



KEEPING HISTORY ABOVE WATER®: PACIFIC

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

The Department of Defense and the Newport Restoration Foundation (NRF) are proud to co-host the Keeping History Above Water® (KHAW): Pacific Workshop in Honolulu, Hawai'i on June 13th 2024 at the Doubletree Alana Waikiki. **KHAW: Pacific is a free, registration-required Workshop. Registration will open April 15th.**

Keeping History Above Water® (KHAW) was founded in 2016 by the NRF to foster a national conversation focused on the increasing and varied risks posed by sea-level rise to historic coastal communities. KHAW programs, conferences, and workshops focus on protecting historic buildings, landscapes, and neighborhoods from the increasing threat of inundation.

The KHAW: Pacific Workshop will serve as a forum for collaboration to proactively identify climate change solutions for the preservation of Pacific Island cultural heritage. Coastal inundation, which refers to sea level rise, storm surge, abnormally high tides, and persistent onshore winds and waves, is particularly detrimental to the physical and cultural heritage of Pacific Islanders and residents. The inclusivity of KHAW's community-focused engagements will develop and strengthen relationships among communities, partners, and experts in relevant fields.

Community members, cultural practitioners, preservationists, public historians, museum professionals, archaeologists, planners, floodplain managers, engineers, architects, landscape architects, artists, conservationists, environmental justice advocates, government officials, property owners, resilience officers and other stakeholders are invited to submit session proposals.

All sessions must be directly related to the impacts of coastal inundation on cultural heritage, including built resources, archaeological sites, landscapes, traditional cultural properties, and intangible heritage of the Pacific Islands.

Please describe in less than 500-words the goal of your participation and how it fits into the objective of protection of cultural heritage in the Pacific Islands region:

Session formats needed (session length can vary from 15 to 60 minutes):

- Paper sessions
- Panel discussion
- Small group discussion topics
- Moderators for small group discussions

Session topics should cover:

- Case study examples of the above
- Successes, challenges, or opportunities
- Best practices in community engagement

Proposals should be submitted as Word documents to KHAWPacific@bah.com by 5 p.m. on April 10th, 2024.

Visit historyabovewater.org for more information. Submit questions to the conference organizers at historyabovewater.org and KHAWPacific@bah.com. Sessions will be selected by mid-April 2024.