



The Pacific Islands Science, Technology and
Resources Network

STAR 2026 CONFERENCE WEEK THIRD CIRCULAR

CALL FOR PAPERS
and
REGISTRATIONS

The STAR Steering Committee confirms the **STAR Conference Week 2026** will have the overall theme of:

***The Role of the Pacific Island Nations in the
Development of their Energy, Minerals, and Geo-
resources Security Through Urban Sea Systems***

A Circum-Pacific Council - STAR sponsored workshop on “*Urban Sea Systems and Deep-Sea Minerals*”.
16-17 November 2026

A workshop on the “*Blue Concrete Initiative*” sponsored by the University of Queensland, UNDP and Mineral Resource Department will commemorate the life and work of Paul Rogers (UQ) and Raymond Mohammed (MRD).
18 November 2026

STAR Conference Sessions and Field Trip.
19-21 November 2026

A special session of the Hydrosatial Working Group.
19 November 2026



STAR 2026 will be held on
16-21 November 2026
in Suva, Fiji.

The venue for **STAR 2026** will be:
The Grand Pacific Hotel
Suva, Fiji.

Details of accommodation options:
www.fiji.travel/places-to-stay/suva-and-surrounds





Conference Format

STAR 2026 will be a hybrid event, **oral presentation sessions** will be available during **STAR 2026**. Poster presentations will also be available.

Presentations:

Sessions will be scheduled from 09:00 – 17:00 each day. PowerPoint/Video presentations should 15 minutes with 5 minutes for discussion.

Working Groups:

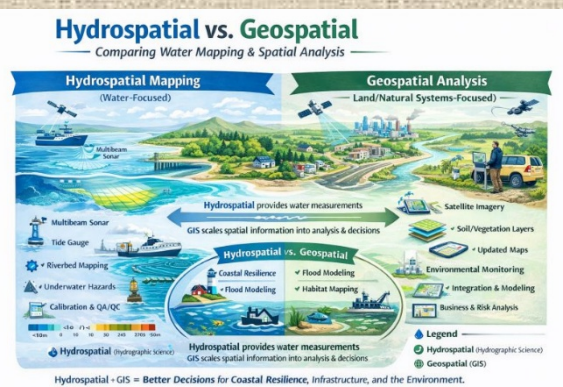
Working groups can be scheduled on topics relevant to Pacific Island countries and their development. Proposals should be forwarded to the Steering Committee.

Field Trip:

A field trip will occur on Saturday 21 November 2026. A visit to the Fiji Navy Hydrographic Office is confirmed followed by aspects of Telecommunications, Maritime infrastructure and Watershed properties are being planned. The field trip will conclude with an island BBQ at the Royal Suva Yacht Club. Further details will be provided in due course.

Student - Early Career Prize

The STAR Steering Committee will award a prize for the best presentation during the **STAR 2026** given by a student or early career scientist.



Clay Sampling – Qauia Quarry

Abstract Submission

Delegates for **STAR 2026** submit abstracts via email (see attached format).

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

01 November 2026

Registration Submission

Registrations should be submitted using the attached form.

STAR 2026 Registration Fees

Before 01 November	FJD200
After 01 November	FJD250
Virtual	FJD100
1 Day	FJD50
Students (no paper)	FJD50
Students (presenting paper)	Free
Field Trip	FJD100

Registration Payment Details

Registration fees can be paid direct to bank via internet banking or on arrival at STAR.

Bank:	HFC
BSB:	129-010
A/C Name:	STAR
A/C Number:	100070734
Swift Code:	HFCLFJFJ

STAR 2026 Contact Details:

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STAR

The Science, Technology and Resources (STAR) Network 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 it became a new division of the Pacific Community (SPC).

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 processes 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 of STAR is Mr Paula Cirikiyasawa, the Permanent Secretary of the Fiji Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources.



Nodules - American Samoa region (NOAA 2026)