2018 Pacific Update

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Thursday 5 July 2018

8.30am  Registration

9.00am  **Welcome addresses and opening ceremony**

*Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*

Chair: Professor Arvind Patel, Acting Head of School of Economics, University of the South Pacific

Welcome remarks: *Professor Derrick Armstrong, Acting Vice-Chancellor, University of the South Pacific*

Opening remarks: *Her Excellency Ms Amy Crago, Deputy Australian High Commissioner to Fiji and High Commissioner to Tuvalu*

Keynote speaker: *Hon. Dr Mahendra Reddy, Minister for Waterways, Fiji Government*

10.30am  Morning tea

11.00am  **Panel 1A: Climate change**

*Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*

Chair: Vijay Naidu, University of the South Pacific

Economic impacts and implications of climate change in the Pacific
*Satish Chand, University of New South Wales*

Challenges and opportunities for integrating funding for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in the Pacific
*Annika Dean, Climate Change Research Centre, University of New South Wales*

The Pacific climate investment database
*Kate Duggan and Matthew Bailey, Griffin National Resource Management*

Connecting the dots: oceans, climate and policy
*Elisabeth Holland and Taholo Kami, Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development, University of the South Pacific; Esala Nayasi, Fiji Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
11.00am  **Panel 1B: Gender and social analysis**  
*Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Video Conference Room 1*  
Chair: Nalini Singh, Fiji Women’s Rights Movement

Child protection systems in the Pacific and opportunities and challenges of intersection with responses to violence against women  
*Shelley Casey, Independent Consultant; Brigitte Sonnois, UNICEF; and Nilesh Goundar, Australian High Commission, Fiji*

Gender and politics: the Pacific Leadership Program and CEDAW in Tonga  
*Mereani Rokotuibau, Independent Consultant; and Chris Roche, La Trobe University*

Menstrual hygiene: the last taboo – the Fiji situation  
*Presented by Michael Sami on behalf of Lisa Natoli, International Planned Parenthood Federation, Burnett Institute, Water Aid*

11.00am  **Panel 1C: Health**  
*Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Video Conference Room 2*  
Chair: Neil Sharma, Former Minister for Health, Fiji Government

Reorienting health systems towards people-centred integrated care in the Pacific  
*Aparnaa Somanathan, Shuo Zhang, Ajay Tandon and Aneesa Arur, World Bank*

Knowledge translation for SDG implementation: the Pacific Health Governance Research Network  
*Tess Newton Cain, University of Queensland; Donald Wilson, Fiji National University*

Food and nutrition security in Port Vila, Vanuatu  
*Sarah James, ANU*

Spending better for health in the Pacific – a study of Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Kiribati  
*Maude Ruest, World Bank; Robert Flanagan, Independent Consultant; Nicolas Rosemberg, Peter Wallace, Susan Ivatts and Xiaohui Hou, World Bank*

12.30pm  Lunch
1.30pm **Panel 2A: The urban opportunity (organised by UNESCAP)**  
*Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*  
Chair: Anna Naupa, UNESCAP

*This panel will facilitate an interactive discussion to highlight positive examples of Pacific Island states and cities promoting integrated resilience approaches, and provide a more in-depth understanding of the policy areas that need to be addressed if countries are to localise the SDGs and implement the Pacific New Urban Agenda in the region.*

Resilience as a policy narrative in urban planning  
*Meg Keen, ANU Department of Pacific Affairs*

Framework for Pacific resilience: urbanisation through a regional lens  
*Teea Tiira, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat*

Joshua Wycliffe, Fiji Ministry of Local Government, Housing and Environment

Reflections on the Greater Honiara Urban Development Strategy and Action Plan and urban resilience  
*Stanley Waleanisia, Solomon Islands Ministry of Lands, Housing and Survey*

Sanitation marketing in peri-urban Port Vila  
*Iva Koroisamanunu, Live & Learn Education*

1.30pm **Panel 2B: Climate change (2)**  
*Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Video Conference Room 1*  
Chair: Henrickson Malsokle, Vanuatu Ministry of Finance & Economic Management

Are we sinking yet? Measuring the effectiveness of climate change adaptation at the community level in small island developing states  
*Viliamu Iese, Morgan Wairiu, Helene Jacot Des Combes and Elisabeth Holland, University of the South Pacific; Serena Heckler, UNESCO Office for the Pacific States*

Human rights, climate justice movement and the neoliberal ecological modernisation framing of vulnerability and dispossession in climate change agenda  
*Kaushal Sharma, Fiji Women’s Rights Movement*
Evaluating climate change relocation in Fiji: a case study of Vunidogoloa village
*Tammy Tabe and Teresia Powell, Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development, University of the South Pacific*

Gender transformative climate change action
*Keren Winterford and Tamara Megaw, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney*

1.30pm

**Panel 2C: Business development, economic growth and security**
*Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Video Conference Room 2*
Chair: Sandra Tarte, University of the South Pacific

New Zealand’s Pacific reset: navigating the sea change
*Anna Powles, Massey University; and Michael Powles, Victoria University*

Security and vulnerability in the Pacific Islands: the political economy of transnational crime
*Jose Sousa-Santos, Strategika Group Asia Pacific*

Putting the ‘community’ in business facilitation
*Adam Trau, World Vision Pacific & Timor-Leste*

Integration, business and economic growth
*Frank Yourn, Australia-PNG Business Council*

3.00pm

Afternoon tea

3.30pm

**Panel 3A: Labour mobility**
*Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*
Chair: Satish Chand, University of New South Wales

Expanding labour mobility in the Pacific: new sectors and new markets
*Ben Czapnik, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat*

Sending country governance
*Stephen Howes and Richard Curtain, Development Policy Centre, ANU*

Labour mobility in the PACER Plus
*Alisi Kautoke-Holani, Tonga Ministry of Commerce, Consumer, Trade, Innovation & Labour*

How many wins make a winner: seasonal labour mobility in the Pacific
*Yvonne Underhill-Sem and Evelyn Marsters, New Zealand Institute for Pacific Research*
3.30pm **Panel 3B: Partnerships in urban disaster preparedness, emergency and recovery (organised by University of Melbourne)**
*Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Video Conference Room 1*
Chair: Jennifer Day, University of Melbourne

This panel session describes some outcomes of partnerships between aid actors, governments and the private sector – particularly, in how these partnerships resulted in certain outcomes for urban communities in the Pacific.

Margaretha Wewerinkle-Singh  
*University of the South Pacific*

Mohammed Ziar  
*Ministry of Local Government, Housing & Environment, Department of Town & Country Planning*

Robert Dodds  
*Country Cluster Support Team – Pacific, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies*

Tom Bamforth  
*International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies*

3.30pm **Panel 3C: Climate change – student panel**
*Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Video Conference Room 2*
Chair: Sanjesh Naidu, UNESCAP

From sinking to syncing: negotiating a climate consensus and regional coalition behaviour of Pacific Island states  
*George Carter, ANU*

Household net worth and its relation with household responses to climate change: a Solomon Islands case study  
*Michael Otoara Ha`apio, University of the South Pacific; Ricardo Gonzalez, Universidad de la Frontera; and Morgan Wairiu, University of the South Pacific*

Assessing climate finance readiness in the Asia-Pacific region  
*Jale Samuwai and Jeremy Hills, University of the South Pacific*

5.00pm Close
5.30pm  Welcome cocktail & kava reception  
*Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Marquee*  
Launch of UNESCAP Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, 2018
Friday 6 July 2018

8.30am Registration

9.00am **Plenary on the Fiji economy**  
*Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*  
Chair: Matthew Dornan, Development Policy Centre, ANU

Update on the Fiji economy: RBF perspective  
*Ariff Ali, Governor, Reserve Bank of Fiji*

Update on the Fiji economy: academic perspective  
*Rup Singh, University of the South Pacific*

Cost of doing business in Fiji  
*Himen Chandra, Immediate Past President, Fiji Commerce and Employers Federation*

Rescuing Fiji’s sugar industry: an update on sugar industry reforms, performance and challenges  
*Janesh Sami, University of the South Pacific*

10.30am Morning tea

11.00am **Panel 4A: Data for development**  
*Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*  
Chair: Simil Johnson, Government Statistician, Vanuatu National Statistics Office

Statistics for development in Pacific Island countries: state-of-the-art, challenges and opportunities  
*Alessio Cangiano, Independent Researcher and UN Consultant*

Baseline SDG data in the Pacific: what’s the story?  
*Alison Culpin, Pacific Community*

Mapping foreign aid in the Pacific – improving effectiveness through enhanced transparency  
*Jonathan Pryke and Alexandre Dayant, Lowy Institute*
11.00am **Panel 4B: Tourism**  
*Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Video Conference Room 1*  
Chair: Rukmani Gounder, Massey University

Building an inclusive tourism sector in the Pacific – lessons from Vanuatu  
*Warren Gama, Vanuatu Skills Partnership; and Adela Issachar Aru, Vanuatu Tourism Office*

Tourism-growth nexus in Pacific Island countries: a study on financial inclusion and ICT as contingent factors  
*Keshmeer Makun, Fiji National University; and T K Jayaraman, University of Tunku Abdul Rahman*

Social capital in the Pacific: a focus on a village, two tribes and a resort in Fiji  
*Api Salome Movono, University of the South Pacific*

Tourism and the role of crafts/souvenirs in Vanuatu and Solomon Islands  
*Alexander Trupp, University of the South Pacific*

11.00am **Panel 4C: Education**  
*Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Video Conference Room 2*  
Chair: Simon Flores, Pacific Aid Coordination and Effectiveness, Pacific Division, DFAT

The quality of physical education policy and curbing NCDs: the links  
*Margaret Eastgate, UNESCO*

From baseline study to policy: technology-enable learning policy at the National University of Samoa  
*Ioana Tuugalei Vaai-Chan Mow, Edna Temese-Ualesi, Vaisualua Okesene, Mose N. Mose, Tara Patu-Fritz, Elisapeta Mauai, Ioana Sinclair, Joseph Namulauulu, Fiafaitupe Lafele, Misioka Tanielu, Foliagi Maua-Faamau, Vensall Chan, Tusipepa Malaga and Motiana Sua, National University of Samoa*

Effectiveness of matific mathematics learning resources in selected primary schools in Fiji  
*Ravinesh Prasad, Fiji National University*

Please can we talk about language and literacy?  
*Fiona Willans, University of the South Pacific*

12.30pm Lunch
Panel 5A: Developments in PNG
Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium
Chair: Neelesh Gounder, Senior Lecturer, University of the South Pacific

ANU-UPNG PNG economic survey 2017-18
Bao Nguyen, Development Policy Centre, ANU and University of PNG School of Business and Public Policy; Nelson Nema, University of PNG; Rohan Fox and Stephen Howes, Development Policy Centre, ANU

Does political stability make government less accountable? PNG case study 2012-17
Michael Kabuni, University of PNG

Closing the gender gap in PNG’s Parliament
Geejay Milli, University of PNG; and Maxine Newlands, James Cook University

Development challenges in PNG: insight through statistics
Manoj Pandey, Development Policy Centre, ANU and University of PNG School of Business and Public Policy

Panel 5B: Energy
Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Video Conference Room 1
Chair: Nathanial Clayville, Department of Commerce, American Samoa Government

When international ‘best practice’ is not: power sector reform in small island states
Matthew Dornan, Development Policy Centre, ANU

How do renewable energy ambitions affect donor-funded rural electrification efforts in Pacific Island countries?
Ryohei Ikarii, ANU

Toward a sustainable energy future for Fiji
Ravita Prasad, Fiji National University; and Atul Raturi, University of the South Pacific

Panel 5C: Student panel
Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Video Conference Room 2
Chair: Sunil Kumar, University of the South Pacific

Price and competition regulation for Fijian economy
Nilesh Chand, Fijian Competition & Consumer Commission
Determinants of Fiji’s exports
Ronal Chand, Centre for Economic Policy and Modeling; and Rup Singh, University of the South Pacific

CEDAW in Tonga: an analysis of the complex interplay of actors, ideas and interests in the policy-making process to achieve gender equality
Mele Fakatouato Mangisi, ANU

Trade heterogeneity and intra-regional exportability: a study of small island economies in the Caribbean and the South Pacific
Khushbu Rai, University of the South Pacific; and Dibyendu Maiti, Delhi University

3.00pm  Afternoon tea

3.30pm  Panel 6A: Service delivery in PNG
Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium
Chair: Gregoire Nimbtik, Ministry of the Prime Minister, Republic of Vanuatu

Solutions to poor service delivery in PNG
Ron Duncan, ANU; and Chris Banga, PNG National Research Institute

‘Together for education’ in PNG
Kym Simoncini and Hilary Smith, University of Canberra

Impact of facility readiness on service utilisation in PNG
Nicolas Rosemberg, Sudip Bhandari and Aneesa Arur, World Bank

Integrating formal and information institutions: the Bougainville Healthy Communities Program
Lhawang Ugyel, Development Policy Centre, ANU and University of PNG School of Business and Public Policy

3.30pm  Panel 6B: Environment
Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Video Conference Room 1
Chair: Ray Bojczuk, DFAT

Pacific world heritage: under-representation, opportunity and challenges
Luke Kiddle, Independent Development Practitioner

Implementing the system of environmental-economic accounting for sustainable resource use and development in the Pacific
Sanjesh Naidu, UNESCAP
Compensation valuation approaches of ecosystem services and biodiversity of the customary land resources & iqoliqoli native customary fishing rights in Fiji

Paula Raqeukai, University of the South Pacific

5.00pm Vote of thanks

5.15pm Close

6.30pm Closing dinner (by invitation only)

Japan-Pacific ICT Centre Marquee
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