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## 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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**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*

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8:30 am **Plenary Session 1: Welcoming Addresses and Opening Ceremony**

*Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*

**Introduction of Speakers**

**Arvind Patel**, Acting Dean of Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of the South Pacific (USP)

**Welcome Address**

**Rajesh Chandra**, Vice Chancellor and President, USP

**Opening Address**

**Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum**, Attorney-General and Minister for Finance, Public Enterprises, Public Service, and Communications, Fiji (TBC)

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9:00 am **Plenary Session 2: Regional Overview**

**Regional Economic Overview**

**Emma Veve**, Director, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

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9:20 am **Plenary Session 3: Launch of the Fiji Country Diagnostics Study**

**Bambang Susantono**, Vice President for Knowledge Management, ADB

**Edimon Ginting**, Director, ADB

**Barry Whiteside**, Governor, Reserve Bank of Fiji

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10:00 am *Morning Coffee, Tea, and Refreshments*

10:30 am **Parallel Session 1a: State-Owned Enterprises (SOE) Reform**

*Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium*

**Finding Balance 2016: Benchmarking SOE Performance in Island Economies**

**Chris Russell**, Advisor, Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI)

**Political Commitment and Governance- Two Drivers of SOE Reform in Tonga**

**Sione 'Akau'ola**, Chief Executive Officer for Public Enterprises, Ministry of Public Enterprises, Tonga

**Lessons on SOE Reform from Kiribati** (tentative)

**Kietau Tabwebweiti**, National SOE Reform Specialist, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Kiribati

**Lessons on SOE Reform from Solomon Islands** (tentative)

**McKinnie Dentana**, Undersecretary Economics, Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Solomon Islands (TBC)

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<p>10:30 am <i>Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room</i></p>	<p><b>Parallel Session 1b: Linking Tourism and Agricultural Development</b>  <b>Agritourism and Policy for Linking Tourism and Agricultural Development</b>  <b>Chetan Shah, Senior Lecturer, Fiji National University (FNU)</b>  <b>Coffee Supply Chain Development and Tourism in Timor-Leste</b>  <b>David Freedman, Country Economist for Timor-Leste, ADB</b>  <b>Tourism developments and challenges</b>  <b>Marcus Stephenson, Head of School of Tourism, USP</b>  <b>Agriculture and Tourism: Leveraging the Synergies for Growth</b>  <b>Tim Martyn, Policy Officer, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, Sub-Regional Office for the Pacific</b></p>
<p>10:30 am <i>Library Conference Room</i></p>	<p><b>Parallel Session 1c: Managing Resource Rich Economies</b>  <b>Mitigating the Downside of Papua New Guinea's (PNG) Natural Resource Dependency</b>  <b>Jonathan Pryke, Research Fellow, Lowy Institute</b>  <b>Is Dutch Disease Hypothesis Relevant in the Case of PNG: Some New Evidence</b>  <b>Manoj K. Pandey, Visiting Lecturer, University of PNG</b>  <b>Survey of PNG's Economy</b>  <b>Win Nicholas and Nelson Atip, Lecturer, University of PNG</b>  <b>Resource management and economic diversification in Timor-Leste (tentative)</b>  <b>Representative, Ministry of Finance, Timor-Leste (TBC)</b></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: Fisheries</b>  <b>Netting Billions: A Global Valuation of Tuna</b>  <b>Dave Gershman, Pew Charitable Trusts</b>  <b>Community-based Approaches to Fisheries Management in Kiribati</b>  <b>Quentin Hanich, Fisheries Governance Program Leader, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS)</b>  <b>Possible Development Avenues for Pacific Tuna Fisheries (via videocon)</b>  <b>John Virdin, Director of the Oceans and Coastal Policy Program, Duke University</b>  <b>Where have the Windfalls Gone?</b>  <b>Cara Tinio, Associate Economics and Statistics Analyst, ADB (TBC)</b>  <b>Sustainable Tuna Industry in the Solomon Islands (tentative)</b>  <b>Chris Ramofafia, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, Solomon Islands (TBC)</b></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></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>Improving the private sector in the RMI (tentative)</b> Ellen Milne, President, Marshall Islands Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><b>Exploring the Disparity in SME Market Offerings in Fiji</b> Asaeli T. Tuibeqa, Development Manager, FNU</p> <p><b>Helping Pacific countries reform the business environment (tentative)</b> Advisor, Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI) (TBC)</p>
1:00 pm <i>Library Conference Room</i>	<p><b>Parallel Session 2c: Health and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)</b></p> <p><b>A Systematic Review of Economic Analyses of NCDs Related Preventive Interventions: A Guide for Pacific Island Countries</b> Masoud Mohammadnezhad, Associate Professor, FNU</p> <p><b>A Policy Framework to Address NCDs and Food Security in the Pacific</b> Ravi Ram, Consultant and former Principal Advisor, SPC</p> <p><b>A Snapshot of Disease Based Costing from Fiji Health Accounts</b> Ronesh Prasad, Economist, FNU</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></p> <p>Stephen Howes, Director of the Development Policy Centre (DPC), Australian National University (ANU)</p> <p>Richard Curtain, Fellow, DPC, ANU</p> <p>Jesse Doyle, Labor Mobility Specialist, World Bank</p> <p>Matthew Dornan, Deputy Director, DPC, ANU</p>
4:00 pm <i>Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium</i>	<p><b>Plenary Session 5: Roads and Transport Infrastructure</b></p> <p><b>Economic Spillovers of Infrastructure Spending</b> Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)</p> <p><b>Impact of Road Upgrading and Maintenance on Households in PNG Highlands</b> Christopher Edmonds, Senior Economist, ADB</p> <p><b>Road Maintenance and Decentralization: The Case of PNG</b> Matthew Dornan, Deputy-Director, DPC, ANU</p> <p><b>Trade and Transport Facilitation in the Pacific (tentative)</b> Alexandra Pamela Chiang, Transport Specialist, ADB</p>
5:30 pm	<p><b>End of Day One</b></p> <p>Welcoming Cocktail &amp; Kava Reception (by invitation)</p>



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DAY TWO - TUESDAY 19 JULY 2015

8:00 am	<i>Registration</i>
8:30 am	<b>Parallel Session 3a: Climate Change Financing</b>
<i>Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium</i>	<p><b>Aid for Adaptation to Climate Change in Oceania</b>  <b>Carola Betzold</b>, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Antwerp</p> <p><b>International Financing for Climate Change Adaptation in Small Island Developing States</b>  <b>Stacy-ann Robinson</b>, Ph.D. Student, ANU</p> <p><b>The Practicability and Applicability of Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) in the Protection of Samoa’s Watershed Areas</b>  <b>Susana Taua’a</b>, Senior Lecturer, National University of Samoa</p> <p><b>Affordable Coastal Protection</b>  <b>Jack Whelan</b>, Secretariat Manager, Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility (TBC)</p>
8:30 am	<b>Parallel Session 3b: Information and Communications Technology (ICT)</b>
<i>Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room</i>	<p><b>North Pacific Regional Connectivity Investment Project</b> (tentative)  <b>Rhinehart Silas</b>, Co-Chairman of the Micronesia-Palau Fiber Optic Joint Committee</p> <p><b>Beyond ICT for Development: Timor-Leste ‘s Unique Experience in Reforming the Telecommunication Sector</b>  <b>Inacio Moreira</b>, Vice Minister, Ministry of Public Works, Transport, and Communication, Timor-Leste</p> <p><b>Clusters as a Tool for Economic Growth in the PNG ICT Cluster Initiative</b>  <b>Paula Norris</b>, Practitioner/Aid worker, Business Council of PNG</p> <p><b>ADB Pacific Connectivity Projects</b> (tentative)  <b>Sibesh Bhattacharya</b>, Senior Infrastructure Specialist, ADB</p>
8:30 am	<b>Parallel Session 3c: Labor Mobility and Migration</b>
<i>Library Conference Room</i>	<p><b>Selective Immigration Policies and the “Temporarization” of Pacific Labor Migration</b>  <b>Alessio Cangiano</b>, Senior Lecturer, USP</p> <p><b>The effectiveness of Australia and New Zealand’s Seasonal Workers Schemes in Promoting Sustainable Economic Development in the Pacific</b>  <b>Macnos Mutano</b>, Junior Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Chief Trade Adviser</p> <p><b>The Hidden Crime of Human Trafficking in the Pacific Islands Region</b>  <b>Patricia J. Kailola</b>, Pacific Dialogue Limited</p>
10:00 am	<i>Morning Coffee, Tea, and Refreshments</i>



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<p>10:30 am Japan- Pacific ICT Auditorium</p>	<p><b>Parallel Session 4a: Renewable Energy</b></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 the Cook Islands</b> (tentative) Dallas Young, Commercial Manager, Rarotonga Electricity Authority</p> <p><b>Benefits of renewable energy in the Pacific</b> (tentative) J. Michael Trainor, Energy Specialist, ADB</p> <p><b>Promoting renewable energy in Vanuatu</b> (tentative) Jesse Benjamin, Director General, Ministry of Climate Change, Vanuatu</p> <p><b>Challenges with Moving to Higher Renewable Energy Penetration in Tuvalu</b> Mafalu Lotolua, General Manager, Tuvalu Electricity Corporation</p>
<p>10:30 am Japan- Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room</p>	<p><b>Parallel Session 4b: Training the Next Generation of Leaders</b></p> <p><b>Sustainable Value Creation through Networking</b> Lekshmi N. Pillai, Dean of Faculty of Business and Economics, University of PNG</p> <p><b>Challenges Faced by Student to Become Future Entrepreneurs in Timor-Leste</b> Fernando Baptista Anuno, Dean of Faculty of Economics and Management, Timor-Leste National University (UNTL)</p> <p><b>Building Future Climate Leaders in the South Pacific: Leadership and Communication Training for COP 21</b> Judy Burnside-Lawry, Senior Lecturer, RMIT University</p> <p><b>Training future Pacific policymakers</b> (tentative) Parmesh Chand, Director, Pacific Islands Center for Public Administration (TBC)</p>
<p>10:30 am Library Conference Room</p>	<p><b>Parallel Session 4c: Regional Trade and Export Competitiveness</b></p> <p><b>Where did our Renaissance Go? Current Challenges Facing the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG)</b> Tess Newton Cain, Principal, TNC Pacific Consulting</p> <p><b>Impact of Aid and Remittances on Export Competitiveness of Pacific Island Countries: Testing the Validity of the Dutch Disease Hypothesis</b> T.K. Jayaraman, Professor, FNU</p> <p><b>Marginalization Postponed? Trade Negotiations in the Pacific Islands</b> Wesley Morgan, Lecturer, USP</p>
<p>12:00 pm</p>	<p><i>Lunch</i></p>
<p>1:00 pm Japan- Pacific ICT Auditorium</p>	<p><b>Parallel Session 5a: Labor Markets</b></p> <p><b>Alternative Perspectives on Labor Market Development in the Pacific</b> Andrew Parker, Principal Social Sector Economist, ADB</p> <p><b>Sustainable Development Needed in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to Prevent Migration</b> Gerson Jackson, Former Ambassador to Fiji, FSM</p> <p><b>Developments in Migration and Remittance Flows Among FSM Migrants and their Socioeconomic Effects</b> Michael J. Levin, Independent Consultant</p> <p><b>Labor Market Constraints and Challenges in Fiji</b> Sunil Kumar, Senior Lecturer, USP</p>



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<p>1:00 pm <i>Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room</i></p>	<p><b>Parallel Session 5b: Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Resilience</b></p> <p><b>Policy Initiatives to Promote Climate Smart Production Systems</b> Shipra Shah, Lecturer, FNU</p> <p><b>How Resilient are Poor Households in Small Island States to Disasters? Evidence from the Low-lying Islands of Tuvalu</b> Tauisi Taupo, PhD Candidate, Victoria University of Wellington</p> <p><b>Information Needs for Climate Change Adaptation among Farmers in Fiji</b> Hirdesh K. Sachan, Assistant Professor Agronomy, FNU</p> <p><b>Sustainable Quality Assured Accredited TVET Qualifications for Climate Change adaptation and Disaster Risk Management in the Pacific Islands</b> Tess Martin, 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></p> <p><b>Trust Funds in the Pacific: Update on Operations and Performance</b> Robin Boumphrey, Economist and former ADB Director</p> <p><b>Challenges to Improving Fund Management in the Pacific</b> (tentative) Gerard Cruz, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies</p> <p><b>Raising Fund Management Quality in the Pacific to Global Standards</b> (tentative) Ross Fowler, Chief Executive Officer, fi360 Pacific</p> <p><b>The New Nauru Trust Fund</b> <i>Roland Rajah, Nauru Country Economist, ADB</i></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: Governance</b></p> <p><b>When's a Crisis not a Crisis? Opportunities for Pacific Development?</b> Cameron Bowles, Director of Strategy, Policy, and Planning, SPC</p> <p><b>Efficiency and Fairness in Government Expenditure</b> Wawan Juswanto, Senior Economist, ADBI</p> <p><b>Fiscal policy in Solomon Islands for Growth and Stability</b> Roland Rajah, Country Economist for Solomon Islands, ADB</p> <p><b>Managing 'Wantok System' Influence: A Recipe for Improving the Business Environment in Solomon Islands</b> Emmanuel Joseph Iyabora, Lecturer, University of Fiji</p>



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3:00 pm <i>Japan-Pacific ICT Center Video Conference Room</i>	<p><b>Parallel Session 6b: Disaster Risk, Resilience, Response, and Recovery</b></p> <p><b>Lessons from DFAT's response to disasters in Fiji, Samoa, and Vanuatu</b> Jennifer Kalpokas-Doan, Senior Program Manager, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia</p> <p><b>Contingent Credit Facility for Disaster Response</b> Johannes Wolff, Economist (Public Finance), ADB</p> <p><b>Emergency Broadcasting and Raising Resilience</b> Vipul Khosla, Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) International Development</p> <p><b>Enhancing Safety, Security and Sustainability: The Role of Community Engagement in Building Resilient Communities Against Disasters</b> Eci K. Nabalarua, Dean of College of Humanities and Education, FNU</p>
3:00 pm Library Conference Room	<p><b>Parallel Session 6c: The Fiji Economy—Developments and Prospects</b></p> <p><b>Fiji's Macro-Economy in the Short to Medium Term</b> Rup Singh, Senior Lecturer, USP</p> <p><b>Remittances and Household Consumption Behavior: Findings from Fiji</b> Rukmani Gounder, Professor, Massey University</p> <p><b>Monitoring Economic Developments in Fiji</b> (tentative) ADB (TBC)</p>
4:30 pm <i>Japan-Pacific ICT Auditorium</i>	<p><b>Plenary Session 5: Closing Keynote Address and Closing Ceremony</b></p> <p><b>Closing Ceremony</b></p>
5:30 pm	<p><b>Closing Dinner at the Oceania Centre for Arts, Culture and Pacific Studies</b> (by invitation)</p>
<p><b>Master of Ceremonies: Neelesh Gounder, Senior Lecturer, USP</b></p>	

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