

Tonga commits to supporting climate change initiatives

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The Tongan Government is committed to supporting climate change initiatives with realistic outcomes.

That's according to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Lord Ma'afu. He was opening a two weeks training on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.

Lord Ma'afu said addressing climate change is a priority issue for the Tongan Government.

"To this end Tonga is committed to supporting any initiative that is founded on any realistic and tangible outcomes. Tonga's political will is solid in terms of climate change," Lord Ma'afu told the regional participants.

The workshop hopes to equip trainers with the knowledge and the ability to support and guide governments, NGO's and regional organizations in their efforts to adapt to climate change. It's also hoped that trainers would be able to train others in their respective countries especially at the community level.

The training is made possible by the cooperation of two projects - the AusAid Funded Future Climate Leaders project and the European Union/University of the South Pacific project for Global Climate Change.

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