

# THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON GOVERNANCE

## Pacific Youth Spotighting Anti-Corruption in Climate Change and Gender Equality

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## PROGRAM

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

- Arrival of High-level speakers, VIPS, participants and delegates at Grand Millennium/ Auckland New Zealand.

6.30 pm	At Grand Millennium Auckland, Tasman Ballroom	Welcoming and Networking Cocktail with light refreshments for all participants
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### DAY 1 – Thursday 11 May (Grand Millennium- Tasman Ballroom)

TIME	ACTIVITY
8.30am – 9.00am	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
9.00am – 10.00am	<b>OFFICIAL OPENING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arrival of Hon. Nanaia Mahuta, New Zealand's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Disarmament and Arms Control and Associate Minister for Māori Development</li> <li>- Garlanding ceremony</li> <li>- Welcome address by the USP Vice-Chancellor &amp; President, Prof. Pal Ahluwalia</li> <li>- Welcoming Performance by Anuanua Performing Arts Troupe</li> <li>- Address by Hon. Nanaia Mahuta, New Zealand's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Disarmament and Arms Control and Associate Minister for Māori Development</li> <li>- Address by Mr. Stephen Cartwright, Consul General, British Consulate Auckland.</li> <li>- Address by UNDP Pacific in Fiji Deputy Resident Representative, Ms. Yemesrach Workie</li> <li>- Address by the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum, Mr. Henry Puna</li> <li>- Address by the Pacific Youth Advisory Board, Ms. Belyndar Rikimani</li> </ul>



	- Pacific Performance by URA TABU
10 am – 10.15am	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
10.15am – 11.15am	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION</b></p> <p>The corruption and climate change: challenges and opportunities for the Blue Pacific</p> <p>Setting the Scene: <b>Hon. Simon Kofe</b>, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Justice and Communications, Tuvalu.</p> <p>The plenary will outline how anti-corruption and effective climate change responses are related and explore the synergies that can be developed and exploited to address these issues holistically. The session will also highlight the seriousness of climate change related events and its impact on Pacific communities.</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> <b>David Vaeafe</b>, Executive Director at Pacific Cooperation Foundation</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ H.E Jimmy Nippo, Vanuatu’s High Commissioner to New Zealand (TBC)</li> <li>▪ Professor Elisabeth Holland, Professor of Ocean and Climate Change and the Director of the Pacific Center for Environment and Sustainable Development (PaCE-SD), USP</li> <li>▪ Mr. Anga Timilsina, UNDP Global Anti-Corruption Adviser, Oslo Governance Centre</li> <li>▪ Ms. Salanieta Kitoleilei, Indigenous Fijian Doctoral candidate at the University the South Pacific</li> <li>▪ Ms. Belyndar Rikimani, Climate Youth Activist from the Solomon Islands, Ambassador of One Young World</li> </ul>
11.15 am – 12 noon	<p><b>Climate Action Dialogue with Pacific Youths: Efforts and Challenges</b></p> <p>Dialogue with Pacific youth: Will corruption break climate change response efforts and what can be done by youth?</p> <p><b>Setting the scene: Remarks by H.E Mr. Eliam Tangirongo</b> High Commissioner of the Solomon Islands to New Zealand</p> <p>Where we are and what Pacific youth can do to help address the risks associated with climate finance in the Pacific and propose solutions for corruption-free climate change responses in the Pacific.</p>



	<p><b>Co-chairs:</b> <b>Mr. Aholotu Palu</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Company and <b>Ms. Minnie Kalo Voi</b>, Youth Activist and Advocate - PNG/Cook Islands</p>
1.00pm – 2.00pm	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
2.00pm – 3.00pm	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION</b></p> <p><b>How are corruption and gender related?</b></p> <p>Setting the scene: <b>Hon. Lynda Tabuya</b>, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Republic of Fiji</p> <p>The plenary will outline how anti-corruption and gender equality are related and explore the synergies that can be developed and exploited to address these issues holistically.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ H.E Louisa Wall, Ambassador for Gender Equality (Pacific)/Tuia Tāngata</li> <li>▪ Founder of Take the Lead Tonga and She Leads Parliament, Kingdom of Tonga</li> <li>▪ <b>Ms. Irene Olkeriil, Founder of Palau Entrepreneurs of Growth</b></li> <li>▪ Ms. Mariam Mathew, Transparency International Pacific</li> <li>▪ Ms. Sonja Stefanovska-Trajanoska, UNDP Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Adviser</li> <li>▪ <b>Dr. Gerardo Berthin, Vice-President of International Programs, Freedom House, Washington D.C</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> <b>Dr. Milla Vaha</b>, Senior Lecture in Politics &amp; International Affairs, USP</p>
3.00pm – 4.00pm	<p><b>WORKSHOP 1</b></p> <p><i>The role of education in advancing good governance and gender equality in the Pacific</i></p> <p>Setting the scene: <b>Mr. Henry Puna, the Secretary General</b> of the Pacific Islands Forum</p> <p>The workshop will explore the role of education and its contribution in advancing gender equality and good governance agenda in the Pacific.</p> <p>Led by – The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)</p>
4.00 pm – 4.15 pm	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>



<b>4.15 pm – 5 pm</b>	<p><b>WORKSHOP 2</b></p> <p><i>The role of youth in fighting corruption towards advancing the 2050 Strategy and other anti-corruption instruments: The need for an integrated approach in the Pacific in the fight against corruption.</i></p> <p>Led by Integrity Fiji with Pacific Chapters of Transparency International.</p>
<b>7 pm- 9 pm</b> (Millennium Room II)	<p><b>DINNER AND LAUNCH OF THE PACIFIC YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD ON GOVERNANCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome and Brief Remarks/Introduction of Board by Mr. Aneet Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, USPSA</li> <li>- Official Remarks and Launch of the Board by Representative of the Prime Minister of Cook Islands and Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum</li> <li>- Remarks from the UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji Deputy Resident Representative Ms. Yemesrach Workie</li> <li>- Vote of thanks by Sonja Stefanovska-Trajanoska, UNDP Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Adviser</li> <li>- Dinner</li> </ul>

## **DAY 2- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May (Grand Millennium- Tasman Ballroom)**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>9.30am – 9.45am</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>9.45am – 10.00am</b>	Opening Remarks and Setting the Scene for the Intergenerational talanoa by Representative of the Prime Minister of Cook Islands and Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum
<b>10.00am – 12.00pm</b>	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>Where to from here? Working in unity with each other to deliver our resilient and sustainable Blue Pacific.</p> <p>An intergenerational talanoa with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Hon. Barbara Edmonds, Minister for Pacific Peoples and Minister for Internal Affairs, New Zealand (TBC)</li> <li>- The Hon. Simon Kofe, Minister for Justice, Communication and Foreign Affairs, Tuvalu</li> <li>- H.E Mr. Robert Aiono, Samoa's High Commissioner to New Zealand (Acting)</li> <li>- Mr. Henry Puna, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Anne Fitisemanu, Chief Executive of TupuToa, Aotearoa</li> <li>- Ms. Salanieta Kitoleilei, Indigenous Fijian Doctoral candidate at the University of the South Pacific</li> <li>- Ms. Belyndar Rikimani, Climate Youth Activist from the Solomon Islands, Ambassador of One Young World</li> <li>- Ms. Elizabeth Kite, Founder of Take the Lead Tonga and She Leads Parliament, Kingdom of Tonga.</li> </ul> <p>Moderated By: Aneet Kumar, Deputy Secretary General USPSA</p>
<b>12.00pm – 2.00pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>2.00pm – 3.00 pm</b>	<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pacific Youth Performances</li> <li>- Concluding remarks: Ms. Sonja Stefanovska-Trajanoska, UNDP Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Adviser</li> <li>- Concluding remarks and next steps: Youth Advisory Board representative</li> <li>- Vote of thanks- Mr. Aneet Kumar, Deputy Secretary General, USPSA</li> </ul>
<b>3.00 pm – 3.30 pm</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING</b>

**Conference ends**

