What is the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting (PIFLM)?

The Pacific Islands Forum Leaders meet annually to develop collective responses to regional issues and deliver on their vision for a resilient Pacific Region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity, that ensures all Pacific peoples can lead free, healthy and productive lives.

This year's PIFLM is hosted by the Cook Islands under the theme ‘Our Voices, Our Choices, Our Pacific Way: Promote, Partner, Prosper’. The meeting will be chaired by Hon Mark Brown, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands.

Importance of the PIF Leaders Meeting

The Pacific Islands Forum serves as a vital platform for Leaders to convene, engage in discussions and agree on policies that will ultimately benefit the people of the region.

This gathering is a unique opportunity for Leaders to address pressing issues and challenges facing the Blue Pacific Continent, and foster collaboration and cooperation in the pursuit of shared goals.

What are the priority areas to be discussed at the 2023 PIF Leaders Meeting?

The 2023 PIFLM will consider a number of important regional issues. This includes but is not limited to:

- The endorsement of an Implementation Plan for the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent;
- Climate Change, including a Regional Framework for climate mobility, the legal establishment of the Pacific Resilience Facility and the adoption of a Declaration on the Continuation of Statehood in the Face of Climate Induced Sea Level Rise;
- Nuclear related issues;
- Labour mobility and security issues;

Leaders will also consider the Pacific Partnerships for Prosperity - a key initiative of the Forum Chair that draws from the collective actions of the 2050 Implementation Plan: https://piflm52.com/

These are the priority issues that have come through the PIF Ministerial meetings held earlier in 2023. Decisions by PIF Leaders are outlined in a Forum Communiqué, issued at the conclusion of the Meeting.
Who will attend the meeting?

The upcoming Forum Leaders Meeting will include a diverse array of participants, reflecting a commitment to wide engagement and cooperation to deliver on the 2050 vision.

- **Forum Members:** The Forum comprises 18 Members: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. Their presence is central to the meeting, supporting their Leaders to come together and collectively address regional challenges, forge agreements, and develop policies that will directly impact the well-being and prosperity of the Pacific region and its people.

- **Forum Dialogue Partners:** Dialogue Partners are countries and organisations that strategically engage with the Pacific Islands Forum, contributing to discussions and initiatives aimed at regional development and security.

- **Private Sector Representatives:** The involvement of private sector representatives demonstrates the commitment to fostering economic growth, trade, and investment within the Pacific region.

- **Forum Observers:** Forum Observers are non-member states and international organisations that have an interest in the Pacific Islands Forum's activities and the broader Pacific region. Their presence enhances international engagement and cooperation.

- **Civil Society Organisations:** These organisations play a crucial role in advocating for the rights and interests of the people within the region, ensuring that their voices are heard by the Forum Leaders.

- **CROP (Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific):** CROP agencies are regional organisations that specialise in various aspects of regional development, such as health, education, and economic cooperation. Their participation underscores the holistic and collaborative approach taken to address the multifaceted challenges and opportunities in the Pacific region.