

# Pacific Update 2014: Provisional Agenda

Monday 16 June & Tuesday 17 June 8:30am – 5pm

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\*This provisional agenda is subject to change

## Day One – Monday 16 June 2014

8.30am      *Registration*

8.50am      **Welcome**

9am          **Opening keynote address: In Search of a Pacific Model of Growth**  
*Yongzheng Yang, Resident Representative for Pacific Island Countries,  
International Monetary Fund*

9.30am      **Regional Economic Update**  
*Christopher Edmonds, Senior Economist, Pacific Department,  
Asian Development Bank*

10am        Q&A for first two speakers

10.20am    *Morning tea*

10.40am    **Large and resource rich economies: Managing the resource curse  
for inclusive growth**

**Papua New Guinea** – Anthony Swan, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU

**Solomon Islands** - Mckinnie P Dentana, Under Secretary-Economics, Ministry of Finance and Treasury [TBC]

**Timor Leste** - Helder Lopes, Coordinator and Advisor, National Directorate for Economic Policy, Ministry of Finance, Timor Leste

- 12pm Lunch
- 1pm **Fiji: Waking the Pacific's sleeping giant**
- Ariff Ali, Chief Manager, Economics, Reserve Bank of Fiji [TBC]*  
*Satish Chand, Professor, University of New South Wales*  
*Sunil Kumar, Senior Lecturer, University of South Pacific [TBC]*
- 2pm **Tourism and remittance economies: Prospects for inclusive growth**
- Samoa** – *Hinauri Petana, Principal Consultant at HPConsult (Former CEO of Ministry of Finance, Samoa) [TBC]*  
**Tonga** – *Sione Ngongo Kioa, Governor, National Reserve Bank of Tonga*  
**Vanuatu** – *Odo Tevi, Ambassador to UN, and formerly, Governor of the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu [TBC]*
- 3.20pm Afternoon tea
- 3.40pm **Aid dependent economies: Prospects in the region's smaller states**
- Federated States of Micronesia** – *Evelyn Adolf, Director, Office of Statistics, Budget & Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance & Compact Management (SBOC), Federated States of Micronesia [TBC]*  
**Nauru** – *Roland Kun, Member of Parliament, Nauru (Former Minister of Finance, Nauru)*  
**Tuvalu** – *Letasi Iulai, Advisor to Executive Director, The World Bank (Former Ministry of Finance, Tuvalu)*
- 5pm Close

## Day Two – Tuesday 17 June 2014

8.30am Registration

8.50am Welcome

9am Parallel Session 1a: **Regionalism - Responding to the Pacific Plan Review**

***A view from the Melanesia Spearhead Group***

*Peter Forau, Director General, Melanesia Spearhead Group*

***The Pacific Plan Review and the Forum Secretariat***

*Seini O'Connor, Pacific Plan Advisor, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat*

***The 2012 Review of the Forum Secretariat***

*Kolone Vaai, Forum Secretariat Review Team (former Financial Secretary to Government of Samoa) [TBC]*

9am Parallel Session 1b: **Skills and Employment in the Pacific**

***Skills assessments in the Pacific***

*Richard Curtain, Visiting Fellow, Development Policy Centre*

***'Well-being from Work in Pacific Islands Countries' Report***

*Tobias Haque, Economist, The World Bank*

*Topic TBC*

*Sunhwa Lee, Principal Social Development Specialist, Asian Development Bank*

10.20am Morning Tea

10.40am Parallel Session 2a: **Labour Mobility**

***A tale of two schemes: Australia and New Zealand's Seasonal Worker Programs***

*Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre*

***Migration in Micronesia***

*Michael Levin, Adjunct Fellow, East-West Center*

***Pacific Islander migrants in Australian census data***

*Jonathan Pryke, Research Officer, Development Policy Centre*

- 10.40am      **Parallel Session 2b: The Business/Investment Environment**
- Topic TBC**  
*Siaosi Sovaleni, CEO, Tonga Ministry of Public Enterprises*
- Topic TBC**  
*Paul Holden, Lead Economist, Private Sector Development Initiative, Asian Development Bank*
- Topic TBC**  
*Raymond Prasad, Economic Adviser, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat*
- 12pm          *Lunch*
- 1pm            **Managing aid: Pacific island countries and the changing dynamics of development assistance**
- Chinese development assistance in the Pacific**  
*Matthew Dornan, Development Policy Centre*
- Aid for trade and the Pacific**  
*Wesley Morgan, University of Melbourne*
- Compact trust funds in Micronesia**  
*Michael Wulfsohn, Development Policy Centre*
- 2.20pm       *Afternoon tea*
- 2.40pm       **Tuna fisheries management**
- Topic TBC**  
*Glenn Hurry, Executive Director, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) (TBC)*
- Conservation, economic rents, and the vessel day scheme**  
*Les Clark, Fisheries Specialist*
- 4pm            **Closing Keynote Address**
- Xianbin Yao, Director General, Pacific Department, Asian Development Bank*

4.40pm Closing ceremony

6.30pm Conference dinner

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