

The Pacific We Need; Restorative economies, climate change, sustainable oceans and a thriving and healthy people.

Most Pacific Island countries have now surpassed 40 years of independence and it provides an opportunity to reflect on where we have been and how we position ourselves moving into the new decade.

Are we better off?

- Do we own and manage our resources effectively?
- What is the status of basic services – health, education, utilities and other services?
- What about our values, culture and traditions

What about climate change and Oceans?

Pacific People are on the frontline of a double crisis of Ocean and Climate Change. At the same time we see ourselves as part of the solution...

Charting a new sail plan for our Vaka – traditional leadership in today's issues.

Nia Tero : Thriving Peoples | Thriving Places

Many of the healthiest and most essential ecosystems on Earth are within the territories of indigenous peoples. The fate of those places, and increasingly the fate of us all, depends on indigenous peoples' rights, knowledge systems and actions to sustain and defend thriving territories.

Indigenous peoples need to be able to protect their lands and seas while simultaneously fulfilling their needs and pursuing their dreams. Nia Tero exists to make this happen. To achieve this, Nia Tero will support partnerships with indigenous peoples around the shared goal of thriving peoples within thriving places. Core to our approach is that each partnership is defined by agreements that lay out mutual obligations and contributions to assure the well-being of local people and ecological systems. Alongside partnerships with local communities, Nia Tero will invest in vivid storytelling that amplifies the voices and institutions of indigenous peoples and can inspire the world to invest more equitably in their vision.

The Pacific Islands Region

The Pacific Island region is one of 3 global priority regions for Nia Tero. The region includes 20% of the Pacific Ocean covering 34 million square kilometres with a population of 10 million, 19% of the world languages and some of the most diverse marine and island biodiversity including 60% of the world's Tuna. The region is unique amongst island regions with the indigenous cultures still predominant in the independent Pacific Island nations and territories, despite the encroachment of globalization and development. An understanding of the historical relationships between place, space and culture still exists in many Pacific communities. This provides a unique opportunity for an effective Nia Tero engagement with communities at a national and regional level.