



PACIFIC SKILLS SUMMIT

Tues-Wed 25-26 June 2019

The University of the South Pacific, Laucala Campus, Suva, Fiji

INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABLE SKILLS FOR THE BLUE PACIFIC









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Program Schedule

TUESDAY 25 JUNE

0900-1000

Venue: Japan-Pacific
ICT Lecture Theatre

Opening Session

Welcome Address: Mr Winston Thompson, Pro-Chancellor of The University of the South Pacific

Keynote Address: His Excellency Baron Divavesi Waqa, President of the Republic of Nauru

Keynote Response: Ms Kaye Schofield, Australia Pacific Training Coalition Board Chair

Pacific people are the region's greatest resource. Their skills, knowledge, know-how, resilience and spirit of endeavor as key drivers of sustainable development. The Keynote Address will reflect on how we can mobilise to advance the skills base of the Pacific towards increased productivity and innovation; and towards greater investment in policy and action in skills development, recognising that it is the totality of all our efforts as the designers, builders and managers of our future, that will enable the realisation of a more sustainable and equitable Blue Pacific.

1000-1030

Morning Tea (Marquee, Japan-Pacific ICT Lecture Theatre)

1030-1200

PLENARY SESSION 1:

The Changing
Nature of Work

Venue:

Japan-Pacific ICT
Lecture Theatre

The Future of Work

Moderator: Ms Soli Middleby, Chief Executive Officer, Australia Pacific Training Coalition

Panelists: Ms Fantasha Lockington, Fiji Hotel & Tourism Association, Mr Terry Genet, NZ Productivity Commission; Ms Ninebeth Carandang, Asian Development Bank; Dr Frances Cresantia Koya-Vakauta, USP Oceania Centre for Arts and Culture

Global, regional and national labour markets are undergoing major transformations resulting from technological advancement, such as high speed mobile internet, artificial intelligence, big data and cloud technology. While there are opportunities for prosperity for the Pacific in this new world of work, it will also depend on the ability we have to transform our education, training and labour market systems. This Plenary will discuss the changing nature of work in the Pacific and the strategies we need to respond and adapt. It will be accompanied by a video created by USP's Oceania Centre on this shifting landscape.

1200-1330

**PLENARY
SESSION 2:**

The State of Skills
Development in
the Pacific

Venue:

Japan-Pacific ICT
Lecture Theatre

The State of Pacific Skills

Moderator: Dr Frances Cresantia Koya-Vakauta, USP Oceania Centre for Arts and Culture

Panelists: Hon. Jone Usamate, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management & Meteorological Services; Mr Krishneer Sen, Deaf Consultancy Pacific; Mr Iosefa Maiava, UNESCAP Pacific

Developing skills for achieving sustainable livelihoods in the region remains a work in progress, demanding new skills sets and labour needs, particularly as new industries/innovation continue to emerge. Deliberating on the state of skills development in the Pacific poses key questions relating to, the impact of technological change on the demand for and supply of skills, and the extent to which stakeholders ranging from policy makers through to training providers and industry have been able to respond. This session will explore the current state of skills development in the Pacific and what strategies we need to improve and thrive in the face of the changing nature of work.

1330-1430

Lunch (Marquee, Japan Pacific-ICT Lecture Theatre)

1430-1545

PARALLEL SESSION 1a:

Addressing Skills Gaps and Standards in the Pacific

Venue:

Australia Pacific Lecture Theatre 1

Skilling the Pacific: Addressing Gaps and Strengthening Standards

Moderator: Dr Michelle Belisle, Director, Educational Quality and Assessment Programme SPC

Panelists: Mr Wini Leka, Ministry of Education, Papua New Guinea; Dr Nikhat Shameem, Fiji Higher Education Commission; Mr David Lambukly, Vanuatu Qualifications Authority; Mr Ellis Sila, Vanuatu Skills Partnership;

A holistic approach to skills development begins with recognition that traditional and non-traditional skills applied within formal and non-formal spaces all contribute to sustainable and inclusive economic growth. Despite efforts to progress, skills shortages remain and are most pronounced in technical and vocational skill areas. This plenary will explore what is being done and what can be done to reduce skills gaps and improve the standard of training across the region.

1430-1545

PARALLEL SESSION 1b:

Gender Empowerment and Inclusiveness

Venue:

Japan-Pacific ICT Lecture Theatre

A Blue Pacific For All: Eliminating Barriers to Skills

Moderator: Associate Professor Yvonne Underhill-Sem, University of Auckland

Panelists: Ms Sarah Henry, TAFE Queensland; Ms Temalesi Lutu, Australia Pacific Training Coalition; Ms Gail Tamakam, Australia Pacific Training Coalition; Ms Doris Meliwane, Australia Pacific Training Coalition; Ms Theda Theo, Australia Pacific Training Coalition

The equal contribution of women and men in economic and societal transformation is critical. More than ever, societies cannot afford to miss out on the skills, ideas and perspectives of half of humanity to realise the promise of a more prosperous and human-centric future. There are many stories of Pacific women that need to be heard. Stories of women taking bold steps to overcome social, cultural and economic barriers to better equip themselves through quality skills training; and applying their skills to empower others. This session captures some of these stories in a panel discussion of female TVET trainers.

1545 - 1615

Afternoon Tea (Marquee, Japan-Pacific ICT Lecture Theatre / Australia Pacific Lecture Theatre)

1615-1745

**PLENARY
SESSION 3:**

Skills Sharing and
Development Across
the Pacific Regional
Labour Market

Venue:

Australia Pacific
Lecture Theatre 1

Pacific Skills for Emerging Regional Challenges

Moderator: Professor Pal Ahluwalia, The University of the South Pacific

Panelists: Professor Satish Chand, Centre for Global Development; Dr Alisi Kautoke-Holani, Ministry of Trade & Economic Development, Government of Tonga; Ms Danielle Heinecke, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Government

In the coming decades we will see substantial increases in the number of workers available within countries such as the fast growing populations of Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. Demographic projections show a significant number of new people entering the labour force by 2030 in several other Pacific Island Countries, as migration pressures also rise. More can be done, to better articulate and realise the direct and indirect net benefits labour mobility brings to both the Pacific as sending countries; and to Australia and New Zealand as receiving countries. This panel will consider how the Pacific is working together to meet their collective labour market challenges.

1745-1815

**DAY 1 CLOSING
PLENARY**

Venue:

Australia Pacific
Lecture Theatre 1

Rapporteur Summary of Key Messages

0900-1030

PLENARY SESSION 4:

Pacific Next Generation Skills

Venue:

Japan-Pacific ICT Lecture Theatre

Pacific 4.0: Next Generation Skills for the Blue Pacific

Moderator: Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Australia Pacific Training Coalition Board

Panelists: Mr John Pora, Blue 7Team The Event Agency; Dr Claire Nelson, Institute of Caribbean Studies; Ms Maureen Penjueli, Pacific Network on Globalisation

Pacific Island Countries are at the forefront of the impacts of changing trends and opportunities in global development and technological advancement. There are shifts such as, globalisation and advances in technology as well as new economic and environmental insecurities resulting from climate change. As such, development solutions are also rapidly changing. The impact of these changes on the next generation's employment and skills is a global debate and of pressing concern to Pacific policy makers. This panel will reflect on the Pacific's future and the next generation skills needed to see it reach its full potential.

1030-1100

Morning Tea (Marquee, Japan-Pacific ICT Lecture Theatre)

1100-1215

PARALLEL SESSION 2a:

Future Skills:
Next Generation
Entrepreneurship &
Leadership

Venue:

Australia Pacific
Lecture Theatre 1

Next Gen Pasifika: Entrepreneurship and Leadership for Skilled Region

Moderator: Jovesa Saladoka, Country Director for Fiji & Tuvalu, APTC

Panelists: Mr Avinit Narayan, Young Entrepreneur Council, Fiji; Ms Emele Duituturaga, Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations, Ms. Maria Ronna Luna Pastorizo-Sekiguchi, The Greenhouse Studio

Proficiency in new technologies is only one part of the skills equation. 'Human' skills such as creativity, originality and initiative, critical thinking, complex problem solving, persuasion and negotiation will increase in value as well personal attributes such as attention to detail, resilience, flexibility and complex problem solving and emotional intelligence. Young people also need the right entrepreneurship and leadership skills to establish and sustain new businesses, which may include mentoring, coaching and curriculum development targeting business development and operations.

1100-1215

PARALLEL SESSION 2b:

Future Skills: Blue
Entrepreneurship

Venue:

Australia Pacific
Lecture Theatre 3

Startups for Resilience: Towards a People-Centred, Entrepreneurship-Powered Pacific

Moderator: Mr Craig Strong, Ministry of Fisheries, Fijian Government

Panelists: Dr Transform Aqorau, Pacific Catalyst; Dr Christopher Bartlett, Australia-Pacific Climate Partnership; Ms Katerina Syngellakis, Global Green Growth Institute

The Blue Pacific comprises a range of diverse peoples and cultures demonstrating leadership toward strong regional ocean governance and sustainable management and conservation of the ocean and its resources. As the region confronts these challenges and opportunities, there are real prospects for Blue Entrepreneurship to develop and evolve. This panel will explore skills needed for the Pacific to adapt to its environmental challenges.

1215 - 1315

Lunch (Marquee, Japan Pacific-ICT Lecture Theatre)

1315-1445

PLENARY SESSION 5:

Future Skills: Digital

Venue:

Australia Pacific Lecture Theatre 3

Going Digital: Pacific Skills and Literacy for Thriving in a Digital World

Moderator: Ms Alisi Tuqa, Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation

Panelists: Ms Priscilla Kevin, PNG ICT Cluster; Mr Christopher Sampson, Digital Society Foundation, Mr Nashon Adero, Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg, Ms Charlotte Taylor, Digicel Fiji

Pacific Island Countries have placed importance on innovation and technology as social and environmental pressures emerge in key sectors of the economy; tourism, fisheries, forestry and agriculture. There is no doubt of the prospects digital technology brings for the Pacific. But are some being left behind? Do we have the right mix of skills in the Pacific to thrive and fully benefit and be aware of the pitfalls of the digital revolution?

1445-1515

Afternoon Tea (Marquee, Japan Pacific ICT Lecture Theatre)

1515-1645

A SPOTLIGHT ON INNOVATION

Venue:

Japan-Pacific ICT Lecture Theatre

Facilitator: Professor Pal Ahluwalia, The University of the South Pacific

Presenters: Ms Nelly Willy - Wok I Kik Digital Platform, Vanuatu; Madame Kym Yong - Director Edai Town, & Sir Moi Avei, Director Boera Holdings, Papua New Guinea; Ms Alice Bio - Kiribati Institute of Technology, Ms Jan Parry - PLAN International Australia; Mr Mohammed Moishin - TraSeable Solutions, Fiji

1645-1715

DAY 2 CLOSING PLENARY

Venue:

Japan-Pacific ICT Lecture Theatre

Rapporteur Summary of Key Messages

Skills demonstration linking interpretation; artistic forte; and technology to illustrate Skills Summit's key messages

- Honourable Taukelina Finekaso, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tuvalu: Summary key messages
- Honourable Charmaine Scotty, Minister for Education, Nauru: Actionable Recommendations
- Mr Tui Ledua: Kanalevu Animation & Illustration

1715-1745

Venue:

Japan-Pacific ICT
Lecture Theatre

Closing Address

Honourable Enele Sosene Sopoaga, Prime Minister of Tuvalu [Video],
His Excellency John Feakes, Australia High Commissioner to Fiji

As the Blue Pacific we have reaffirmed and reinforced our collective place within the global economy and geopolitical spheres of influence. We have drawn on our custodianship of the largest ocean resource our world offers, and on our moral authority to inspire the hearts, minds and decisions of the global community towards more resilient and sustainable development. Nevertheless, more needs to be done, and more needs to be invested in skills development and training to better equip ourselves and our young, to lay the right foundations for an inclusive, sustainable future.

1830-2100

Venue:

Marquee, Japan-Pacific
ICT Lecture Theatre

Pacific Skills Summit Closing Reception – FiaFia

Speaker Biography



His Excellency Baron Divavesi Waqa President of the Republic of Nauru

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Nauru, Baron Divavesi Waqa has been the Member of Parliament since 2003 and he has been elected to be the President of the Republic of Nauru in 2013 to present. He has a distinguished career with the Public Service since 1982 to 2003. He served as a Secretary for Education, Minister for Education/ Vocational Training and Youth Affairs, Minister for Public Works and Minister for RONTTEL.

He was awarded a Recipient of the Order of the Star of Italy in 2016 in recognition of special merits in the fight against climate change. He is happily married with 5 children.



Honourable Enele Sosene Sopoaga Prime Minister of Tuvalu

The Hon Enele Sosene Sopoaga is the Prime Minister of Tuvalu. Since becoming a Member of Parliament in 2010, Prime Minister Sopoaga was a Permanent Secretary for Communication, Transport and Tourism from 2009 – 2010, Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs, concurrently Tuvalu Ambassador to the Republic of China from 2007 – 2009, Multilateral Affairs and the United Nations – 2001 – 2007; – Tuvalu Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations; – Coordinators of Friends of the ROC in the UN; – AOSIS representative to the Bureau of the COPs 8,9,10,11 & 12 of the UNFCCC and Chief Negotiator on Climate Change; AOSIS Vice Chairman 2002 – 2006, AOSIS Chairman 2005 – 2006, AOSIS Representative to the Adaptation Fund Board 2007 – 2008.

Prime Minister Sopoaga also has professional skills in Extensive Foreign Policy Analytical and Application Skills, National Sectoral Planning Skills and Sustainable Development Experience. He also had Professional Training in – Positive Negotiations, Project Design and Management, Public Sector Reform, Foreign Policy Analysis, Public Policy Management from Canberra, Australia in 1988 – Climate Change, and Development, Harvard University Institute for International Development in 1999. He holds a Master of Arts in International Relation, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom.

He was born on the 10th February 1956.



Ms Kaye Schofield

Chair, Australia Pacific Training Coalition Board

Kaye is Chair of the Australia Pacific Training Coalition Board. She has worked in the Pacific since 1998 in many fields including tertiary education, media, law and justice and public sector reform. Leadership roles have included Inaugural Chair and Interim CEO of the Australian Water Partnership, Executive Chair & CEO, Australian Skills Quality Authority, and CEO, Department of Employment & TAFE, South Australia. In 2014 she was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for services to education and the community.



Mr Winston Thompson

Pro-Chancellor and Chair of Council, The University of the South Pacific

Mr. Winston Thompson is serving as the current Pro-Chancellor and Chair of the University of the South Pacific Council. He served for 9 years as Chair of the University Grants Committee from 2006 to 2015. He has a distinguished record of 38 years as a Fijian civil servant as Permanent Secretary for a number of ministries - Agriculture (1973 - 1978), Finance (1978 - 1983), Public Service (1983 - 1985; 1992 -1994), Tourism, Civil Aviation and Energy (1991 -1992). He served as Fiji's Ambassador to the United Nations (1985 - 1991) and later as Ambassador to the US and Mexico/High Commissioner to Canada (2009 - 2015). He also served for ten years as CEO of Telecom Fiji Ltd (1995 - 2005).



Ms Emele Duituturaga

Executive Director, Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO)

Emele Duituturaga is PIANGO's Executive Director commencing from 2009 to date. In this role, she has been instrumental in PIANGO's re-emergence as a regional and global civil society development actor. She was one of the founding Global Co-Chairs of the newly formed CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) based in the Philippines. She is also the Pacific representative on the Global Executive Council of the International Forum for National Platforms based in Paris. She has also been appointed as one of the 10 member Global Advisory Group for Bread for the World, based in Berlin.

Prior to joining PIANGO she was a Research Associate at the University of the South Pacific from 2007-2009 and the Fiji Government CEO from 2004 to 2007 for the ministry of Women, Social Welfare, Poverty Alleviation and Housing.

Emele is a gender and CSO expert, social policy analyst and a keen political observer with a wide and varied background in public sector management, social policy, community development, organisational development, research and training; gender and development, business administration and corporate management, development banking, with experiences in the public, private and civil society sectors. She has a Bachelor in Social Work, a Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Management and a Masters in Business Administration. She has completed first year towards a law degree. She is currently pursuing a second Masters degree – MA in Governance at the University of the South Pacific (Fiji).



His Excellency John Feakes

Australian High Commissioner to Fiji

His Excellency Mr John Feakes serves as the current Australian High Commissioner to Fiji. He is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and was most recently High Commissioner to Kenya. He has served overseas in Lebanon, Jordan, Afghanistan, Papua New Guinea and the United States.

In Canberra Mr Feakes has held a range of positions including Assistant Secretary, Policy Planning Branch and Assistant Secretary, Strategic Affairs Branch. Mr Feakes holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree from the University of New South Wales.



Professor Pal Ahluwalia

Vice Chancellor and President , The University of the South Pacific

Professor Ahluwalia has always had a deep interest in the complexities of identity formation, yet his own upbringing and professional career reflects a myriad of cultural influences. He was born in Kenya, schooled in Canada, received a Bachelor's degree and a Master of Arts from the University of Saskatchewan, and then completed his PhD at Flinders University in Adelaide. He was subsequently at Adelaide University for 14 years, finishing as Professor of the Politics Department, then Visiting Professor with the University of California Berkeley, and Professor with the Goldsmiths College at the University of London, where he was also Director of the Centre for Postcolonial Studies. Prior to commencing as Pro Vice Chancellor, at the University of South Australia Professor Ahluwalia was Research SA Chair and Professor of Post-Colonial Studies in the Hawke Research Institute and Director of the Centre for Post-Colonial Studies. At the same time, he was a Professor in the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California.

His main research interests lie in the areas of African studies, social and cultural theory, in particular, postcolonial theory and the processes of diaspora, exile, and migration. On 14 October 2008, Professor Ahluwalia was appointed a UNESCO Chair in Transnational Diasporas and Reconciliation Studies .From 2014-2018 he served as Pro Vice Chancellor Research and Innovation at the University of Portsmouth before being appointed as Vice Chancellor and President of the University of the South Pacific.



Ms Alisi Tuqa

Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO)

Alisi is the longest standing PIPSO staff member to date. Having joined the Secretariat in 2014 as a Programme Officer, she went on to head the IFAD CTA PIPSO - 'Promoting Nutritious Food Systems in the Pacific' project following its setup within PIPSO in Jan 2017. After acting in the position of CEO since July 2017, Alisi is now the CEO of PIPSO. Alisi brings with her over 10 years' experience in regional policy and planning, research and analytical work as well as lobbying and advocacy. She attained a Bachelor of Commerce in Industrial Relations from the University of Wollongong and a Foundations Certificate from the University of New South Wales in Australia.



Ms Soli Middleby

Chief Executive Officer, Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC)

Soli has worked in International Development for over 18 years, predominately in the Pacific Region. This has included 15 years with the Australian Government's aid program including four years in Papua New Guinea on a decentralised governance program and three years in Fiji as Australia's Regional Counsellor, managing over \$100m in regional development assistance to the Pacific. Most recently, Soli was Strategic Advisor on Partnerships to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Oceania Regional Office and a Pacific Partnership Manager to the International Centre for Democratic Partnerships. She is the co-director of Pasifik Nau, an online art gallery showcasing contemporary art from the Pacific Region (www.pasifiknau.com) and recently organised the first TEDx event to be held in a Pacific Island Country (www.tedxsuva.com). Soli is currently based in Fiji where she is the CEO of stage three of the Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC).



Honourable Jone Usamate

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management & Meteorological Services, Fiji Government

Honourable Jone Usamate serves as Fiji's Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management & Meteorological Services. He previously held the position of Chief Executive Office for the Training and Productivity Authority of Fiji (TPAF) and was the Director of Technical and Vocational Education and Training at the Fiji National University. He also served as the Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations as well as Health. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Administration and Economics as well as a Masters of Arts in Management from Southern Cross University.



Honourable Taukelina Finikaso

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade, Tourism, Environment and Labour, Tuvalu Government

Honourable Finikaso is currently serving as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade, Tourism, Environment and Labour in Tuvalu. He served as Crown Counsel at the Attorney General's Department as well as Permanent Secretaries in various Ministries. He also served as High Commissioner to Fiji. He has served as a politician since 2006. He was admitted to the Courts in Canberra, Australia in 1987. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Administration in 1981 and went on to successfully complete his Bachelors of Law (LLB) at the University of Tasmania, Australia. He subsequently completed his Masters in International Law in 2000 from Sydney University. He is married with four children.



Honourable Charmaine Scotty
Minister for Education, Health, Home Affairs & Land Management,
Nauru Government

Honourable Minister Charmaine Scotty is the second lady elected as Member of Parliament on the 11th June 2013 then was appointed a Cabinet Minister on the 13th of June the same year. Portfolios assigned to the honourable Minister are Home Affairs, Land Management and Education. Later was assigned to an additional portfolio of Health & Medical Services in early February 2016.

The honourable Minister Scotty's educational background was completed in Baradene College, Auckland NZ. Holds a Bachelor of Teaching from RMIT (Melbourne) Australia, earliest work history is teaching from primary to college level.

Minister Scotty was the former permanent Secretary of Health & Medical Services several years then became the permanent Secretary of Home Affairs till she got elected a respected Member of Parliament. She is married to Mr Francis Scotty with three (3) children, one (1) daughter Riverina and two (2) sons; Jake and Captain Scotty.



Sir Moi Avei,
Director, Boera Holdings, Papua New Guinea

Sir Moi is a senior Statesman and former politician. He holds a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Queensland, Australia. He was the Member for Parliament for the Kairuku Hiri Electorate for three terms from 1992 to 2007. He was Deputy Prime Minister from 2004 to 2006 and held various ministerial portfolios including Higher Education, National Planning, Bougainville Affairs and Petroleum and Energy. Sir Moi is Director of LABA (SPI) Logistics Limited, SPI Joint Venture Limited, and Managing Director of Hiri Consultancy Services, which provides political and policy advice to private sector companies. He is also Advisor to Digicel (PNG), Portion 11 (Management) Ltd, Pacific Energy Aviation Ltd and Laba Holdings Limited, an umbrella landowner company involved with the PNG LNG Project. He is the Chairman of a number of landowner companies including Boera Gadona Foundation Limited and Boera Holdings Limited.



Ms Fantasha Lockington

Chief Executive Officer, Fiji Hotel and Tourism Association (FHTA)

Fantasha Lockington joined FHTA as Chief Executive Officer in Jan 2017. Until her arrival at FHTA, she was the General Manager Customer Relations at the Housing Authority of Fiji for over 6 years responsible for loans, sales, products and service. She had previously worked with Air Pacific (now Fiji Airways) for over 20 years where she was the Manager Product Development and Marketing Services before moving to Blue Lagoon Cruises a subsidiary of Fijian Holdings Ltd as the Director Global Marketing. She brings over 30 years of tourism & service experience to her new position along with key insight of public sector and stakeholder relationships. She holds an MBA from the University of the South Pacific with Management & Marketing qualifications specific to the service and airline industry.



Mr Terry Genet

Principal Advisor, New Zealand Productivity Commission

Terry is a Principal Advisor at the New Zealand Productivity Commission – an Independent Crown Entity that provides advice to the Government on improving productivity in a way that lifts the wellbeing of New Zealanders. Terry is currently part of a small team that is working on an inquiry on technological change and the future of work.

Terry grew up in Christchurch New Zealand, was educated at the University of Canterbury, and holds a Master of Arts in Political Science.



Ms Ninebeth Carandang

Senior Social Development Specialist, Asian Development Bank

Ninebeth Carandang has over 10 years of work experience in the field of social development, poverty and gender in various countries in South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Currently, she is the Senior Social Development Specialist with the Asian Development Bank working across social sectors, particularly social protection, in the Pacific region. She is also involved in ensuring social safeguards compliance and grievance resolution of ADB-funded projects in the Pacific.



Dr Frances Cresantia Koya-Vaka'uta

**Director of the Oceania Centre for Arts, Culture and Pacific Studies,
The University of the South Pacific**

Dr Frances Cresantia Koya-Vaka'uta is the current Director of the Oceania Centre for Arts, Culture and Pacific Studies of the University of the South Pacific. Cresantia (Frances) Koya Vaka'uta is a senior lecturer in Education at the University of the South Pacific. She teaches in the areas of curriculum development and design, education in small-island developing states, culture/multiculturalism in education, and Pacific arts in education. Her doctoral thesis explored Pacific understandings of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) through an examination of Samoan and Tongan Heritage Arts. Research interests include Pacific island education, Pacific Island Arts, Art as a social learning tool; Protest Poetry, Pacific Research and Evaluation, Pacific indigenous research methodologies and Education for Sustainability in the islands. A poet and artist, she is interested in the potential role that the arts can play in formal and non-formal education with reference to issues of resilience, sustainability and crisis in the Pacific islands. In addition to over ten years of art engagement in Fiji and the wider Pacific, she held the position of Acting Director at the Oceania Centre for Arts, Culture and Pacific Studies at the University of the South Pacific (2009 – 2010) and was the Pacific island representative on the 2013 Commonwealth Short Story Prize panel of judges.



Mr Krishneer Sen

Deaf Consultancy Pacific

Krishneer Sen was born deaf and is native Fijian Sign Language user. He has worked as a Project Officer for Fiji Association of the Deaf and has volunteered in a variety of leadership settings in the Pacific Islands and abroad. His main objective is to improve the living standards of persons with Disabilities through Information Communication Technologies (ICT) and Human Rights Advocacy in the Pacific and around the world. He was also the UNICEF Pacific Ambassador from 2014-2016 which involved defending child rights to health, education, equity, protection and participation as well as encourage social change and national policies to comply with Convention of the Rights of the Child. He holds a Master of Arts in Human Rights from the University College in London as well as a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology from Gallaudet University and an Associate's degree in Information Technology from Unitec New Zealand.



Mr Iosefa Maiava

Head of Office, UN ESCAP Pacific

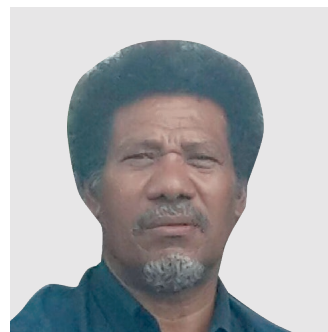
Mr. Maiava started work as the Head of ESCAP Pacific Office in November 2018. EPO is responsible for facilitating ESCAP's work in the Pacific implementing the 2030 Agenda and the SAMOA Pathway. Before joining ESCAP, Mr. Maiava worked as the Secretary for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade with the Government of the Republic of Nauru from 2007 to 2008 and as Deputy Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat from 1999 to 2007. He has a Bachelor Degree in Political Science and Administration from the University of Papua New Guinea and a Masters of Arts in International Relations from the Australian National University.



Dr Michelle Belisle

Director, Educational Quality and Assessment Programme (EQAP)

Dr Michelle Belisle currently serves as the Director of EQAP and is part of the Executive Management of The Pacific Community (SPC). Dr. Belisle is an experienced senior leader with a demonstrated history of working in the education management and development. Skilled in Team Building, Facilitation, Administration, Management, and M&E. Strong quality assurance professional with a PhD focused in Education Curriculum and Assessment from University of Regina.



Mr Wini Leka

**Deputy Secretary, Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)
UNESCO Directorate**

Wini Leka is currently Papua New Guinea's Deputy Secretary TVET and UNESCO Directorate and has worked to enhance the leadership and management skills in Papua New Guinea's TVET sector. He was instrumental in the launching of the TVET Leadership Development Program with Australian High Commissioner in PNG.



Dr Nikhat Shameem

Interim Director, Fiji Higher Education Commission (FHEC)

Dr Shameem is an experienced Global Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the non-profit organization management industry. She is skilled in International Relations, Analytical Skills, Communication, Facilitation and Fundraising. Dr Shameem is a strong human resources professional with a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) focused in Applied Linguistics from Victoria University of Wellington. She currently serves as FHEC's Interim Director and was previously its Deputy Director. She has held roles as the Chief Education – UNICEF Sudan, Manager- Global Partnership for Education in Zimbabwe as well as Manager Girls Education Project in Nigeria. She was also an academic at Newcastle upon Tyne University and Manager Teacher Education at UNITEC, New Zealand.



Mr David Lambukly

Chief Executive Officer, Vanuatu Qualifications Authority

Mr. David Lambukly, was educated in schools and high schools in Vanuatu. He undertook his University studies in Fiji and Australia. He has had short – term professional training in Italy and Malaysia. He is the Chief Executive Officer of the Vanuatu Qualifications Authority and has served in this position for more than fifteen years. He attended and made presentations on various skills development and employment workshop organized by international organizations.

David has great experiences in skills development in Vanuatu and chaired and led the development of the first National Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Policy for Vanuatu. As the CEO of the VQA, he led the development of quality assurance system and national qualifications Framework for Post – School Education and Training Sector in Vanuatu. He was part of the working team that developed the Transnational Qualifications Framework of the commonwealth and also part of the consultations of the Pacific Qualifications Framework. David's interest is also in the financing of higher education and he was part of the team of Pacific researchers who research the Funding Model for Higher Education in the Pacific coordinate by the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Facility.



Associate Professor Yvonne Underhill-Sem
University of Auckland

Associate Professor Yvonne Underhill-Sem is a Professor of Gender and Development at the University of Auckland. Her areas of expertise are on gender and development critical population geographies, feminist political ecology, Pacific development and progressive social movements. She serves as a Co-chair Advisory Research Group, Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development as well as being a member of International Geography union, Gender and Geography Commission and a Fulbright Campus Advisor (Maori/Pacific) since 2014.



Ms Sarah Henry
Tutor in Carpentry, TAFE Queensland

Sarah grew up in a typical traditional Australian family, Dad a Tradesperson and Mum a teacher. Sarah however, has always been strong minded and combined both worlds. She has been in the building game for over 14 years having achieved both her Carpentry qualification and her builder's license. Prior to this, Sarah took the more traditional path and qualified as a teacher. So it is within this space that Sarah has combined passions, educating the interested and building the future.



Ms Temalesi Lutu
Hospitality Trainer, Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC)

Ms. Lutu is APTC's first Pacific Island female trainer. She has been delivering Australian hospitality qualifications to Pacific Islanders across the region for the last 6 years and is passionate about the role that quality technical and vocational education (TVET) and training can play in the empowerment of young women. She has recently been training in the Solomon Islands at the certificate 2 level. She is an exceptionally dynamic and passionate speaker and tells an amazing story of how TVET can play a transformational role in young women's lives—developing not only technical and vocational skills but soft skills, employability skills, and language, literacy, and numeracy skills that really changes lives. Her work experience spans the Pacific and beyond, including Samoa, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Fiji, as well as Australia, the US, and Sri Lanka. Having joined APTC in 2014, Ms. Lutu's role as a national trainer in hospitality has included liaising with industries to meet training plans, mentoring staff at other APTC campuses in the region, and organizing, planning, and preparing training resources.



Ms Gail Tamakam
Carpentry Trainer, Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC)

Gail is the current Carpentry Trainer at the Vanuatu, APTC campus. She has been working in the Building and Construction industry for at least 20 years. Gail has attended the Fiji University of Technology in 2002 and completed Certificate III in Wall and Floor Tiling in 2013 at APTC. In addition, Gail also completed the Certificate III in Carpentry in 2016, again as a graduate of APTC. She has actively participated in the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector for over 10 years and is passionate about training in the construction industry. Gail also enjoys being a Mother to her four children and shares a happy life with her husband, family and friends.



Ms Doris Meliwane
Automotive Trainer, Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC)

Ms Meliwane is PNG's first female Automotive student for APTC. She is an Automotive Technician by Trade since 2005 after graduating from Mt Hagen Technical College in 2000, upon completing her Apprenticeship. Ms Meliwane worked from 2005-2012 as Trades Person, Team leader, workshop controller and workshop supervisor. She is also a member of the group Meri Tradies, which she established to encourage women and girls to join the trade as PNG has about 0.5% of women in trade. It has 169 active members and is part of the International Women in Trades. She strongly believes in taking every day as a learning step and enjoys working with adult learners and imparting her skills and knowledge. She also supports men and women working alongside each other in developing PNG and upskill their skills and knowledge.



Ms Theda Theo
Training Coordinator Fabrication and Welding, Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC)

Theda Theo is a Training Coordinator with APTC. She completed TVET College in 2002, attained a Technical Trade Certificate, and thereafter undertook her apprenticeship training for the next 5 years. She spent another 6 years in working in the Welding and Fabrication industry. In 2009, she obtained an Australian qualification in Engineering through TAFE Queensland. Between 2012 to 2013 she was a student with APTC enrolled in Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade and was employed thereafter by APTC in 2013 as a Fabrication Tutor. In 2015, she became the National Trainer in Metal Fabrication. Subsequently, in 2017 she gained Certification in International Skills Training. Ms Theo has trained students across the Pacific in Welding and Fabrication for four years and in 2019 became the Training Coordinator for Fabrication and Welding.



Professor Satish Chand

Professor of Finance, School of Business, University of New South Wales

Professor Satish Chand is currently the Professor of Finance in the School of Business at the University of New South Wales and based at the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra. His areas of expertise include aid effectiveness, fiscal fragility, economic growth, international trade, and labor mobility. He was a professor at the Crawford School of Economics and Government at the Australian National University (ANU). Before joining ANU, Chand worked for the Australian Commonwealth Treasury and the Australian Taxation Office. Chand has consulted for the Asian Development Bank, the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), The World Bank, and the governments of Fiji, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Marshall Islands, and Vanuatu. Chand is the author, co-author, and editor of numerous publications. His publications include: "Train and trap to trap and trash", *The Lancet* Volume 371, page 1576; "Skilled migration and brain drain", *Bank of Valetta Review*, 38: 1-7; and, "Land tenure and productivity: farm level evidence from PNG", *Land Economics* 85(3) 442-53.



Dr. Alisi Kautoke-Holani

Deputy CEO, Ministry of Trade and Economic Development in Tonga

Dr. Alisi Kautoke-Holani is the Deputy CEO of the Ministry of Trade & Economic Development in Tonga. Her PhD research was on the role of the PACER Plus and the Seasonal Worker Program in enhancing the economic development impact of labour mobility in Pacific sending countries. She has led the development of Tonga's Labour Mobility Policy and 5-Year Action Plan and has been involved in labour mobility negotiations and discussions in Tonga, as well as in the region.



Dr Tuiloma Neroni Slade

Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC) Board Member

Dr Tuiloma Neroni Slade is presently a Board Member of the Australian Pacific Training Coalition (APTC). A former Judge of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, he was Samoa's Ambassador to the United Nations, and to the United States and Canada. He held office as Attorney-General of Samoa, and served in the Legal Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London. Dr Tuiloma Neroni Slade had served as Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in Suva from 2008 until 2014.



Ms Danielle Heinecke

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia

Danielle Heinecke is the Assistant Secretary, Pacific Labour Mobility and Economic Growth Branch, Office of the Pacific, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia. Danielle has two decades of experience in leading policy and program delivery in international development. She has served in overseas roles in Timor-Leste, Indonesia and PNG. Danielle was a graduate at AusAID in 2000, and prior to that worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers and holds a Bachelor of Commerce, Masters of International Relations and a Masters of Economics.



Mr John Pora

General Manager, Blue7Team Events

John Pora is the General Manager of Blue7Team Events & Productions in Papua New Guinea. He was previously the Executive Director for Interactively Marketing I.T Ltd (I.M.I.T) a marketing based company that offered communication and strategic solutions to the information technology industry in Papua New Guinea. He also served as a Board representative of the International Education Agency of Papua New Guinea where he represented Regional Primary School board support in Mt. Hagen, Kimbe, Rabaul and Alotau. His skills are in marketing, management and project planning.



Dr Claire Nelson

Founder and President, Institute of Caribbean Studies

Dr Claire Nelson is the Founder and President of the Institute of Caribbean Studies. She is the first Jamaican woman to earn a Doctorate degree in an engineering discipline. She holds Industrial Engineering Degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo, Purdue University and a Doctorate in Engineering Management from George Washington University. She is described as a Futurist, Sustainability Engineer, Social Entrepreneur and a Storyteller. Dr. Nelson has been a frontrunner in the challenge of placing the topic of social exclusion and diversity on the agenda of the multilateral development assistance institutions. She is also Ideation Leader of the Futures Forum and Sagient Future LLC, which provides strategic foresight and development futures consulting practice.



Ms Maureen Penjueli

Coordinator, Pacific Network on Globalisation

Maureen Penjueli is the current Coordinator of the Pacific Network on Globalisation (PANG) and she has held this position for the past 11 years. She was previously the Director of Greenpeace Australia Pacific and the Advocacy and Communication Advisor for Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International (FSPI). She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from Griffith University, Australia. PANG was founded after a regional conference on trade, globalization, investment and debt in Fiji in 2001 to challenge the onslaught of mining and extractive industries and neoliberal agendas seeping in the region.



Ms. Maria Ronna Luna Pastorizo-Sekiguchi

**Founder, and Creative and Innovation Director of
The Greenhouse Studio**

Maria Ronna Luna Pastorizo-Sekiguchi is the Founder, and Creative and Innovation Director of The Greenhouse Studio, a multidisciplinary creative design and communications studio based in Fiji that was started with the philosophy that finding creative solutions can inspire real change in the world.

Ronna received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Organisational Communications from De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines with honours in 2000. She won the Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award for the 2018 Fiji Development Bank National SME Awards. Her winning COP23 logo design was featured globally for the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2017 through to 2018. Ronna has also participated in a number of programs including the 2016 Global Ambassador Program - a Vital Voices and Bank of America partnership, and the East-West Centre's Changing Faces Leadership Seminar: Women as Innovators and Entrepreneurs held in Hawai'i in 2014. She is currently a Fellow at the Vital Voices 2019 VVGROW Fellowship Program, a leading one-year global accelerator for women entrepreneurs. In addition, Ronna is passionate about empowering women and girls through education and is the Vice-President Membership of Graduate Women (Fiji).



Mr Avinit Narayan
Chair, Young Entrepreneurs Council Fiji

Mr Avinit Narayan is a young entrepreneur and founder of Suva based Enterprising Pacific Consultancy (EPC). In addition, he has a start-up PNG (mobile App) and manages a family heavily machinery and water carting company in Fiji. Mr Narayan has, also experience in grass roots entrepreneurship development, working with NGO's such as Save the Children Fiji, Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprise & Development (FRIEND) and Youth Challenge Vanuatu (YCV). He completed his high school at International Secondary School (Fiji) where he was introduced to and started his entrepreneurship ambitions and has a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of the South Pacific and has completed his Training of Trainers (ToT).

Mr Narayan's highlight has been the establishment of 6 Young Entrepreneurs Councils (YEC) under the national private sector organisations in the Pacific and is passionate about improving the youth entrepreneurial eco-system. He is the Chairperson of the Fiji Young Entrepreneurs Council (YEC) Under the Fiji Commerce & Employers Federation (FCEF).



Mr Ellis Silas
Manager, Malampa Skills Centre Norsup, Malekula

Ellis Silas has worked in the field of PSET Skills Sector providing provincial coordination support within the Provincial Skills Centre under Ministry of Education and Training (Tertiary Higher Education -TVET unit) and Provincial Government Training Board under Vanuatu Qualifications Authority. Ellis attained a Diploma in Communications in Business and Management and a Diploma in Modern Management and Administration with the Cambridge Internal College.



Mr Craig Strong
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, Fijian Government

Mr Craig Strong is the current Permanent Secretary for Fisheries in Fiji. He was previously the Chief Executive Office of Pacific Cooperation Foundation, a New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs NGO leading economic and social development work in the Pacific. Mr Strong was a Board member of the Fiji PNG Business Council, Fiji Commerce and Employers Federation and Fiji Australia Business Council. He was the President of the Fiji New Zealand Business Council and the Chairman of the Fiji Exports Council. He has a Bachelor of Business Studies, Marketing and Business Law from Massey University. His areas of expertise include strategic planning and operations management.



Dr Transform Aqorau
Pacific Catalyst

Dr. Transform Aqorau is the former Chief Executive Officer of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement in Majuro, Marshall Islands. He is a board member of the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF). Dr. Aqorau previously worked for the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency as Legal Counsel and Deputy Director. He was also Legal Advisor to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and Legal Adviser and Deputy Secretary in the Solomon Islands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Aqorau has authored various journal, magazine and newspaper articles on regional fisheries and delivered papers and addresses at international seminars and conferences spanning more than 20 years. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Papua New Guinea, a Masters of Law from the University of British Columbia in Canada and received his Doctor of Philosophy in Law from the University of Wollongong in Australia.



Dr Christopher Bartlett
Australia Pacific Climate Partnership

Dr. Bartlett has been living and working in the Pacific since 2002, currently as Knowledge Manager for the Australia-Pacific Climate Partnership. His extensive work with communities, civil society, private sector and governments in the Pacific have shaped his current action research interests. These include innovative and science-based solutions and strategies for change in the Pacific, including climate change. After his PhD at James Cook University, he joined Nobel Laureate Elinor Ostrom's lab at Indiana University to investigate the emergence of networks of community-based MPAs and traditional taboos. Dr. Bartlett is based in Port Vila, Vanuatu.



Ms Katerina Syngellakis
Pacific Regional Representative, Global Green Growth Institute

Katerina Syngellakis is the Pacific Regional Representative for GGGI based in Suva, Fiji. Katerina has Masters degrees in Mechanical Engineering, Energy Management and Sustainable Development and has worked on sustainable energy and climate change programmes and projects for over 16 years. Recent work in the Pacific includes support to set-up the National Green Energy Fund in Vanuatu, solar energy feasibility studies, green entrepreneurship workshops and guidelines and assisting in the preparation of the Low Emissions Development Strategy for Fiji.



Mr Nashon Adero
Geospatial Engineer and Lecturer, Taita Taveta University (Kenya)

Geospatial engineer and lecturer at Taita Taveta University (Kenya) with experience in academia, industry, and public service (former policy analyst at KIPPRA, a leading public policy think tank). Embracing quality education and digital skills for borderless impact, he shapes development policy dialogue through research communication and panel discussions. He's a former Secretary-General of the Network of Africans Freiberg, promoting internationalisation as part of Germany's higher education agenda. He's also a member of System Dynamics Society, FORCE11, and Elsevier Researcher Academy.



Ms Priscilla Kevin

Tech Entrepreneur and Founder, In4net PNG

Priscilla has had over 15 years experience in ICT and Business and graduated with a merit in her Computer Science Bachelor's Degree. Priscilla is the tech entrepreneur founder of In4net a PNG Tech firm that specialises in enterprise resource planning, ICT advisory consulting and project management. Priscilla is a council/board member for the following institutes: Institute of National Affairs (INA) Council, Science and Engineering Industrial Advisory Board Unitech, PNG Computer Society, Pacific Internet Chapter ISO, PNG Internet Exchange Point (IXP) Association charter, PNG USA Alumni, PNG Think Tank Group Inc. In 2018, Priscilla won the Westpac Outstanding Women (WOW) - Steamships Not for Profit 'Digital ICT Cluster' award.



Ms Charlotte Taylor

Head of Consumer, Digicel Fiji

Charlotte Taylor is Head of Consumer at Digicel Fiji, overseeing multiple business lines; the Internet Service Provider: Unwired Fiji, the Television Business: Sky Pacific and the Prepaid Mobile business for Digicel. She joined Digicel Fiji in 2012 and has been with the business for 7 years. Her years of service in the telecommunications industry is backed with over 9 years of hospitality and management experience both in Fiji and across Australia.

Charlotte Taylor manages the direction strategy of the consumer segments of the business for Digicel, facilitating company activity in consulting, sales, marketing, alliances and channel development, and support. She is also responsible for sharing Fiji's strategy and vision with stakeholders. She ultimately leads a successful team in efforts to streamline operations, strengthen the product line, and drive growth.



Mr Chris Sampson
ICT Consultant and Strategist

Chris Sampson is an experienced ICT consultant and strategist that has held ICT Strategy, Chief Information Officer and Senior Executive roles. He is a knowledge management specialist that has taken advisory roles to Governments on ICT. He is an Associate with the Institute of Sustainable Futures, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia. An Honorary Adjunct Professor of Computing and Information Systems with the University of Tasmania. He is an Associate with Shoal Engineering Pty Ltd and a Board Member for Regional Development Australia. He specialises in ICT Strategy, Knowledge Management, Enterprise Architecture, Systems Thinking, Design Thinking, Commercialisation and Public Sector Design.



Ms Nelly Willy
Executive Director, Youth Challenge Vanuatu

Nelly Willy is the Executive Director of Youth Challenge Vanuatu (YCV) a not-for-profit organisation which runs Wok i Kik, a digital platform that connects job seekers looking for work in Vanuatu with a wide range of local vacancies. The organisation has been working on youth leadership, livelihoods since 2001 and offers young people employment, and enterprise training courses. Aimed at those without school qualifications, training include life skills, internships and counselling that assists in the pathway into employment, enterprise or further study. Ms Willy was part of the Pacific Leadership Program representing Vanuatu.



Ms Kym Yong
(FCCA, R.A.M) Director, EDAI Town Development Ltd

Kym is a Chartered Accountant with extensive experience in finance, information technology, construction, and project management. Kym introduced a public private partnership for Upgrading of Port Moresby Water Supply, harnessing private sector funds for upgrading the city's aged water system. Kym is one of the drivers of EDAI Town, a 155 hectare satellite township that can house 10,000 Papua New Guineans in a safe community neighbourhood and develop a sustainable economic environment for business and local employment opportunities.



Ms Jan Parry

International Programs Manager, Plan International Australia

Jan Parry is the International Programs Manager at Plan International Australia. Jan oversees the implementation of a diverse portfolio of programs primarily in the Asia and Pacific regions, including programs in the area of 'Skills and Opportunities for Youth Employment and Entrepreneurship'. In particular, Jan has supported the development of a digital 'Youth Economic Solutions' (YES) platform which provides youth with gamified learning in soft skills and work readiness in their local language, intended to complement face-to-face vocational training.



Mr Mohammed Moishin

Software Developer, TraSeable Solutions

Mr Mohammed Moishin is currently working as a Software Developer at TraSeable Solutions and has a keen interest in programming continuously learning and producing innovative solutions. He is a Blockchain enthusiast and a blogger. He has a Bachelor's degree in Software Engineering from the University of the South Pacific.



Ms Aireaki Alice Bio
English Lecturer, Kiribati Institute of Technology

Aireaki Alice Bio joined the Kiribati Institute of Technology (KIT) in early 2018 as an English Lecturer. Alice holds a Diploma in Primary Teaching from Kiribati Teachers College, Certificates in Pastoral and Religious Studies from Kiribati Pastoral Institute (KPI) and a Certificate in TESOL (Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages). Becoming a teacher was her passion, and Alice was a primary school teacher for 13 years prior to joining KIT. Alice mostly works in the Bridging program, which she finds incredibly rewarding and extremely interesting; bringing opportunity to those who were left behind or did not quite fit into a traditional education system. She is happy to be part of the program as it provides the chance to share and learn from young people who have a lot of potential to offer to their community, their country and other countries.



Mr Tui Ledua
Creative Director, Kanalevu Animation and Illustration

Tui Ledua is a Freelance Illustrator and Animator and is the Creative Director at Kanalevu Animation and Illustration. Kanalevu Animation and Illustration creates Pacific based animation and illustration, comics and cartoons traditionally and digitally. He is a skilled Graphic Designer and a proficient user of Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. His passion is using his skills to help people tell their stories and finds it an ideal medium for getting across complex, sensitive and at times embarrassing messages.



Event App

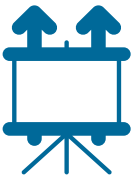
We have an event app for the Summit for you to use, which will enable you to select your own program, network and interact with other attendees, view building maps, and see organiser announcements. The app is free to download and easy to use. Visit the Apple Store (iPhone) or App Store (Android), download Whova, and then use the code **PacificSkills2019** to access the Pacific Skills Summit.



Onsite Conference Registration

On arrival at the conference, you will receive an event lanyard and participant pack. Please wear your lanyard at all times while at the Summit.

Please arrive early to give yourself sufficient time to collect your lanyard. If you are in Suva on Monday 24 June, you will be able to collect your lanyard between 11am and 6pm. The registration desk will be open from 7.30am to 11am on Tuesday morning - please note that this may affect your ability to enter the Opening session on time.



Parallel Session Registration

There are 4 x Parallel sessions at the Pacific Skills Summit, you can register for the session that you would like to attend via the Whova app or register on the day of the session (at least 30mins before the session begins) at the registration desk outside of the session venue that you are interested in attending.



Venue

The inaugural Pacific Skills Summit will take place at The University of the South Pacific, Laucala Campus, Suva, Fiji.

The University of the South Pacific is located along Laucala Bay Road and is 5mins from Suva City, taxi fare to Suva can range from FJ4-6.



Parking

Refer to venue map to identify parking areas. The allocated VIP parking area will require VIP vehicle passes.



Computers and WiFi Access

Free wifi will be provided for all participants throughout the Summit. Please collect your wifi passwords when you register at the information booth.

There are several PCs that the Summit attendees can use and access between 8am-5pm daily at ITS Lab 5 and ITS Lab 6. The labs are in the building opposite the Australia Pacific Lecture theatres (refer to summit map for directions).



Meals and Refreshments

Conference registration includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. To enable efficient access to catering areas, which can become crowded, please move to one of the outdoor or indoor seating areas or tents to enjoy your meals.

All meals will be at the Marquee, Japan Pacific-ICT Lecture Theatre except for afternoon tea on Day 1 (Tuesday 25th June) as there will be an additional tent outside the Australia- Pacific Lecture Theatres.



Country Code

Fiji's country code is +679



Health Concerns

If you are not feeling well or require medical assistance, we have the St John's ambulance team that will be on standby for the duration of the Summit, please refer to the venue map to see where the team will be located.



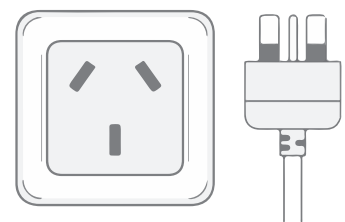
Money and Banking

Refer to venue map to locate the Westpac bank branch that is located on campus.



Electricity

The current in Fiji is **240 volts AC 50Hz with three-pin power points** - the same as in Australia and New Zealand. Leading hotels and resorts offer universal outlets for 240v or 110v appliances, or 110V adapters.



Weather

The average minimum temperature in Suva in June is 19.0°C (66.2°F). The amount of rain in June is normal with an average of 62mm (2.4in). The average maximum temperature lies around 29.0°C (84.2°F). With a water temperature of around 26.0°C (78.8°F).

The weather can be warm/hot. Visitors traveling to Suva should plan on bringing a totally waterproof rain jacket since it will be raining some days.



Don't Miss!

There will be a limited number of information stalls available at the Summit. If you have materials about your session (as a speaker or moderator) or your organisation (as an attendee) that you would like to share with Summit participants, please email media@aptc.edu.au with the subject line INFORMATION STALLS to arrange placement of your materials.



Livestreaming and Sharing

You will be able to view and share Summit discussions via our livestream, stay tuned to our event app for links to the livestreaming. You can also download sharegraphics for your use on social media about the Summit via the event app. We encourage you to engage in discussions and spread the word about the event by using the hashtag **#PacificSkills2019**.



Getting Around

Public transportation is easily accessible at the front entrance and exit of the Summit venue and hotels. We encourage you to read the information below:



Taxis

Taxis are readily available in Suva however we have listed a few trusted companies that you can call as an additional reference:

Angel Taxis - 9283222

VIP Taxis - 3386144

Piccadilly Taxis - 330 4302



Buses

For buses in Fiji you will need to purchase disposable bus tickets from Vodafone shops.

Important Numbers



Police: 917



Ambulance/Fire: 911



Colonial War Memorial Hospital

Waimanu Road, Suva

331 3444

MIOT Pacific Hospitals

120 Amy St Toorak, Suva

330 3404

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GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Nauru is a Pacific large ocean state north-east of Australia, situated 42 kilometres south of the equator. The people of Nauru are comprised of 12 tribes, as symbolised by the 12-pointed star on the Nauru flag and are believed to be a mixture of Micronesian, Polynesian and Melanesian descent.

His Excellency Baron Divavesi Waqa, the President of Nauru, founded and launched the Pacific Skills Partnership in his capacity as Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum at the 49th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in Nauru in 2018. The President initiated the Partnership in collaboration with the Australian-funded Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC) and The University of the South Pacific (USP).

Present at the launch and joining President Waqa as founding signatories, were Vice-Chancellor and President of The University of the South Pacific, Professor Rajesh Chandra; Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Honourable Marise Payne; Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation member and President of Fiji Commerce and Employers Federation, Mr Sandeep Chauhan; and Vice-Chair of Pacific Islands Association of NGOs, Mr Keu Mataroa.



THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA

Australia is the largest Country in the Pacific Island Forum. It is committed to a more ambitious and intensified engagement in the Pacific to support a more resilient region through stronger partnerships for economic growth, stronger partnerships for security and stronger relationships between our people.

Australia supports the Pacific to improve education system performance and ensure that Pacific Islander men, women, boys and girls can develop the skills they need to lead a productive life, promoting economic growth and enabling mobility of skills and qualifications.

Australia is a founding signatory of the Pacific Skills Partnership, of which the Pacific Skills Summit is a key deliverable, and is committed to helping achieve its goals. Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Honourable Marise Payne, signed the partnership an important step towards a stronger Pacific and a more coordinated and scaled up effort to secure the skills for a sustainable and prosperous future.



AUSTRALIA PACIFIC TRAINING COALITION

The Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC) is a centre for training excellence and collaboration. APTC assists Pacific Island citizens to gain Australian standard skills and qualifications for a wide range of vocational career aspirations throughout the Pacific, and we work with the region's industry and training providers to meet the Pacific's training needs.

Supported by the Australian Government and managed by TAFE Queensland (RT00275), APTC continues to deliver 1,200 internationally recognised qualifications every year. Established in 2007 after being announced to Pacific Islands Forum leaders the previous year (it was then the Australia-Pacific Technical College), APTC is using over 10 years of experience to improve technical and vocational education and training (TVET) across the board. Now in its third stage, APTC supports Pacific Island citizens to develop critical skills necessary for them to access economic opportunity through employment and entrepreneurship.



In collaboration with The University of the South Pacific (USP), APTC is supporting the Government of Nauru in the implementation of the Pacific Skills Partnership (of which the Pacific Skills Summit is a key deliverable), joined by founding signatories including the Governments of Nauru and Australia, the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO) and the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO).

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

The University of the South Pacific is the premier institution of higher learning for the Pacific region, uniquely placed in a region of extraordinary physical, social and economic diversity.

Established in 1968, USP is one of only two universities of its type in the world. It is jointly owned by the governments of 12 member countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Samoa. The University has campuses in all member countries. The main campus, Laucala, is in Fiji. The Alafua Campus in Samoa is where the School of Agriculture and Food Technology is situated, and the Emalus Campus in Vanuatu is the location for the School of Law.

As part of USP, Pacific Technical and Further Education (Pacific TAFE) is a strategically amalgamated and integrated learning and teaching section, which offers high quality Skills Based Qualifications (SBQ's), Foundation, and Preliminary studies. The programmes provide employment opportunities at entry and para professional levels, pathways for higher studies at USP where approved, and career advancement for working people.

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PIANGO

PACIFIC ISLANDS ASSOCIATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

For a little over 25 years, the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Organisation (PIANGO) served the Pacific through strengthening and building the capacity of the civil society sector. This is through giving the sector a voice to policy formulation and development and strengthening National Liaison Unit (NLU) or the umbrella organisations in the 23 member countries of the Pacific.

PIANGO is the major regional non-governmental organisation with membership at the National level in this case in the 23 Countries and territories of the Pacific Islands. With its membership network spread across the biggest ocean of the world, this has brought many challenges including the high cost of transportation, limited accessibility to communication systems, and the weak interest by in development partners to support civil society work both at national and regional level, it further demonstrates the lack of understanding of the role and contribution of civil society to extend and make services accessible to the poor and marginalised sector of our society.

PIANGO is a founding signatory of the Pacific Skills Partnership, of which the Pacific Skills Summit is a key deliverable.



PIPSO
Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation

PACIFIC ISLANDS PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATION

The Pacific Islands Private Sector Organization (PIPSO) is the premier private sector representative body in the Pacific Islands region. It was set-up through the mandate of the Forum Economic Ministers in 2005 to be the representative body of the Pacific region's private sector and to ensure dialogue between public and private sectors for strengthening regional policy making.

With the vision of 'Promoting and inspiring the growth of Pacific businesses', PIPSO is the premier private sector representative body in the Pacific Islands region.

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