

# SWPHC Hydrographic Leaders Programme

Challenges faced by Pacific island nations



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# Hydrographic Leaders Programme - Introduction

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- What is the Hydrographic Leaders Programme?
- Why are we leading a session at SWPHC20?
- Background to the session
- What we will cover
- Session format



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# SWPHC Hydrographic Leaders Programme

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- The purpose of the HLP is to develop leadership ability of participants from across the SWPHC region to lead hydrography in their country and in the region.
- First cohort formed in February 2022.
- Weekly meetings covering a range of activities (soft skills, Law of the Sea and Hydrographic Governance, IHO, working group membership, mentoring sessions and a group project).
- Established a network of technical people across the region.
- Programme has been overseen by steering committee.



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# SWPHC HLP Participants

## Solomon Islands



Daniel Malesi Mani

## Kiribati



Tion Uriam

## Australia



Richard Vanderschoor  
Jonah Sullivan

## Vanuatu



Robson Tari

## Niue



Steve Alapako

## Cook Islands



Vaipo Mataora

## Indonesia



Ferry Muntahir

## Papua New Guinea



Derick Petrus  
Nick Pion

## Fiji



Slueti Savou  
Jason Morrell

## United Kingdom



Daniel Miners

## New Zealand



Brad Cooper  
Jennifer Coppola

## Tonga



Sioeli Fifita



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# Background to the session topic

## THE BRIEF – OUR GROUP PROJECT:

You have time on the agenda of SWPHC20 – Talk about any topic!

- Privilege to be given such an open brief
- Overwhelming task to decide topic
- Diverse range of voices in the group



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# Format of the Session at SWPHC20

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- Presentation to main group on the “Challenges faced by the Pacific Island Nations”
- Breakout session
- Reconvene main group – summarise feedback & discussion points



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# Thank You

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We look forward to seeing you next week at SWPHC20!



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