

POST-DIALOG CLIMATE STORY FOLLOW-UP

After the dialog, additional work may be needed to complete the climate story. A review of the literature to ensure that the scientific information in the story is factually correct and interviews a key local author to vet the story and provide interesting statements that can be quoted in the story.

Illustrative interview questions are provided [here](#).

Illustrative Climate Story Interview Questions

This is an example based on an ENSO event in American Samoa, but it can be modified to fit a story about any other climate event, climate service, or product. This is just a backbone to base the interview on; invariably the interviewee will answer multiple questions all at once or lead the interview along a new tangent, which is most often welcome.

Start by explaining the format of the story and its purpose as a tool to illustrate lessons learned and key messages about the use and delivery of climate services in the Pacific.

- Please state your name, occupation and location, for the sake of the recording and potential podcast developed from the interview.
- What kinds of impacts does ENSO have on American Samoa? Impacts to rainfall patterns, temperature, marine species?
- How often does ENSO affect American Samoa? How long do those events usually last? *(For other climate-related events, such as coastal flooding and coral bleaching, ask here about past magnitude and frequency of such events.)*
- When was the most recent El Niño or La Niña in American Samoa?
- What were the impacts to American Samoa? *Try to draw out anecdotal information that will enrich the story with questions such as:* What did it look like? How did it impact your or your community's daily life? When did you first observe its impacts?
- How did American Samoa first hear of the oncoming event? Was it forecasted, and if so, how far ahead of its onset?
- How did American Samoa prepare and respond to the event? Was there an established plan or set of actions? *If this story is highlighting a specific response plan, such as a drought or coral bleaching plan, ask here:* When was this plan developed? What was the process for developing it? What agencies, organizations or community members were involved?
- What climate services or information were used in preparing and responding to the ENSO event? *If the story is highlighting a specific climate service or product, such as a handbook or early warning system, ask here about the development of the service/product:* When was it developed? What was the process for developing it? What agencies, organizations, or community members were involved?
- What climate services were needed or lacking for the preparation and response? Have any new climate services been developed since then as a result of this need?
- Are there any other lessons learned from this event that could be applicable elsewhere?