CURRICULUM VITAE - DAVID LEEMING (MAR 2026)

Key Professional Expertise: i) Communication (strategic, cultural); ii) Climate Change and Finance (e.g. Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness); iii) Digital development/transformation; iv) Communication for development; v) Private Sector telecommunications business development; vi) Education, informal & online learning; technology-enabled learning; vii) Institutional Human Resource Development; viii) Research (academic speciality: cultural studies, sociology of knowledge, TK, digitalisation)

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First names: DAVID GUNNAR
Citizenship: UK (birth), Solomon Islands dual citizenship

Education: MA in Communication for Development (Malmo, 2016) with thesis on the social knowledge and protection of intangible cultural heritage in Solomon Islands; BSc in Acoustics (Salford, 1985), Current PhD Candidate, Wageningen University & Research, Role of knowledge and discourse in digitalisation in Solomon Islands (external, part time, started 2024)

Language skills: English (native), Solomon Islands Pidgin (fluent), other S.I. languages – Rennellese (basic)

Key skill areas: International development skills bridging digital technology with sociology, communication & cultural studies; Communication for social change; Digital transformation; Participatory and community development; Educational and technology-enabled learning; media, culture and development, gender and development, GEDSI; Private sector - telecommunications Industry. Academic focus: sociology of knowledge; traditional and indigenous knowledge systems, discourse analysis, digitalisation.

Most recent relevant consultancies:

- Communications Expert, Solomon Islands Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SI-EITI), UNDP, April-June 2026
- Consultant, Digitalisation & Data Management project, Kiribati Ministry of Fisheries and Ocean Resources, NZ MFAT funded via Tobwan Waara Program. Jan -March 2026
- Consultant, HRD Planning Project, Tobwan Waara Program, Kiribati Ministry of Fisheries and Ocean Resources, NZ MFAT funded. Conduct a Training Needs Assessment and update MFOR's training plan. Cowater, Jan -March 2026
- Consultant, ICT training project for Marshall Islands Public School System, ICT Office, PurlTek, Jan-Aug 2025
- Senior Advisor, Kiribati Fisheries Human Resource Development project, Kiribati Ministry of Fisheries, New Zealand MFAT funded. Finnish Consulting Group (ANZDEC) now COWATER, May 2023 – Feb 2024.
- Consultant to develop the Online Communication Strategy for Kiribati Ministry of Fisheries (MFMRD). Tobwaan Waara Project (MFAT funded Fisheries development project at MFMRD, Nov 2023 – Feb 2024
- Engagement and Communications Expert for the Green climate Fund Readiness Programme, GCF climate change financing stakeholder engagement, communication strategy and materials, Finnish Consulting Group (NZ), SPREP (2022)
- Business Development Consultant for Solomon Islands ISP, SATSOL Ltd. (http://satsol.net). Special projects, cyber security, schools, managing the government network support contracts. Average input 10 days per month since 2016
- Advisor (STA) on School Internet Connectivity and Technology Enabled Learning, for the Australian Aid Education Program run by the Fiji Programme Support Facility (Tetra Tech / Coffey International). P/T 2017-2021
- Consultant for Commonwealth of Learning, Social Protection Literacy Programme, Solomon Islands (2019-2020).
- Consultant for Commonwealth of Learning, Technical Skills for Development, Nauru (2019-2020).
- Evaluation of a DFAT funded school telecentres project in Vanuatu: The Community Learning and Information Centres Project, under the national Universal Access Programme. TRR (Jan - Sept 2018).
- Consultant to Commonwealth of Learning, Community Learning Programme, Solomon Islands and PNG, 2009-2013. Participatory media development concerning public health. Participatory media design workshops with communities
- Educational technology consultant to the PNG Sustainable Development Programme (PNGSDP), project activities in Western Province, East Sepic, Highlands. Intermittent, 2008-2012
- E-learning Advisor, Star Mountains Institute of Technology, Tabubil, PNG. PNG SDP, part time 2013
- Project Manager, Distance Learning Centres Project, EU/Ministry of Education, Solomon Islands (2005-8). Full time manager of project which piloted a model for distance learning centres in each province
- Founder and technical advisor to the internationally acclaimed People First Network project with UNDP and multiple agency funding (2000-2008). http://leeming-consulting.com/pfnet community development in all provinces
- VSO Volunteer secondary school teacher (UK VSO, 1996-99) in Isabel Province and Rennell Bellona Province

Organisation: Own consulting company Leeming International Consulting incorporated in Solomon Islands since 2006

Country experience: Solomon Islands (30 years), RMI (2025), Kiribati (2023-24, 2026), Fiji (2017-2021), PNG, Nauru, Vanuatu, FSM, UK, Norway