

# **2016 Pacific Update Conference**

## *Inclusive Growth for Enhanced Resilience*

**Time:** 8:00am – 5:30pm, Monday 18 July and Tuesday 19 July 2016  
**Venue:** Japan-Pacific ICT Centre, The University of the South Pacific-Laucala Campus,  
Suva, Fiji

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### DAY ONE – MONDAY 18 JULY 2016

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



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<p>10:30 am <i>Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room</i></p>	<p><b>Parallel Session 1b: Tourism and Agricultural Development</b> Chair: Roland Rajah, Country Economist for Vanuatu, ADB</p> <p>The Political Economy of Tourism Development in the South Pacific Marcus Stephenson, Head of School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, USP</p> <p>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)</p> <p>Coffee Supply Chain Development and Tourism in Timor-Leste David Freedman, Country Economist for Timor-Leste, ADB</p> <p>Agritourism and Policy for Linking Tourism and Agricultural Development Chetan Shah, Senior Lecturer, Fiji National University (FNU)</p>
<p>10:30 am <i>Library Conference Room</i></p>	<p><b>Parallel Session 1c: Disaster Response and Resilience</b> Chair: Rebecca McNaught, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Consultant</p> <p>The Role of Community Engagement in Building Resilience Against Disasters Eci K. Nabalarua, Dean of College of Humanities and Education, FNU</p> <p>Climate Vulnerability, Tenure Security, and Resettlement Priorities in Lami Town, Fiji Dan Orcherton, Director, Centre for Sustainable Technology &amp; Development, FNU</p> <p>How Resilient are Poor Households in the Low-lying Islands of Tuvalu to Disasters? Tauisi Taupo, PhD Candidate, Victoria University of Wellington</p>
<p>12:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Lunch</i></p>
<p>1:00 pm <i>Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium</i></p>	<p><b>Parallel Session 2a: Climate Change and Disaster Response Financing</b> Chair: Dan Orcherton, Director, Centre for Sustainable Technology &amp; Development, FNU</p> <p>Regional Approaches to Disaster Risk Financing in the Pacific Johannes Wolff, Economist (Public Finance), ADB</p> <p>Aid for Adaptation to Climate Change in Oceania Carola Betzold, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Antwerp</p> <p>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</p> <p>Financing for Climate Change Adaptation in Small Island Developing States Stacy-ann Robinson, Ph.D. Scholar (Climate Change Adaptation), Australian National University (ANU)</p>



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



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DAY TWO – TUESDAY 19 JULY 2016

8:00 am	<i>Registration</i>
8:30 am	<b>Parallel Session 3a: Labor Mobility and Migration</b> Chair: Sunil Kumar, Senior Lecturer, USP
Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium	Sustainable Development Needed in the FSM to Prevent Migration Gerson Jackson, Former Ambassador to Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)  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	<b>Parallel Session 3b: Roads and Transport Infrastructure</b> Chair: Tess Newton Cain, Principal, TNC Pacific Consulting
Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room	Economic Spillovers of Infrastructure Spending (via videocon) Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADB)  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	<b>Parallel Session 3c: Training the Next Generation of Leaders</b> Chair: Josh Utoikamanu, Consultant and Former Director, Pacific Island Center for Public Administration (PICPA)
Library Conference Room	Sustainable Value Creation through 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	<i>Morning Coffee, Tea, and Refreshments</i>



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10:30 am <i>Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium</i>	<p><b>Parallel Session 4a: Governance</b> Chair: Matthew Dornan, Deputy Director, DPC, ANU</p> <p>When's a Crisis not a Crisis? Opportunities for Pacific Development? Cameron Bowles, Director of Strategy, Policy, and Planning, SPC</p> <p>Efficiency and Fairness in Government Expenditure Wawan Juswanto, Senior Economist, ADBI</p> <p>Public Sector Asset Management in the Pacific Islands Josh Utoikamanu, Consultant and Former Director, PICPA</p>
10:30 am <i>Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room</i>	<p><b>Parallel Session 4b: Climate Change Adaptation and Education</b> Chair: Taniela Faletau, Safeguards Officer, ADB</p> <p>Information Needs for Climate Change Adaptation among Farmers in Fiji Hirdesh K. Sachan, Head of Department of Crop Production, FNU</p> <p>Quality Assured TVET Qualifications in Resilience for the Pacific Islands Region Tess Martin, Senior Lecturer, USP</p> <p>Policy Initiatives to Promote Climate Smart Production Systems Shipra Shah, Head of Department of Forestry, FNU</p>
10:30 am <i>Library Conference Room</i>	<p><b>Parallel Session 4c: Regional Trade and Export Competitiveness</b> Chair: Manoj Pandey, Lecturer, DPC, ANU</p> <p>Update on Bilateralism and Development: Emerging Trade Patterns in the Pacific Veniana Qalo, Trade Policy Adviser, Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS)</p> <p>Where did our Renaissance Go? Challenges Facing the Melanesian Spearhead Group Tess Newton Cain, Principal, TNC Pacific Consulting</p> <p>Marginalization Postponed? Trade Negotiations in the Pacific Islands Wesley Morgan, Lecturer, USP</p> <p>Evolving Trade and Economic Linkages between the Pacific and Asia Benjamin Radoc, Advisor, ADB</p>
12:00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00 pm <i>Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium</i>	<p><b>Parallel Session 5a: Fisheries</b> Chair: Ben Graham, Senior Evaluation Specialist, ADB</p> <p>Community-based Approaches to Fisheries Management in Kiribati Moses Amos, Director, Division of Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Marine Ecosystems, SPC</p> <p>Netting Billions: A Global Valuation of Tuna Quentin Hanich, Fisheries Governance Program Leader, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security</p> <p>Rising Fisheries License Revenues in the Pacific Maria Carina Tinio, Associate Economics and Statistics Analyst, ADB</p>



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



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

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

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