2016 Pacific Update Conference

Inclusive Growth for Enhanced Resilience

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The Pacific Update Conference *is the premier forum for discussing important issues of public policy in the Pacific. This annual event gathers policymakers, academics and researchers, business people, and development practitioners to present and discuss economic and social developments in the region.*

DAY ONE - MONDAY 18 JULY 2016

8:00 am	*Registration*
8:30 am *Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*	**Plenary Session 1: Welcoming Addresses and Opening Ceremony** Master of Ceremony and Chair Vijay Naidu, Acting Dean of Faculty of Business and Economics, USP Welcome Remarks Rajesh Chandra, Vice Chancellor and President, USP Opening Remarks Margaret Twomey, Australian High Commissioner to Fiji Keynote Address and Official Opening by Chief Guest Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Fiji
9:10 am	**Plenary Session 2: Regional Overview** Regional Economic Overview Emma Veve, Director, Asian Development Bank (ADB)
9:20 am	**Plenary Session 3: Fiji Outlook and Launch of the Fiji Country Diagnostics Study** Bambang Susantono, Vice President for Knowledge Management, ADB Barry Whiteside, Governor, Reserve Bank of Fiji Edimon Ginting, Director, ADB
10:00 am	*Morning Coffee, Tea, and Refreshments*
10:30 am *Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*	**Parallel Session 1a: State-Owned Enterprises (SOE) Reform** Chair: Wawan Juswanto, Senior Economist, ADBI Finding Balance 2016: Benchmarking SOE Performance in Island Economies Chris Russell, SOE & Governance Expert, Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI) Reforming an SOE (The Marshalls Energy Company) – It is no Easy Task David Paul, Senator, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Political Commitment and Governance: Two Drivers of SOE Reform in Tonga Sione 'Akau'ola, CEO for Public Enterprises, Ministry of Public Enterprises, Tonga Kiribati SOE Reform Experience Kietau Tabwebweiti, National SOE Reform Specialist, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Kiribati

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10:30 am *Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room*	**Parallel Session 1b: Tourism and Agricultural Development** Chair: Roland Rajah, Country Economist for Vanuatu, ADB **The Political Economy of Tourism Development in the South Pacific** Marcus Stephenson, Head of School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, USP **Agriculture and Tourism: Leveraging the Synergies for Growth** Tim Martyn, Policy Officer, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation Sub-regional Office in the Pacific and Vili Caniogo, Policy Adviser (Agriculture), Land Resources Division, The Pacific Community (SPC) **Coffee Supply Chain Development and Tourism in Timor-Leste** David Freedman, Country Economist for Timor-Leste, ADB **Agritourism and Policy for Linking Tourism and Agricultural Development** Chetan Shah, Senior Lecturer, Fiji National University (FNU)
10:30 am *Library Conference Room*	**Parallel Session 1c: Disaster Response and Resilience** Chair: Rebecca McNaught, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Consultant **The Role of Community Engagement in Building Resilience Against Disasters** Eci K. Nabalarua, Dean of College of Humanities and Education, FNU **Climate Vulnerability, Tenure Security, and Resettlement Priorities in Lami Town, Fiji** Dan Orcherton, Director, Centre for Sustainable Technology & Development, FNU **How Resilient are Poor Households in the Low-lying Islands of Tuvalu to Disasters?** Tauisi Taupo, PhD Candidate, Victoria University of Wellington
12:00 pm	*Lunch*
1:00 pm *Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*	**Parallel Session 2a: Climate Change and Disaster Response Financing** Chair: Dan Orcherton, Director, Centre for Sustainable Technology & Development, FNU **Regional Approaches to Disaster Risk Financing in the Pacific** Johannes Wolff, Economist (Public Finance), ADB **Aid for Adaptation to Climate Change in Oceania** Carola Betzold, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Antwerp **The Practicability and Applicability of Payment for Ecosystem Services in the Protection of Samoa's Watershed Areas** Susana Taua'a, Head of Department of Social Sciences, National University of Samoa **Financing for Climate Change Adaptation in Small Island Developing States** Stacy-ann Robinson, Ph.D. Scholar (Climate Change Adaptation), Australian National University (ANU)

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1:00 pm *Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room*	**Parallel Session 2b: Private Sector Development** Chair: Chris Russell, Advisor, PSDI 'Through the Looking Glass' on RMI's Private Sector Development Ellen Milne, President, Marshall Islands Chamber of Commerce Innovation and the Private Sector in Fiji Malcolm Bossley, Country Team Coordinator for Fiji, Market Development Facility Building Better Government-Private Sector Policy Dialogue in Vanuatu Anita Jowitt, Employer Representative, Vanuatu Tripartite Labor Advisory Council Managing 'Wantok System' Influence: Improving Solomon Islands' Business Climate Emmanuel Joseph Iyabora, Lecturer, University of Fiji
1:00 pm *Library Conference Room*	**Parallel Session 2c: Managing Resource Rich Economies** Chair: Tubagus Feridhanusetyawan, Resident Representative for Pacific Islands, IMF Resource Management and Economic Diversification in Timor-Leste Filipe Nery Bernardo, Acting Coordinator, Petroleum Fund Administration Unit, Ministry of Finance, Timor-Leste Survey of Papua New Guinea's (PNG) Economy Win Nicholas and Nelson Atip, Lecturers, University of PNG and Manoj Pandey, Lecturer, DPC, ANU Mitigating the Downside of PNG's Natural Resource Dependency Jonathan Pryke, Research Fellow, Lowy Institute Clusters as a Tool for Economic Growth: The PNG Cluster Initiative Paula Norris, International Development Consultant
2:30 pm	*Afternoon Coffee, Tea, and Refreshments*
3:00 pm *Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*	**Plenary Session 4: Launch of ANU-World Bank Pacific Labor Mobility Study** Stephen Howes, Director of the Development Policy Centre (DPC), ANU Richard Curtain, Fellow, DPC, ANU Jesse Doyle, Labor Migration Specialist, World Bank Matthew Dornan, Deputy Director, DPC, ANU
4:00 pm *Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*	**Plenary Session 5: Renewable Energy** Chair: Peter Johnston, Director, Environmental & Energy Consultants, Ltd How to Build Institutional Capacity for Green Energy Bokhwan Yu, Deputy Dean, ADBI Path to 100% Renewable Energy Coverage in Rarotonga. Cook Islands Dallas Young, Commercial Manager, Rarotonga Electricity Authority, Cook Islands Challenges with Moving to Higher Renewable Energy Penetration in Tuvalu Mafalu Lotolua, General Manager, Tuvalu Electricity Corporation Renewable Energy Update in Vanuatu Anthony Garae, Director of the Dept. of Energy, Ministry of Climate Change, Vanuatu
5:30 pm	**End of Day One** Welcoming Cocktail & Kava Reception (by invitation)

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DAY TWO - TUESDAY 19 JULY 2016

8:00 am	*Registration*
8:30 am *Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*	**Parallel Session 3a: Labor Mobility and Migration** Chair: Sunil Kumar, Senior Lecturer, USP Sustainable Development Needed in the FSM to Prevent Migration Gerson Jackson, Former Ambassador to Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Carlotta Leon-Guerrero, Director, Ayuda Foundation Socioeconomic Effects of Migration and Remittance Flows Among FSM Migrants Michael J. Levin, Independent Consultant The Hidden Crime of Human Trafficking in the Pacific Islands Region Patricia J. Kailola, A/CEO, Pacific Dialogue Limited The Effectiveness of Australia and New Zealand's Seasonal Workers Schemes in Promoting Sustainable Economic Development in the Pacific Macnos Mutano, Junior Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Chief Trade Adviser
8:30 am *Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room*	**Parallel Session 3b: Roads and Transport Infrastructure** Chair: Tess Newton Cain, Principal, TNC Pacific Consulting Economic Spillovers of Infrastructure Spending (via videocon) Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) Improving PWD Accessibility in Transport Infrastructure in the Pacific Islands Setareki Macanawai, CEO, Pacific Disability Forum The Impact of Road Infrastructure Development on Household Welfare in PNG Christopher Edmonds, Senior Economist, ADB Road Maintenance and Decentralization: The Case of PNG Matthew Dornan, Deputy-Director, DPC, ANU
8:30 am *Library Conference Room*	**Parallel Session 3c: Training the Next Generation of Leaders** Chair: Josh Utoikamanu, Consultant and Former Director, Pacific Island Center for Public Administration (PICPA) Sustainable Value Creation though Networking Lekshmi N. Pillai, Executive Dean, School of Business & Public Policy, University of PNG Challenges Faced by Future Entrepreneurs in Timor-Leste Fernando Baptista Anuno, Dean of Faculty of Economics and Management, Timor-Leste National University (UNTL) Supporting Developmental Leadership Among Youth in the Pacific Peni Tawake, Program Officer, Pacific Leadership Program and Tarusila Bradburgh, Secretariat Coordinator, Pacific Youth Council Building Future Climate Leaders: Leadership & Communication Training for COP21 Morgan Wairiu, Deputy Director, Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development, USP
10:00 am	*Morning Coffee, Tea, and Refreshments*

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10:30 am *Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*	**Parallel Session 4a: Governance** Chair: Matthew Dornan, Deputy Director, DPC, ANU Efficiency and Fairness in Government Expenditure Wawan Juswanto, Senior Economist, ADBI Public Sector Asset Management in the Pacific Islands Josh Utoikamanu, Consultant and Former Director, PICPA Where did our Renaissance Go? Challenges Facing the Melanesian Spearhead Group Tess Newton Cain, Principal, TNC Pacific Consulting
10:30 am *Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room*	**Parallel Session 4b: Climate Change Adaptation and Education** Chair: Taniela Faletau, Safeguards Officer, ADB Information Needs for Climate Change Adaptation among Farmers in Fiji Hirdesh K. Sachan, Head of Department of Crop Production, FNU Quality Assured TVET Qualifications in Resilience for the Pacific Islands Region Tess Martin, Senior Lecturer, USP Policy Initiatives to Promote Climate Smart Production Systems Shipra Shah, Head of Department of Forestry, FNU
10:30 am *Library Conference Room*	**Parallel Session 4c: Regional Trade and Export Competitiveness** Chair: Manoj Pandey, Lecturer, DPC, ANU Update on Bilateralism and Development: Emerging Trade Patterns in the Pacific Veniana Qalo, Trade Policy Adviser, Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS) Marginalization Postponed? Trade Negotiations in the Pacific Islands Wesley Morgan, Lecturer, USP Evolving Trade and Economic Linkages between the Pacific and Asia Benjamin Radoc, Advisor, ADB
12:00 pm	*Lunch*
1:00 pm *Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*	**Parallel Session 5a: Fisheries** Chair: Ben Graham, Senior Evaluation Specialist, ADB Community-based Approaches to Fisheries Management in Kiribati Moses Amos, Director, Division of Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Marine Ecosystems, SPC Netting Billions: A Global Valuation of Tuna Quentin Hanich, Fisheries Governance Program Leader, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security Rising Fisheries License Revenues in the Pacific Maria Carina Tinio, Associate Economics and Statistics Analyst, ADB
1:00 pm *Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room*	**Parallel Session 5b: Labor Market Development and Remittances** Chair: Stephen Howes, Director of DPC, ANU Alternative Perspectives on Labor Market Development in the Pacific Andrew Parker, Principal Social Sector Economist, ADB Remittances: De-risking and Its Impact on Pacific Island Forum Countries Raymond Prasad, Economic Adviser, PIFS

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(5b continued)	The Impact of Aid and Remittances: Testing the Dutch Disease Hypothesis on Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu T.K. Jayaraman, Professor, FNU Labor Market Constraints and Challenges in Fiji Sunil Kumar, Senior Lecturer, USP
1:00 pm *Library Conference Room*	**Parallel Session 5c: Sovereign Wealth and Public Trust Funds** Chair: Ellen Milne, President, Marshall Islands Chamber of Commerce Trust Funds in the Pacific: Update on Operations and Performance Christopher Edmonds, Senior Economist, ADB The Status and Challenges of Trust Fund Management Facing the North Pacific Gerard Cruz, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Asia Pacific Assoc. for Fiduciary Studies Raising Investment Governance in the Pacific to Global Standards Ross Fowler, Chief Executive Officer, fi360 Pacific The New Nauru Trust Fund Roland Rajah, Nauru Country Economist, ADB
2:30 pm	*Afternoon Coffee, Tea, and Refreshments*
3:00 pm *Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*	**Parallel Session 6a: Information and Communications Technology (ICT)** Chair: Andrew Parker, Principal Social Sector Economist, ADB Role of ICT in Development Rajesh Chandra, Vice Chancellor and President, USP Enhancing ICT in the Pacific: Becoming #connected Emma Veve, Director, ADB Palau Telecomm Landscape and the Current Fiber Optic Project Rhinehart Silas, Chairman, Palau National Telecommunications Commission Timor-Leste 's Unique Experience in Reforming the Telecommunication Sector Abel da Silva, Adviser, and Inacio Moreira, Vice Minister, Ministry of Public Works, Transport, & Communication, Timor-Leste
3:00 pm *Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room*	**Parallel Session 6b: Developments and Prospects in Fiji** Chair: Jonathan Pryke, Research Fellow, Lowy Institute Remittances and Household Consumption Behavior: Findings from Fiji Rukmani Gounder, Professor, Massey University Fiji's Macro-Economy in the Short to Medium Term Rup Singh, Senior Lecturer, USP Exploring the Disparity in SME Market Offerings in Fiji Asaeli T. Tuibeqa, Development Manager, FNU

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3:00 pm *Library Conference Room*	**Parallel Session 6c: Health and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)** Chair: Rosalina Sa'aga-Banuve, Program Director, Fiji Health Sector Support Program (DFAT Australia) **Outcomes of the Pacific NCD Summit** Paula Vivili, Director of Public Health Division, SPC **A Systematic Review of Economic Analyses of Preventive Interventions for NCDs** Masoud Mohammadnezhad, Associate Professor, FNU **A Snapshot of Disease Based Costing from Fiji Health Accounts** Wayne Irava, Associate Professor, FNU and Idrish Khan, National Health Accounts Coordinator, Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Fiji **A Policy Framework to Address NCDs and Food Security in the Pacific** Ravi Ram, Independent Health Evaluation Consultant and Former Principal Advisor, SPC
4:30 pm *Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*	**Plenary Session 6: Closing** **Closing Address** Andie Fong Toy, Deputy Secretary General for Economic Governance and Security Programme, PIFS **Closing Statements from Co-sponsors** Emma Veve, Director, ADB Bokhwan Yu, Deputy Dean, ADBI Stephen Howes, Director, DPC, ANU Rajesh Chandra, Vice Chancellor and President, USP
5:30 pm	**Closing Dinner** (by invitation)
Master of Ceremonies: Neelesh Gounder, Senior Lecturer, USP	

Watch live: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj7txQ-q4jUUo8jfe2j4hEQ/live

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