

## New Research on Pacific Labour Mobility

*A research workshop*

*Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU*

*2 June 2016*

**Background:** There is now widespread agreement that options to lift labour mobility from the Pacific are needed. The Development Policy Centre has undertaken and commissioned new research to look into a range of possible channels and factors affecting migration. This workshop will present a range of new policy-relevant research undertaken into Pacific labour mobility.

Research relating to the following key issues will be covered.

- The skill profiles and employment outcomes of Pacific work migrants to Australia and New Zealand compared with all other work migrants.
- The employment and income outcomes of New Zealand's Pacific Access Category visa.
- Opportunities and models for Pacific migrants in aged or disability care in Australia and New Zealand, based on recent migrant profiles.
- The experience of Timor-Leste in sending unskilled labour to South Korea.
- A comparison of Australia and NZ's seasonal worker programs.
- Kiribati and Tuvalu demographic projections and migration strategies.
- Pacific technical education challenges and strategies.

**Proposed approach:** The workshop is being convened to present, review and discuss the various papers that have been produced with the aim of producing the end product as a book. The papers will be circulated in advance to all registered workshop participants to encourage a more in-depth discussion.

There is no registration for this workshop. Places are limited so if you want to take part in the workshop, please send your expression of interest by 20 May to the workshop organiser at [richard.curtain@anu.edu.au](mailto:richard.curtain@anu.edu.au)

New Research on Pacific Labour Mobility: Workshop 2 June 2016		
8.30 am	Welcome: <b>Prof Stephen Howes</b> , Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU	
	<b>Richard Curtain</b> , Development Policy Centre, ANU	Pacific migration pathways & employment outcomes
8.45-9.35 am	Discussants: Prof Leslyanne Hawthorne, School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne; Prof John Connell, Geography, University of Sydney	
9.35-9.55 am	<b>Prof Richard Bedford</b> , Royal Society of New Zealand	Migration and Population change in Kiribati and Tuvalu, 2015-2050: some scenarios
9.55 - 10.15 am Morning Tea/Coffee		
10.15-11.05 am	<b>Dr Carmen Voigt-Graf</b> , DPC & Ms Sophia Kagan, formerly ILO	Migration and labour mobility from Kiribati
	Discussant: Prof Ron Duncan, Crawford School of Public Policy: discussant for both papers related to Kiribati & Tuvalu	
11.05-11.55 am	<b>Dr Ann Wigglesworth</b> , Honorary Fellow, Victoria University	Experiences of young Timorese as migrant workers in Korea: lessons for policy makers
	Discussant: Dr Rochelle Ball, Visiting Fellow, SSGM, ANU	
11.55 - 12.45 pm	<b>Dr Richard Curtain</b> , DPC	NZ Pacific Access visa: how it works, employment outcomes, & policy lessons for Australia
	Discussant: Prof Richard Bedford	
12.45 - 1.45 pm Light lunch		
1.45 - 2.35 pm	<b>Prof Stephen Howes</b>	New Zealand's Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) scheme and Australia's Seasonal Worker Program (SWP): why so different outcomes?
	Discussants: Dr Rochelle Bailey, State, Society & Governance in Melanesia, ANU; Jesse Doyle, World Bank	
2.35 - 3.25 pm	<b>Dr Richard Curtain</b> , DPC	Aged & disability caregivers: the case for sourcing qualified carers from the Pacific
	Discussants: Patrick Reid, Former CEO, Leading Age Services Australia (LASA); Dr Joanna Howe, Law School, University of Adelaide	
3.25 - 3.40 pm Afternoon tea/coffee		
3.40 - 4.50 pm	<b>Stephen Close</b> , World Bank	Need for National Skills Investment Strategies in the Pacific
	Discussant: Dr Carmen Voigt-Graf, DPC	
4.50- 5.05 pm	Rapporteur: Summary of key issues: Dr Matthew Dornan, Deputy Director, DPC	