



The Pacific Islands Science, Technology and
Resources Network Conference

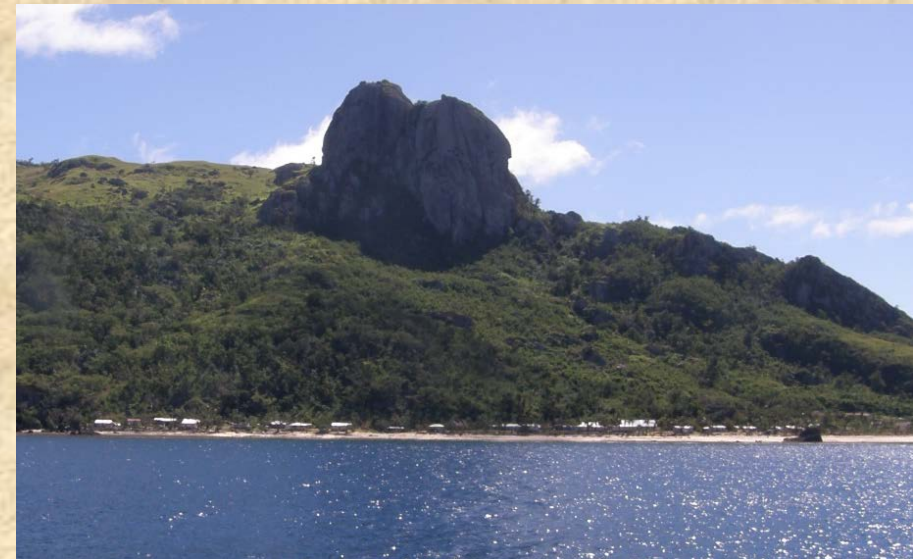
STAR 2023

**SECOND CIRCULAR
and
CALL FOR PAPERS
and
REGISTRATIONS**

The STAR Steering Committee is pleased to
confirm that **STAR 2023** will have the theme of:

***“The Risks to the Pacific Region from
the Development of Infrastructure”***

As with previous years, issues on **any** topic related to the
overall conference theme or the Pacific region in general will
also be welcome and will be included in the **STAR 2023**
programme.



STAR 2023 will be held
21-24 November 2023

at the

HOLIDAY INN

Victoria Parade, Suva, Fiji.

Details of accommodation options:

www.fiji.travel/places-to-stay/suva-and-surrounds



Conference Format

STAR 2023 will be a hybrid conference, **oral presentation sessions** will be available. Poster presentations may also be available.

Presentations:

2-hour sessions will be scheduled during the hours 09:00 – 17:00. PowerPoint presentations must be no longer than 15 minutes with 5 minutes for discussion.

Working Groups:

Working groups will also be scheduled during **STAR 2023** on topics relevant to supporting Pacific Island countries with their sustainable development. Any member, or group of members of STAR should provide details.

Field Trip:

A field trip is being planned for STAR 2023. Details will be provided in due course.

Student and Early Career Prize

The STAR Steering Committee will award a prize for the best presentation during the **STAR 2023** given by a student or early career scientist.



Abstract Submission:

Delegates intending to participate in **STAR 2023** are hereby invited to submit titles of papers and abstracts under the focus areas.

Abstracts should be submitted via email in the attached format.

Early submission is strongly encouraged; however, the revised submission deadline will be:

01 October 2023

Registration Submission:

Registrations should be submitted using the attached form.

Registration Fees:

Before 01 October	FJD200
After 1 October	FJD250
Virtual	FJD100
Student (presenting paper)	Free
Student (no paper)	FJD50
Field Trip	FJD100

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The Science, Technology and Resources (STAR) Network was founded in 1984 as a joint initiative between SOPAC and the IOC/UNESCO. STAR has met annually for more than three decades in conjunction with the SOPAC Governing Council Meeting. SOPAC provided secretariat support to STAR until its suspension in 2010. SOPAC became a new division of the Pacific Community (SPC). However, in April 2015 at a Regional Geoscience Steering Group Meeting an agenda item considered the future of STAR. STAR was thus established as an independent organisation with the general aims:

- to strongly support the continuation of STAR because of its value in refreshing and animating scientific alliances and showcasing useful work, techniques and instrumentation that may be adapted to address development issues of the Pacific;
- to further explore how STAR could remain independent to further develop the geoscientific needs of the Pacific Islands; and
- that for the future of STAR to be sustained, STAR needed to secure ownership by the Pacific islands. The current Chair is Dr Raijeli Taga, the Permanent Secretary of the Fiji Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources.