

YIDINJI DECLARATION ANNIVERSARY WORKSHOP

PRACTICAL PATHWAYS TO CLIMATE JUSTICE for FIRST NATIONS AUSTRALIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

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**James Cook University Smithfield Campus,
Cairns at the New Ideas Lab and the Cairns Institute**

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Date: Friday 21 June 2024
Venue: James Cook University Smithfield Campus, Cairns at the New Ideas Lab
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WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 8.30 am Registrations
- 9.00 am Master of Ceremonies Opening and Acknowledgement to Country (Trevor Tim)
Welcome to JCU Cairns Campus (Chancellor, Professor Ngaire Brown)
- 9.10 am Special Envoy for the Great Barrier Reef (Senator Nita Green)
- 9.15 am Recap on the Yidinji Declaration (Sandi Taylor, Local EAROPH Member)
- 9.25 am Feedback from global outreach on the Yidinji Declaration
President of EAROPH (Dr Emil Dardak) and Secretary General of EAROPH
(Mazrina Khalid)
- 9.45am Intention of today's workshop (Dr. Jane Stanley, EAROPH Aust ExCo Member)
- 10.00 am MORNING TEA**
- 10.30 am Introduction to Loss & Damages framework
Reporting from COP 28 and subsequent deliberations (Glen Klatovsky, CEO,
Climate Action Network Australia CANA)
- 10.40 am Pacific Island progress towards reversing loss and damages (Rufino Varea,
Regional Coordinator, Pacific Island Climate Action Network PiCAN)
- 11.00 am Yarning Circles around the Global Actions of the Yidinji Declaration, with a
focus on:
- cultural damage
 - ecological damage
 - economic damage
 - health and wellbeing, including eco-grief damage
 - protecting against loss of cultural knowledge
 - mitigating climate impacts on local environments
 - addressing relocation requirements for displaced communities.
- 12.00 pm LUNCH**

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

- 1.00 pm Feedback from Yarning Circles identifying Needs, Resources, Constraints and Opportunities (Facilitator: Betty Alupian, President EAROPH Pacific)
- 2.00 pm Panel discussion on current work on reversing loss and damages:
- Providing a benchmark for legal compensation decisions (Dominic McGann, McCullough Robertson and Kristiana Ward, Environmental Defenders Office)
 - Using investment funds from superannuation, social enterprise, financial institutions (TBC)
 - Using innovative financial tools, for example insurance, bonds, carbon credits (James Reynolds, Mirabou Energy)
- 3.00 pm **AFTERNOON TEA**
- 3.15 pm What would a Pacific – Australian practical pathway to climate justice look like? (Rufino Varea, PiCAN and Dr Jane Stanley, EAROPH)
- 4.15 pm Summary of day’s discussions – scoping the aim and structure of the seven working groups - Secretary General, EAROPH (Mazrina Khalid)
- 4.30pm Sign up to working groups
- 4.40 pm Next Steps:
- Webinar 24th June 2024
 - Working Group webinars
 - World Urban Forum (WUF12): 4-8 November 2024. Cairo, Egypt
 - COP 29: 11 – 22 November 2024 at Baku Stadium. The venue is located in Baku, the capital city of Azerbaijan
 - 29th EAROPH World Congress: 1 – 4 December, 2024. Islamabad, Pakistan
- 4.55pm Concluding Remarks + Evaluations (Peter Cuming, President EAROPH Australia Chapter)
- 5.00pm End



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SPEAKERS



Trevor Tim, Master of Ceremonies

Trevor Tim, First Nation Man from his father's side Waanyi/Gangalidda Peoples. Mother's side Erub Island known as Darnely Island apart of the Torres Strait Islands. Trevor is one of Australia's leading First Nation Speakers with many years' experience working with people of all ages and races.



Professor Ngaire Brown, Chancellor of James Cook University

Ngaire is a Tuin nation woman from the South Coast of New South Wales. She is a doctor, a researcher, a clinician and a mother.



Senator Nita Green

Senator Green is an ALP senator for Queensland, and has been the Special Envoy for the Great Barrier Reef since 1 June 2022.



Sandi Taylor, EAROPH Australia

Sandi is a Kalkadoon/Kalkatungu, Ngawun, Yirandali woman from North-West Queensland. She is an experienced community development practitioner working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Queensland.



Mazrina Khalid, EAROPH Secretary General

is the international Secretary-General of EAROPH, based in Malaysia, leading the organisation's initiatives in the Asia Pacific region.



Dr Emil Dardak, EAROPH President

Emil is an Indonesian politician who has been the Vice Governor of East Java and is EAROPH President 2022-2024.



Glen Klatovsky, Climate Action Network Australia (Climate Action Network Australia)

is active within the Climate Action Networks in the Pacific, Australia and Asia.



Rufino Varea, Pacific Island Climate Action Network (Pacific Climate Action Network)

Rufino Varea, the Regional Coordinator for PiCAN, is from the Island of Rotuma in

Fiji. He provides scientific advice and support to negotiators from different Pacific Island Countries. Rufino is on the Steering Committee for the Scientists' Coalition, which is a Global body of over 350 Expert Scientists with different backgrounds. He is also affiliated with the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC) and the Indigenous Peoples Major Group under the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).



Betty Alupian, President EAROPH Pacific

Betty is from PNG where she works in the mining sector. She has previously worked in Dept of Community Services, PNG.



Kristiana Ward, Managing Lawyer, North Qld Practice at the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO)

Dominic McGann, McCullough Robertson Legal Firm

Dominic joined McCullough Robertson in 1996 after seven years in prominent positions with the Queensland Government. With over 40 years of experience, he is a recognised expert in renewables and resources, and an authority on native title and cultural heritage matters.



James Reynolds, Mirabou Energy

James is a Gangalidda / Waanyi person from the gulf of Carpentaria who advises the energy and utilities. James's experience includes business and organisational leadership, governance, risk management, market and economic regulation and business operations in capital intensive high growth and rapidly changing environments.



Dr Jane Stanley, FOCUS Pty Ltd and EAROPH Australia

Jane has been working directly with Pacific communities, supporting their adaptation to climate change and advocating for their interests. Last year she published the second edition of her award-winning book "Gnarly Planning: tools for local and global action".



Peter Cuming, President EAROPH Australia

Vice President EAROPH International and Executive Member UN Habitat Professionals.