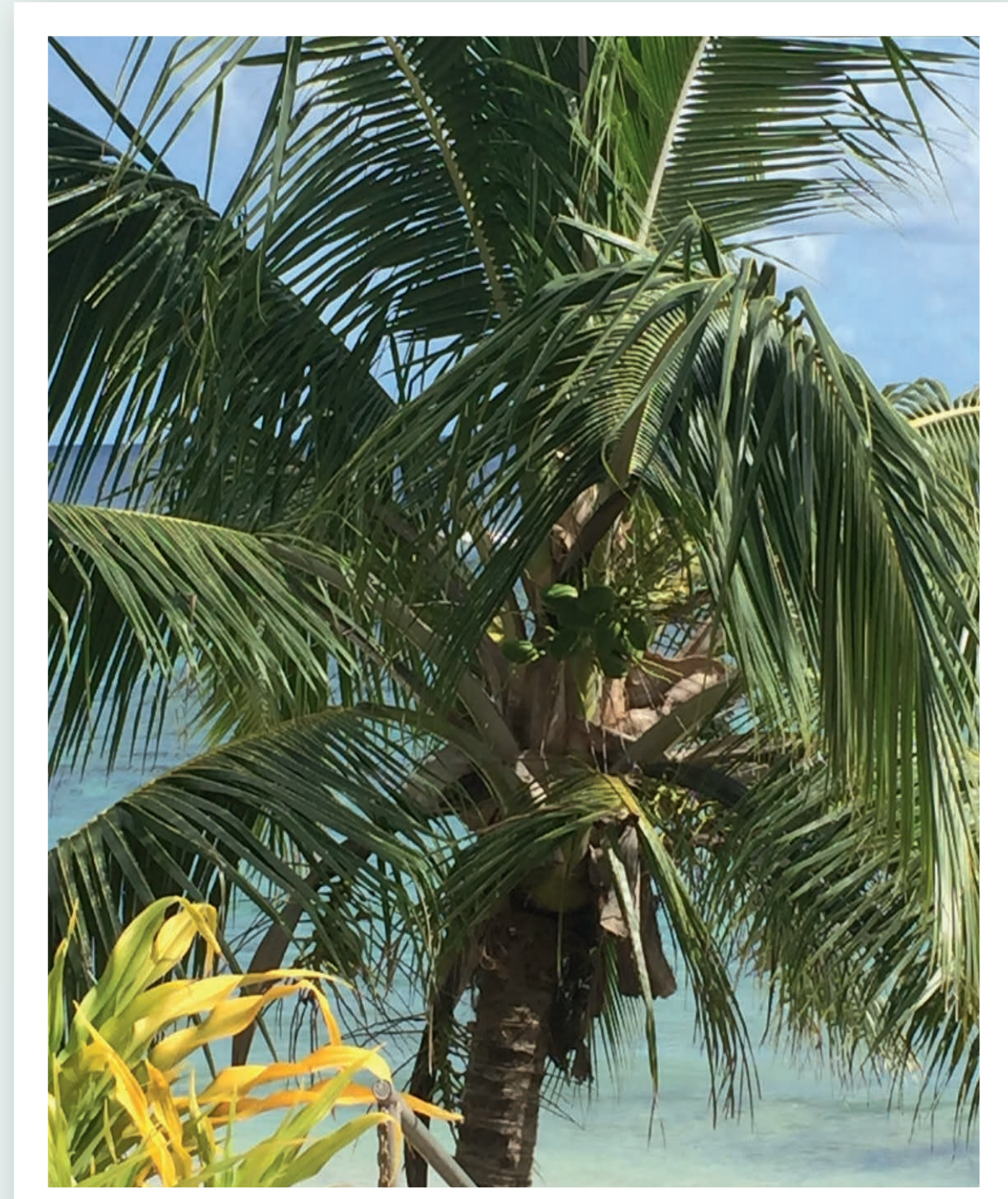
One year on there is good evidence of a continuing community of practice which has been actively sharing knowledge and support and applying what they learnt in the course.

The community strongly agree that the training:

- has increased their job satisfaction (4.6/5) and,
- has contributed to achieving strategic goals for climate and disaster resilient development in the Pacific (4.5/5).

“It has help me gain better knowledge and understanding in implementing projects in adapting impacts on climate change to the community and to be resilient when disasters occur.”

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