

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

Hedley Bull Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre 130. Corner of Garran Road and Liversidge Street, ANU

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 (tbc)

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**

Solomon Islands - *Gane Simbe, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Solomon Islands*

Papua New Guinea - *Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU*

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**
A debate chaired by Stephen Howes
- Satish Chand, Professor, Australian Defence Force Academy, University of New South Wales*
Neelesh Gounder, Lecturer, University of South Pacific
Arif Ali, Chief Economist, Reserve Bank of Fiji
- 2pm**
growth **Tourism and remittance economies: Prospects for inclusive**
- Samoa** – *Hinauri Petana, Principal Consultant at HPConsult (Former CEO of Ministry of Finance, Samoa)*
Tonga – *'Ana Fakaola-'I-Fanga Tu'akoi Lemani, Chief Accountant, Ministry of Finance*
Vanuatu – *Nepcevanhas Benjamin Shing, Director, Department of Strategic Policy, Planning & Aid Coordination, Prime Minister's Office*
- 3.20pm *Afternoon tea*
- 3.40pm **Aid dependent economies: Prospects in the region's smaller states**
- 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)*
Kiribati – *Tessie Lambourne, Secretary of Internal Affairs, Kiribati*
Federated States of Micronesia – *Evelyn Adolf, Director, Office of Statistics, Budget & Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance & Compact Management (SBOC), Federated States of Micronesia*
- 5pm *Close*

Day Two – Tuesday 17 June 2014

8.30am *Registration*

8.50am *Welcome*

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

The Pacific Plan Review and the Forum Secretariat

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

A view from the Melanesia Spearhead Group

Peter Forau, Director General, Melanesia Spearhead Group

The 2012 Review of the Forum Secretariat

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

9am Parallel Session 2: **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 **Labour mobility**

Pacific islander migrants in Australian census data

Jonathan Pryke, Development Policy Centre

New research on Australia's seasonal worker program

Jesse Doyle, The World Bank

Topic tbc

Francis Hezel, Director of Micronesian Seminar and Fellow, East-West Center

12pm *Lunch*

1pm **Managing aid: Pacific island countries and the changing dynamics of development assistance**

Compact trust funds in Micronesia

Michael Wulfsohn, Development Policy Centre

Aid for trade and the Pacific

Wesley Morgan, University of Melbourne

Chinese development assistance in the Pacific

Matthew Dornan, Development Policy Centre

2.20pm *Afternoon tea*

2.40pm **Tuna fisheries management**

Conservation, economic rents, and the vessel day scheme

Transform Aqorau, Chief Executive Officer of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement

Regional cooperation, FFA, and sub-regional groupings

Feleti Teo – Former Secretary General, Forum Secretariat and former Director General, Forum Fisheries Agency

Representative from Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) (tbc)

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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