Outcome Document

COP31 Collaborative Committee
Inaugural meeting 17 May 2023

Following the Australian Government's bid to co-host in partnership with the Pacific the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31 in 2026), a COP31 Collaborative Committee was established, with inaugural participants from a range of non-government organisations including Indigenous, climate and energy; academia; social development; industry; youth; and environmental and social governance. The first in-person meeting was held in Canberra on 17 May 2023.

The Committee welcomed The Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP, Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury and Dr Sally Box, Assistant Secretary Climate Negotiations and Engagement Branch, Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water, who opened the meeting.

The Committee is very supportive of the Australian Government's bid to host COP31 in partnership with the Pacific, and looks forward to continued collaboration with the Government on all elements of the COP31 process.

The Committee acknowledged the need to connect with and support similar groupings in the Pacific and recognise their critical role in delivering an inclusive COP31.

The Committee discussed a forward work programme including ongoing meetings and stocktaking in the lead-up to COP31.

The Committee agreed to work together to develop for Government and other COP31 stakeholders:
1. A collaborative process for community engagement in COP31, that centres First Nations and Pacific voices as a priority
2. A roadmap for how COP31 can be socialised across Australia and more broadly in a manner that is inclusive, responsive and respectful of our communities' experiences with climate change
3. A series of recommendations on how the Australian Government in partnership with the Pacific can deliver climate leadership in the context of COP31.

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