

Panel discusses labour mobility in the Pacific

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The World Bank's May Praxis discussion on labour mobility is now available to watch online.

In the Pacific, research suggests that labour migration will be pivotal in meeting a growing demand for employment. [In a recent report](#), the World Bank recommended Australia and New Zealand provide more permanent migration options for Pacific islanders, and labour mobility and seasonal worker schemes were key topics of discussion at the recent [2014 Pacific Update](#).

In the Praxis video, panelists discuss a range of topics including how the benefits from migration can be amplified for developing nations; the development impact of the seasonal worker schemes at home and abroad to date, and what their future may hold.

Speakers include Mai Malaulau, Labour Migration Specialist at the World Bank; Luke Craven from the University of Sydney, and Ms. Kanasa, Manager at Ikaile Contractors, an Australian employment company that works with employees from Tonga and Tuvalu on the Australian Seasonal Worker Program.

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