

**A PECC International seminar**

**Resilient Islands and Territories in the Asia Pacific**

**The Papeete seminar.**

**20-22 January 2020**

As a follow up to the series of seminars on **“Circular Economy and Economic Development ”** led by the French (Pacific Territories) committee for PECC (FPTPEC) which has consisted of a series of three seminars during the 2017-2018 period **1) the natural resources industries; 2) the tourism industry;** and **3) mutual recognition of rules and standards to facilitate trade and foreign direct investment ,** FPTPEC is pleased to forward to the PECC community the preliminary program for the seminar entitled “ Resilient islands and territories in the Asia-Pacific” to be held on 20-22 J anuary, 2020, in Papeete, French Polynesia.

Committees of the PECC economies are invited to submit papers and national or regional projects they would like to present on that occasion.

The present project will examine, explore and elucidate if a circular economic approach to protect islands and coastal territories from sea water rise and climate change may help islands and territories across the Asia-Pacific Region to be more resilient and can help to support sustainable economic growth. The seminar will also address how tourism can be better managed and it can bring a positive contribution to local economic growth

The following issues will be addressed: how to better protect coastal areas from erosion and sea rise, what can of housing projects should be selected, how to bring assistance to population and settlements in remote islands in the Asia-Pacific area.

The project will also examine how to propose a better management of tourism activities in islands and inlands areas in order to protect their territories from activities which may create environmental damages to protected and /or sensitive areas .

Selected case studies from PECC Members economies will be presented as potential paths towards a more sustainable economic growth and environmental protection in islands in the Asia – Pacific.

**Welcome and Introduction to the seminar:**

08.30-09.00 Registration

09.00-09.20 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Edouard Fritch, President of the Government of French Polynesia

Michel Paoletti Chair of FPTPEC French Polynesia

09.20-09.30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS : The role of Islands and coastal Territories in International Trade, for a better governance of Oceans.

Pascal Lamy, Chair, FPTPEC

09.30-9.40 The indo Pacific Strategy for the development of the Asia –Pacific Region, Marc Reverdin, Secretary General, Paris Peace forum

Group photo

**Day one: how to prepare for natural risks in the Pacific islands and territories: Housing and industrial constructions in marine areas**

**Session 1: Measuring climate change and its impact**

**Session chair: Michel Paoletti**

9.40-10.00 Climate change and the resilience of Pacific islands and coastal territories: How to ensure a better resilience of Pacific Islands and fight potential risks;

a)Conclusions and recommendations, the 2019/2020 report by the French Senate Delegation for Overseas Territories; Speaker TBC

b)Presentation of the results of the research by the National agencies of France, Netherlands, Germany and Spain on coastal risks and of the GIEC Report on small islands. Virginie Duvat, Professor University of La Rochelle)

* + - 1. Impact of climate change on Pacific Island by Maina Sage, Member of the French Parliament

10.20-10.40 Impact of climate change on coastal infrastructures . Michel Porcher, IFRECOR

10.40 -11H Fight against sea water rise and climate change in the Pacific Islands and PECC coastal economies, Romain Vivier, expert in Environment, Papeete, French Polynesia

**11H-11H20 Open discussion; Q&As**

**11H20-11H40 Coffee break**

**Session 2: Natural risks, sea level and housing**

**Session Chair:**

11H40-12H Resilient Housing in Polynesia, Jean Christophe Bouissou, Minister for housing, Government of French Polynesia

12H-12H20 Coastal housing in Chili and prevention from natural risks, Loreto Leyton, CHILPEC and an expert from CNCPEC.

**12H20-13H40: Lunch**

**Session 2 continues: Natural risks, sea level and housing**

**Session Chair: Pascal Lamy, Chair FPTPECC**

13H40-14H How to make coastal territories more resilient, case studies,Dr Chen –Sheng Ho, Vice Chair CTPECC, and an Expert from INCPEC.

14H-14H20 How to fight sea rise and erosion; Ambassador Toni Basilio, Chair of PPECC, TBC

**14H20- 14H40 Open discussion; Q&As**

**14H40-15H Coffee break**

**Session 3: Naturals risk, anticipation and protection**

**Session Chair**

15H-15H20 Prevention of coastal damages, fight against sea rise level. Fabrice Colin, CEREGE

15H20-15H40 Climate risk: how to anticipate and protect, Civil security in French Polynesia and one mayor from one isolated island, TBC

15H40-16H What assistance to help remote population in case of disaster; the experience of French Polynesia, Speaker TBC

**16H-16H.30 Open discussion, Q&As**

**Welcome reception 18H-19.00**

**Day Two: how to develop a resilient tourism in the pacific islands and territories**

**Session 1: The management of touristic areas in the Pacific Region. Towards resilient tourism activities.**

**Session Chair: Pascal Lamy, Chair FPTPECC**

9H-9H20 The economic development in the Pacific islands, opportunities and challenges for the Pacific Islands. Vincent Dropsy, Professor, University of French Polynesia

9H20-9H40 Management of the growth of tourism in islands destinations, Douglas Pearce, Emeritus Professor, University of Wellington, New Zealand.

9H40 -10H How to fight the negative impact of tourism in high density tourist zones, Pascal Lamy, Chair of FPTPEC, Member of the Board, World Tourism Organization

**10H-10H20 Open discussion, Q&As**

**10H20-10H40 Coffee break**

**Session 2: Paths towards a more resilient tourism**

**Session chair:…….**

10H40-11H For a sustainable tourism to make islands more resilient, Yann Rival, Assistant Professor, University of French Polynesia

11H-11H20 Social and ecological resilience in the small islands; Joseph Cheer, Professor, research Center on Tourism, University of Wakayama, Tokyo, Japan.

11H20-11H40 To Identify and sustain local resilience in the French Pacific Islands, Stephane Renard, Head, Tourism service, Government of French Polynesia

**11.40-12.00 Open discussion, Q&As**

**12.00-13.00 Lunch break**

**Session 3: Economic intelligence and development of tourism**

**Session chair: Pr Jean Luc Le Bideau, Vice - Chair FPTPECC**

13H-13H20 How artificial intelligence can help to better manage and prospect the tourism activities, Marc Reverdin, Secretary General, Paris Peace Forum

13H20-13H40 How artificial intelligence may permit to evaluate the capacity of resilience of the islands territories, Damien Serre, Professor, University of French Polynesia, Papeete.

13H40-14H Economic intelligence and promotion of tourism products, Vaihere Lissant, Marketing Director of Tahiti Tourism, Papeete.

**14H-14H20 Coffee break**

14H20-14H50 An analysis of Internet comments, Pierre Ghewy, Assistant Professor University of French Polynesia, Christophe Benavent, Professor, University of Paris- Nanterre**.**

14H50-15H10How to cope with the demand from international visitors, towards more uniformity of the international demand or towards more specialized offers in order to respond to specific demands? Dr. Yannis Belle, University of French Polynesia, Papeete.

15H10-15H30 Adaptation of the tourism industry to new climate and environmental challenges - TBC

**15.30-15.50 Open discussion, Q&As**

**15.50- 17.30 Conclusion of the seminar**

**A) Reports and proposals by the session chairs.**

**B) Conclusion and ways forward by Michel Paoletti and Prof Jean Luc Le Bideau, Vice Chair FPTPEC.**