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Asia Pacific Capacity Development Network (+Americas...) Report to General Assembly

**Andrick Lal – Vice Chair Kate Fairlie – Vice Chair
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FIG2025 Achievements

Biggest AP-CDN / Pacific SIDS program ever?

- 7 sessions
- 13 Pacific states/territories represented (+/-) !

Key themes:

- People, Place, Partnership, Governance, Communication
- Collaboration harvests success
- Build and justify the why!



Some standout quotes

- Pre-disaster funding is not sexy – Viliami Folau
- "What we should be doing, is creating the transition in our people from fishing to farming. But it's very hard for our people to be very far from the sea." – Viliami Folau
- "because we have very limited land, the value of land is immeasurable" – Dolores, Tuvalu
 - *20% of EEZ areas are in the Pacific* – Andrick Lal
- "25% of maritime boundaries in the Pacific remain unresolved" – Andrick Lal
- "we need to sit down and look at the data we have ... and identify the gaps" – Dolores, Tuvalu

Key messages

- Perfect storm for action – **now is the time**. Pacific has the geodetic capacity, but need to link to policy goals to prioritise; network of actions
- **Data sovereignty** is important, but requires **core capacities, standards/guides**, communication and coordination
- Maritime boundary success was based on partnerships, perseverance, communication, knowledge sharing.
- Security of land tenure and **fit for purpose (but scalable) land administration** systems are necessary
- Huge benefit for Pacific attendees to be visible and heard during conference, not just present
- **Growing representation and roles of women** – ongoing support and inclusion will be needed
- FIG's Commissions / TFs / Networks / Corporates can hasten our progress with their experience / knowledge

Looking Ahead

- Develop an AP-CDN position paper ?
- Link more closely with ASEAN
- Many future events planned but need to get on to ‘doing’
 - Online sessions to priorities “needs” and workout WHY, HOW, WHEN
 - Future sessions in partnership with UN-GGCE, UNGGIM, Public Foundation? Etc.
- Monitor other regions, liaise with partners – especially geospatial survey data providers SIDS Global Data Hub, PLACE, Digital Earth etc.

