



## Pacific Conference on The Human Face of the Global Economic Crisis

February 10th-12th, 2010, Port Vila, Vanuatu

### 9 FEBRUARY, TUESDAY

**18:30**            **WELCOMING RECEPTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF VANUATU**  
*Venue: Le Meridien Hotel*

### 10 FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY = DAY ONE =

07:30-08:30      *Registration of participants*

08:45 hrs        All delegates and guests arrived and are seated

Housekeeping announcements

**09:00-09:45**      **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**  
**Chair: Honourable Sela Molisa, Minister of Finance, Government of Vanuatu**

*Opening Prayer*

*Introductory Remarks and Welcome by the Chair*

*Video presentation by children representatives*

*Address by Honourable Edward Natapei, Prime Minister of Vanuatu*

*Keynote Address by Miss Helen Clark, Chair of the United Nations Development Group*

**09:45-10:30**      **BREAK**  
*Group photo*

**10:30-12:30**      **PLENARY 1: IMPACT OF THE CRISIS ON PEOPLE – PACIFIC PERSPECTIVES**  
**Chair: Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat**

*Main Presenter: Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific*

*Panelists: His Excellency Anote Tong, President of Kiribati  
Dame Carol Kidu, Minister of Community Development, Papua New Guinea  
Followed by discussion*

*Discussion Panelists: Mr. Larry Greenwood, Vice President, Asian Development Bank  
Dr. Jimmie Rodgers, Director General, Secretariat of the Pacific Community*

**12:30-14:00**      **LUNCH**  
*Guest Speaker: Honourable Bob McMullan MP, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, Government of Australia*

**14:00-15:30**      **PARALLEL ROUNDTABLES ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**Roundtable A: Impact assessment at national levels: Economic growth, trade and employment**

Chair:	Honourable Loteba Redfern, Minister of Labour & Human Resources, Government of Kiribati
Presenters:	Honourable Lotoala Metia, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Tuvalu Ms Elizabeth Wright, Director of Policy and Planning, Office of the Prime Minister, Cook Islands Ms Tufui Faletau, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Tonga
Discussion panelists:	Ms. Alison Woodhouse, Economist, Pacific Department, Asian Development Bank Mr. Matt Davies, Director, International Monetary Fund/Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre Mr. Gyorgy Sziraczki, Senior Economist, International Labour Organization

**Roundtable B: Impact assessment at community levels: women, children and other vulnerable groups**

Chair:	Honourable Olove Jacobsen, Minister of Health, Government of Niue
Presenters:	Honourable Minister Vita Skilling, Ministry of Health, Federated States of Micronesia Honourable Natan Teewe, Minister of Finance & Economic Development, Kiribati Mr. Siopili Perez, Finance Manager of Nukunonu, Tokelau Mr. Nicholas Gagahe, Government Statistician, Solomon Islands
Discussion panelists:	Dr. Isiye Ndombi, Representative, United Nations Children's Fund Mr. Dirk Jena, Regional Director and Representative, United Nations Populations Fund Ms. Elizabeth Cox, Regional Programme Director, United Nations Fund for Women Pacific

**15:30-16:00**      **BREAK**

**16:00-17:30**      **PLENARY 2: ACTIONS TAKEN BY COUNTRIES IN RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS**  
**Chair: Ms. Anupama Rao Singh, Regional Director, United Nations Children's Fund, East Asia and Pacific Regional Office**

*Presenters:      Mr. Simeon Athy, Director-General, Prime Minister's Office, Vanuatu  
Honourable Niko Lee-Hang, Minister for Finance, Samoa  
Mr. Ben Graham, Special Adviser, Office of the Chief Secretary, Republic of Marshall Islands  
Followed by discussion*

**19:00-21:00**      **RECEPTION BY THE UNITED NATIONS**  
*Venue: Le Meridien Hotel*

**11 FEBRUARY, THURSDAY**  
**= DAY TWO =**

08:45 hrs      All delegates and guests arrived and are seated  
  
Housekeeping announcements

**09:00-10:30**      **PLENARY 3: ACTIONS TAKEN BY COUNTRIES IN RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS**

**Chair: Mr. Larry Greenwood, Vice President, Asian Development Bank**

**Presenters:** *Honourable Kerai Mariur, Vice President and Minister of Finance, Palau  
Mr. Pita Wise, Permanent Secretary for National Planning, Fiji  
Country Representative (TBA)  
Followed by discussion*

**10:30-11:00 BREAK**

**11:00-12:30 PLENARY 4: INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL POLICIES**

**Chair: Mr. Ajay Chhibber, Regional Director, United Nations Development Programme**

**Presenters:** *Honourable 'Otenifi Afu'alo Matoto, Minister of Finance, Planning and  
Public Enterprises, Tonga  
Mr. Anthony Hughes, Former Governor of the Central Bank of Solomon  
Islands  
Dr. Shiladitya Chatterjee, Senior Advisor, Asian Development Bank  
Dr. Rathin Roy, Director, International Policy Centre, Brazil  
Followed by discussion*

**12:30-14:00 LUNCH**

*Guest Speaker: Ms. Marilyn Tahī, Coordinator of the Vanuatu Women's Centre*

**14:00-16:30 PARALLEL WORKING SESSIONS ON SECTORAL CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES**

**Working Session A: Labor**

**Chair:** Honourable Filipe Bole, Minister of Labour, Government of Fiji  
**Presenters:** Mr. David Lamotte, Employment Sector, International Labour Organization  
Dr Yvonne Underhill, Senior Lecturer, University of Auckland  
Ms. Allison Woodruff, Economist, Pacific Department, Asian Development Bank  
Mr. Mohammad Abbadi, Gender Specialist, United Nations Development Programme

**Working Session B: Education**

**Chair:** Ms Debbie Sbal, Government of Palau  
**Presenter:** Dr. Helen Tavola (UNICEF/UNESCO)  
**Panelists:** Dr Visasio Pongi, Director and Representative, United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization  
Mr. John Niroa, Ministry of Education, Government of Vanuatu  
Dr. Ana Mau Taufe'ulungaki, University of the South Pacific  
Mr. Krishna Datt, Council of Pacific Educators  
Youth Delegate

**Working Session C: Health and Food Security**

**Chair:** Dr Vita Skilling, Secretary for the Department of Health and Social Affairs, Federated States of Micronesia  
**Presenters:** Dr. Christopher James, Macroeconomist, World Health Organization  
Dr Vili Fuavao, Subregional Representative for the Pacific, Food and Agricultural Organization  
Mr. Bill Parr, Director Social Resource Division, Secretariat of the Pacific Community  
Mr. Stuart Watson, Pacific Coordinator, UN Programme on AIDS

**Working Session D: Governance and Legislative Agenda**

**Chair:** Dame Carol Kidu, Minister of Community Development, Papua New Guinea  
**Presenters:** Professor Vijay Naidu, University of the South Pacific  
Honourable Dennis Momotaro, Senator, MP, Republic of Marshall Islands

Mr Fei'loatikau Kaho Tevi, General Secretary, Pacific Conference of Churches  
Ms. Elizabeth Cox, Regional Programme Director, United Nations Fund for Women Pacific

**16:30-17:00**      **BREAK**

**17:00-18:00**      **PLENARY 5: REJOINER/SUMMARY OF WORKING SESSIONS**  
**Chair: Ms. Charmaine Scotty, Secretary of Justice, Government of Nauru**

*Recap by chairs of the working sessions on main issues and action points noted*

FREE EVENING

**12 FEBRUARY, FRIDAY**  
**= DAY THREE =**

08:45 hrs      All delegates and guests arrived and are seated

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**09:00-10:00**      **PLENARY 6: CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN GROWTH**  
**Co-Chairs:**      *Honourable Lotoala Metia, Minister of Finance & Planning, Government of Tuvalu*  
&                      *Mr. Iosefa Maiava, Head, ESCAP Subregional Office for the Pacific*

**Panelists:**      *Ms. Sachiko Yamamoto, Regional Director Asia Pacific, International Labour Organization*  
*Honourable Niko Lee-Hang, Minister of Finance, Samoa*  
*Mr Kosi Latu, Deputy Director, South Pacific Regional Environment Programme*  
*Followed by discussion*

**10:00-10:30**      **BREAK**

**10:30-12:30**      **FORWARD-LOOKING POLICY/ACTION PLANNING TO STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE TO THE CURRENT AND FUTURE CRISES**  
**Facilitator: Professor Rajesh Chandra, Vice Chancellor, University of the South Pacific**

**12:30-14:00**      **LUNCH**  
*Guest speaker: Mr. Mark Ingram, Chief Executive Officer, Business for Millennium Development on "Empowering the economic base of the Pacific Region through Creative Capitalism"*

**14:00-15:30**      **PLENARY 7: CONCLUDING STATEMENTS BY PACIFIC COUNTRY DELEGATIONS**  
**Chair: Dr. Jimmie Rodgers, Director General, Secretariat of the Pacific Community**

*Updates by heads of country delegations on forward-looking policy and governance agenda*

**15:30-16:00**      **BREAK**

**16:00-17:30**      **ADOPTION OF OUTCOME DOCUMENT**  
**Chair: Honourable Sela Molisa, Minister of Finance, Government of Vanuatu**

**17:30-18:00**      **OFFICIAL CLOSING**  
**Chair: Honourable Sela Molisa, Minister of Finance, Government of Vanuatu**

*Closing Statements by: Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Secretary General of Pacific Islands  
Forum Secretariat*

**Closing prayer**

FREE EVENING