

COP 28 HIGH LEVEL EVENT

Nation-states join forces to pursue a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty negotiating mandate

Archbishops Peter Chong's Intervention Talking Points (3mins)

(The presentation will use symbolic, artistic and vulnerable language as well as storytelling to reach the hearts of political leaders.)

ACKNOWLEDGE: Pacific Islands' adoption of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

Who am I?

I am the Reba - Gosh Hawk.

I am the Yasi – Sandalwood.

I am the Yawa – Milk Fish

These are my clan's totems.

Fijian Identity: I am the Vanua; I am the Ocean; I am creation – tree, birds, fish.

Maori Identity: I am the River and The River is me.

A Pacific Islander's life is based on relationships: Land, Ocean, creatures – birds and animals

Our worldview sees creation as sacred – creation is another face of God.

Our mothers bury our umbilical cord in the earth with a plant to symbolizes one's relationship with the Land, River and Ocean. A baby no longer feeds on his-her biological mother. Our biological mother implants us to another greater mother – the earth.

I congratulate the Hon. President of Tuvalu, Mr. Kausea Natano for hosting this High-Level Party Event: "Nation-states join forces to pursue a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty negotiating mandate."

This is good news to us Pacific Islanders; Fossil Fuel Treaty is a step towards the protection of our human existence, identity, and dignity.

Thank you.

BACKGROUND NOTES TO FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

What is the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty?

The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is not an organization, it's an idea that proposes three pillars:

1. Non-Proliferation

This means an end to the expansion of coal, oil, and gas production.

2. A Fair Phase-Out

In other words, the treaty calls for an equitable plan for the wind down of existing fossil fuel production, where nations with the capacity and historical responsibility for emissions transition fastest, providing support to others around the world.

3. A Just Transition

The treaty calls for a just transition, which means fast-tracking the adoption of clean energy and economic diversification away from fossil fuels so that no worker, community, or country is left behind.

Who's got behind it?

Political calls for a Fossil Fuel Treaty

[Vanuatu](#), on 24 September 2022 at the 77th session of the UN General Assembly

[Tuvalu](#), on 8 November 2022 at the 27th Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 27) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt

[Fiji](#) adopted the Port Vila Call for a Just Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific on 17 March 2022

[Solomon Islands](#) adopted the Port Vila Call for a Just Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific on 17 March 2022

[Tonga](#) adopted the Port Vila Call for a Just Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific on 17 March 2022

[Niue](#) adopted the Port Vila Call for a Just Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific on 17 March 2022

[Timor-Leste](#), at the Global Citizen Festival during Climate Week on 23 September 2023

[Antigua and Barbuda](#), at the Global Citizen Festival during Climate Week on 23 September 2023

[The European Parliament](#), on 20 October 2022 in their formal COP27 resolution

[Palau](#), at the High Level Segment National Statements at COP28 in Dubai on 1 December 2023

[The World Health Organisation](#)