

PRIF Newsletter - June 2026

Greetings from the PRIF Coordination Office! This is our monthly platform for sharing PRIF knowledge products, updates on activities and events across the Pacific region, and insights into the impactful work of our partners in the infrastructure sector. We aim to enhance awareness of PRIF initiatives and highlight essential tools, resources, and insights to support Pacific infrastructure practitioners, PIC member countries, and partners in their efforts to strengthen infrastructure development.

PRIF CO hopes the information is useful to your work and we welcome any comments and questions you may have to enquiries@theprif.org. If you are not on our distribution, please subscribe to enquiries@theprif.org

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2025 PRIF Annual Report

PRIF is pleased to announce the publication of the 2025 Annual Report by the Asian Development Bank. The report outlines PRIF's continued work across the Pacific in national infrastructure planning, partner coordination, and technical assistance delivery. Key achievements in collaboration, capacity development, national infrastructure investment plan updates, and project implementation are summarized in the 2025 highlights.

The 2025 PRIF Annual Report can be [download here](#).

Country Engagement

Tuvalu Strategic Infrastructure Plan (TSIP) in full swing

The TSIP is in full swing with all team members working with representatives of the Government of Tuvalu to identify and scope potential infrastructure projects. This has involved detailed reviews of existing plans, technical analysis (demographic, climate and disaster risks, social safeguards), and a series of one-on-one interviews with relevant agencies. To date, over 140 potential projects have been identified and partially scoped. On 29 June 2026, a TSIP major workshop was held in Funafuti where almost 50 representatives from across almost all ministries spent the day reviewing and updating information on the potential projects to be prioritized for future consideration for investment. The focus of the TSIP over July and August will involve detailed analysis of potential projects, prioritization of the 140+ projects down to a shorter priority list, additional targeted capacity building – all prior to the final prioritization process and development of the dossier of priority projects.

Forum Economic Ministers Meeting, 2026

The Republic of the Marshall Islands hosted the Forum Economic Ministers Meeting (FEMM) from 22–25 June 2026, comprising the Officials' Meeting on 22 June, the Ministerial Meeting on 23–24 June, and the inaugural Pacific Resilience Facility (PRF) Council Meeting on 25 June. PRIF's Pacific Quality Infrastructure Principles (PQIP) Adviser, Titi Tutuvanu-Schwalger, attended given the first progress report on PQIP implementation to Forum Economic Ministers was included in the FEMM agenda and to support the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in the delivery of the meetings.



Photo: FEMM 2026 meeting in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (photo by the Pacific Island Secretariat)

Photo: FSM delegation at FEMM 2026 in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (photo by the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat)

Pacific Infrastructure Pipeline update

Pipeline website has over 5,500 users

The Pacific Infrastructure Pipeline (www.pacificinfrastructure.org) has been up and running for 90 days and is already demonstrating its worth as a tool for infrastructure market participants to understand the scale, scope, location and potential timing of emerging infrastructure options across the Pacific. In the first 90 days, over 5,500 individual users have accessed the Pipeline. The bulk of the users are from Australia, USA, NZ, Fiji & Singapore, through to users as far afield as Ireland – all indicating a major international interest in infrastructure development in the Pacific. In addition, hundreds of users are spread across Pacific Islands reflecting the high degree of interest in future opportunities by local firms. Most users have accessed and used the site on multiple occasions, with the bulk of the time spent exploring upcoming projects and packages.



Source: pacificinfrastructure.org

Driving Infrastructure Coordination

Transport Sector working group

The PRIF Transport Working Group held a productive meeting on 30 June 2026, chaired by Rajesh Rohatgi (World Bank), with 19 participants from PRIF partners, the PRIF Coordination Office, and Pacific Aviation Safety Office (PASO). Amina Jarson Mokku (World Bank) presented an overview of the World Bank's comprehensive aviation program in the Pacific, highlighting efforts to enhance safe, resilient, reliable, and sustainable connectivity, along with updates on the current project portfolio. PASO General Manager Ueta Banse Solomona Jr. shared key outcomes from RAMM4 and highlights from the 22nd PASO Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting held in May 2026. PASO will continue working with PRIF to develop a sustainable financing model for its Service Menu. During the partner roundtable, participants noted significant donor engagement in Kiriritimati Island and the Bina Harbour project in the Solomon Islands. A dedicated meeting to discuss the implications of the fuel shortage crisis in the aviation sector is planned for a later date.

Urban Development working group

The PRIF Urban Development Working Group, chaired by Aimee Hampel Milagrosa of ADB, on 24th June 2026, met to discuss the integration of Nature based Solutions into urban infrastructure planning. The session featured the Samoa Water Supply and Investment Master Plan 2040 as a case study, a pipeline of over 100 projects aimed at strengthening water security, resilience, and service delivery. With an indicative investment of around US\$50 million, the program focuses on resilient infrastructure, improved operational efficiency, and long-term capacity building, with current efforts centred on prioritizing key investments.

PRIF presented its Nature based Solutions tool prototype and demonstrated its application to the Samoa program. The analysis showed that NbS interventions can progressively reduce environmental impacts while also improving infrastructure performance and long-term resilience. The tool provides an initial framework to estimate costs and benefits, including environmental co benefits, reduced maintenance needs, and potential extension of asset lifespan, while allowing users to test key assumptions over time.

Discussions highlighted strong interest in strengthening the economic and operational case for NbS. Participants explored how targeted, relatively small investments can deliver meaningful benefits and how the tool can better capture climate risks, stakeholder perspectives, and cross sector linkages. The session reinforced the importance of ensuring that NbS investments are clearly aligned with national strategies and that their value is well understood by implementing agencies.

Overall, the meeting reaffirmed the value of continued collaboration to refine the NbS tool as a practical decision support mechanism for integrating NbS into infrastructure planning across the Pacific.

PRIF Urban Development Working Group Meeting

Nature-based solutions: tool works—and what's the payoff?
Explore how a prototype tool can help you identify the right nature-based solutions for infrastructure projects—and quantify their economic benefits. See it tested on an ADB Samoa case and learn how to apply it in your own work.

The meeting will be held virtually on
Wednesday, 24th June 2026
at 2:00pm Suva time, 10:00am Manila time

Discussants Include:

- Saurav Majumdar, ADB Senior Project Officer (Urban Development)
- Lorena Estigarribia, PRIF Technical Assistance Officer (Climate Change)
- Daniel Roger, PRIF Consultant
- Kaia Maxar, PRIF Consultant

Chair:

- Aimee Hampel Milagrosa, Senior Urban Development Specialist

Pacific Aviation Safety Office collaboration

19 June 2026. PASO GM Ueta Solomona Jr, Torika Colati and George Tundra met with PRIF Team Leader Robert Guild and Jane Romero to discuss next phase in exploring sustainable funding model to support the PASO Service Menu which will be published soon. A survey will be rolled out next month to consult with PASO Member States to solicit their buy-in to the process.

Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Company visit

17 June 2026. PRIF and the Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Company (PCRIC) met this week to discuss collaboration on a range of disaster risk fronts across the Pacific region. Team Leader Robert Guild and Infrastructure Officer Jane Romero were pleased to host CEO Aholotu Palu, Finance and Planning Manager Henry Cocker, and M&E Specialist San Too Go. Our offices are now within walking distance, so we look forward to regular and productive cooperation going forward.

Photo (l-r): Henry Cocker, PCRIC, Aholotu Palu, PCRIC CEO, Robert Guild, PRIF Team Leader, Jane Romero, PRIF technical assistance officer, San Too Go, PCRIC

Knowledge Products and Outreach

What PRIF is reading

Mapping and analyzing risk and resilience in Pacific urban areas

Urban areas in the Pacific face some of the most frequent and severe risks from natural disasters anywhere in the world. The World Bank has now published two technical reports as companions to its recent publication "Livable Pacific Cities and Towns: Urbanization Strategies for Resilience, Sustainability, and Inclusion" (which also provided the basis for two PRIF Community of Practice webinars available [here](#)). The reports analyze 38 urban areas in 10 Pacific island countries.

Mapping Risk, Building Resilience - Exposure Analysis of Pacific Urban Areas

This report presents the results from risk modeling to identify the exposure to critical natural hazards in urban areas to determine who and what is at risk from different natural hazards – informed by climate change projections – from:

- Earthquakes
- Coastal inundation
- Tropical storms
- Surface and river flooding

The report analyzes and ranks these risks for Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. Recommendations include improving land use data, prioritizing strengthening retrofits for the infrastructure most at risk, and making hazard data more widely available.

Click here for [Tides of Change – Urban Resilience Across Pacific Landscapes](#)
Click here for [Spotlight Mapping Risk, Building Resilience - Exposure Analysis of Pacific Urban Areas](#)
This report applies analytical techniques in order of duration and cost:

- Multi-hazard risk assessment: Recommended for strategic planning, investment prioritization, and developing project proposals.
- Critical hazard assessment: Recommended for rapid prioritization and diagnostics such as high-level investment and policy reform needs.
- Rapid city scans: Recommended for initial screening such as early-stage planning.

The report features detailed case studies of urban areas in Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu. Each case also presents recommendations in four "building blocks for resilience" across risk-informed urban management systems, resilient infrastructure and housing, enhanced preparedness, and social inclusion in communities.

Events

PRIF Week 2026 – 3-5th November 2026

PRIF is pleased to announce that PRIF Week 2026 will be held from 3–5 November 2026, under the theme: People-Centred Infrastructure Development. Stay tuned for updates and the launch of the registration of the event.

SAVE THE DATE

PEOPLE CENTRED INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

PRIF WEEK
3-5 November 2026

Pacific Infrastructure Business Opportunities Seminar 2026

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25-27 MAY 2026
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, NADUFIU

All presentations and photos from the recent Pacific Infrastructure Business Opportunities Seminars are now available through [here](#).

All the video recordings, bios and photos of some speakers will be uploaded in the coming days. For regular updates and upcoming Business Opportunities Outreach events, please follow the [ADB Business Center LinkedIn account](#).

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