



Ministry of Climate, Ocean & Resilience, Government of Tokelau
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My name is Pualele Penehuro Lefale. It has been an honour to serve as Climate Advisor to the Government of Tokelau via the Ministry of Climate, Oceans & Resilience (MiCORE) since November 2016.

What do Climate Advisors do? We provide scientific, technical and policy relevant advice on climate change. The scientific integrity of the advice is non-negotiable, and we strive to use the best available data to inform this advice.

One of the first projects I worked on with the Director of MiCORE, Ms. Paula Faiva is the development of the "*Living with Change (LivC): An Integrated National Strategy for Enhancing the Resilience of Tokelau to climate change and related hazards, 2017 - 2030*" and the accompanying "*LivC Implementation Plan, 2017 - 2021.*" Both documents were officially launched in April 2017, and LivC continues to drive our work. They are instrumental in bringing Tokelau's voice on climate change, oceans and resilience to both our local and the international. The LivC documents are the founding documents of MiCORE.

A selection of national projects that came out of the LivC Implementation Plan that have been implemented and/or planned include (1) the restoration of Automatic Weather Station (AWS) on Nukunonu, (2) Coastal Infrastructure Development (coastal defences, emergency shelter, Nukunonu Bridge), (3) Tokelau's Greenhouse Gas Inventory, 1990 - 2018 (2019), and (4) Tokelau's Ocean Acidification Project.



International engagements in climate change, oceans, and resilience development is a significant component of MiCORE work. Preparation for conferences and meetings are immense, and begins with gathering data, research and relevant information. In addition, we read the documents and texts prepared internationally for the specific aspects of each policy issue to understand other parties' positions feeding into the global conferences. All of the information is reviewed and informs the briefing papers to guide Tokelau's delegations' work at the conferences and/or meetings. These papers

are drafted and shared amongst senior government officials for approval.

A critical part is the preparation of statements from Tokelau Minister and Ulu, which have initiated regional and international collaboration. The significance of the international work is that it has generated support and funding for projects in Tokelau.

This is a brief snapshot of my work as Climate Advisor. Most of the above documents and related work documents are available on the Government of Tokelau website.

Let me use this opportunity to thank the Taupulega, Nuku,

Government and people of Tokelau for giving me the opportunity to work with the Tokelau government. I want to single out the stellar leadership of our Minister of Climate Change, the Honourable Kelihiano Kalolo, and our director, Ms. Paula Faiva. Without them, MiCORE would not have achieved so much to date. I am proud to be a part of a progressive Ministry, with such an eye to the future.

Fakafetai ni!

