

Pacific Update 2014: Provisional Agenda

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

Hosted by the Development Policy Centre at the Crawford School of Public Policy

Molonglo Theatre*, Crawford School Building, Liversidge Street, ANU

*All sessions will be held in the Molonglo theatre, unless otherwise specified in the program.
This is a provisional agenda and 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*

*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, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of Fiji [tbc]*
Satish Chand, Professor, University of New South Wales
Dibyendu Maiti, Associate Professor, University of South Pacific
- 2.15pm Tourism and remittance economies: Prospects for inclusive growth
- Samoa – Maiava Atalina Ainuu Enari, Governor, Central Bank of Samoa*
Tonga – Sione Ngongo Kioa, Governor, National Reserve Bank of Tonga
Cook Islands - TBC
- 3.30pm Afternoon tea
- 3.50pm Aid dependent economies: Prospects in the region's smaller states
- Kiribati – Atanteora Beiatou, Director's Advisor, Asian Development Bank*
(Former Secretary of Finance, Kiribati)
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 Regional Institutional Framework ([tbc])

Epa Tuiloti, Vice President, Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation,

Chairman of the Board, National Bank of Samoa

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

Venue: Barton Theatre

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

Andrew Parker, Social Development Specialist, Asian Development Bank

10.20am *Morning Tea*

10.40am Parallel Session 2a: The Business/Investment Environment

Topic tbc

Paul Holden, Lead Economist, Private Sector Development Initiative,

Asian Development Bank

Topic tbc

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat [tbc]

10.40am Parallel Session 2b: Labour Mobility

Venue: Barton Theatre

New research on Australia's seasonal worker program

Jesse Doyle, The World Bank

Migration in Micronesia

Michael Levin, Adjunct Fellow, East-West Center

Pacific islander migrants in Australian census data

Jonathan Pryke, Development Policy Centre

- 12pm Lunch*
- 1pm Keynote Address**
Ron Duncan, Emeritus Professor, Crawford School, The Australian National University
- 2pm Tuna fisheries management**
- Tuna fisheries in the Pacific**
Glenn Hurry, Executive Director, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)
The vessel day scheme
Les Clark, Fisheries Specialist
- 3pm Afternoon tea*
- 3.20pm 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
- 4.40pm Closing ceremony**
- 6.30pm Conference dinner**

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