1st HIGH LEVEL
Pacific Blue Economy Conference

Knowledge & Exchange Platform towards a Blue Economy for the Pacific Islands

PROGRAMME

1st HIGH-LEVEL BLUE ECONOMY CONFERENCE
# Day 1 - Wednesday 23 August, 2017

**Chair:** Hon. Milner Tozaka, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Solomon Islands  
**Secretariat:** François Martel, Secretary General, PIDF

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<td><strong>Video Opening Message:</strong> H.E. Karmenu Vella, EU Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.</td>
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<td><strong>Keynote Address</strong> - James Michel – Former President of Seychelles and Founder of the James Michel Foundation</td>
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| 9.45 – 10.30    | **SDG 14 and the Blue Economy**  
**Objective:** To share knowledge and experiences from the UN Ocean Conference in the context of blue economy.                                                                                     |
|                 | **Video Message**  
- H.E. Peter Thomson, President of the General Assembly, United Nations                                                                                                                                                |
|                 | **Keynote Speaker**  
- Hon. Enele Sosene Sopoaga, Prime Minister of Tuvalu                                                                                                                                                    |
|                 | **Presenters:**  
- Osnat Lubrani, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative (TBC)  
- Dame Meg Taylor, Pacific Ocean Commissioner & Chair of Partnership Dialogue on SDG14 Target 14.7 - UN Global Ocean Conference 2017, New York                                                                 |
|                 | **Session chair:** Iosefa Maiava, Head, UNESCAP Pacific Office (TBC)                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10.30 – 11.50   | **The Blue Economy: The Global Experience**  
**Objective:** To discuss the global perspective on blue economy and how it can be applied in the Pacific.                                                                                     |
|                 | **Lead Presenter:**  
- Professor Gunter Pauli, Serial entrepreneur, author and initiator of the Blue Economy                                                                                                                                     |
|                 | **Panelists:**  
- Paul Holthus, Founding President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), World Ocean Council  
- H.E Angus Friday, Grenada Ambassador to the United States of America  
- Professor Edvard Hviding, Department of Anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway                                                                                                         |
<p>|                 | <strong>Interactive Discussion</strong>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |</p>
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| 11:50 – 1:05 | **The Blue Economy: A Pacific Perspective**  
**Objective:** To discuss blue economy in a Pacific perspective and its opportunities implications and impact.  
**Lead Presenter:**  
- H.E. Hersey Kyota, Ambassador of Palau to USA, Chair of the Board of GLISPA  
- Video message, John Tanzer, Practice Leader, Oceans, WWF International  
**Panelists:**  
- Jean-Michel Cousteau, Oceanographer, Savusavu  
- Sarah Thomas Nededog, Chair-Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Organisations (PIANGO)  
- Francis Chopin, Senior Fisheries and Aquaculture Officer, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)  
- Sefanaia Nawadra, Director, Head, Pacific Sub Regional Office, United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment)  
**Interactive Discussion** |
| 1:05 – 2:05 | Lunch                                           |
| 2:05 – 3:25 | **Key Ocean Industries**  
**Objective:** To discuss the opportunities for existing industries facing the transition to more environmentally sustainable practices, where technologies and business models and innovations are focused on promoting or restoring ocean health.  
**Plenary (Britannia room)**  
**Video message:** Douglas Frantz, Deputy Secretary General, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)  
**Speakers:**  
- Hon. Alfred Jr. Alfred, Minister of Natural Resources and Commerce, Republic of the Marshall Islands  
- Hon. Semisi Fakahau, Minister for Agriculture, Food, Forests and Fisheries, Tonga  
**Parallel session 1: Oceanic Fisheries (Britannia Room):**  
**Facilitator:** Sue Taei, Executive Director, Conservation International New Zealand and Pacific Islands  
- Prof. Johann Bell, Fisheries Consultant, Conservation International (CI)  
- Dr Bryony Townhill, Marine Climate Change Scientist, The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), United Kingdom  
- Peter Cusack, Regional Coordinator - Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)  
**Interactive Discussion**  
**Parallel session 2: Marine and Coastal Tourism (Matua Room 1):**  
**Facilitator:** Mark Borg, Team Leader Programme Management, Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF)  
- Christina Leala Gale, Manager – Sustainable Tourism Development, South Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO)  
- Colin Philp, President, Fiji Islands Voyaging Society and Manager, Leleuvia Island Resort, Fiji  
**Interactive Discussion**  
**Parallel session 3: Coastal Fisheries and Community Livelihoods (Matua Room 2):**  
**Facilitator:** Viliame Kasanawaqa, Team Leader Policy Reseach & Evaluation, Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF)  
- Justin Hunter, J. Hunter Pearls Fiji Ltd.  
- Francis Chopin, Senior Fisheries & Aquaculture Officer, The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)  
- Alifereti Tawake, Council Chair & Technical Advisor, Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA) Network International  
- Cathy Joyce, Pacific Ocean Culture Pte Ltd, Fiji  
**Interactive Discussion** |
| 3:25 – 3:55 | Tea/Coffee Break                                 |
| 3:55 – 5:15 | **Innovation in the Blue Economy: Emerging Industries**  
**Objective:** To discuss the opportunities and challenges of emerging industries and policy implications within a blue economy context.  
**Plenary (Britannia room)**  
**Presenter:**  
- Dr Andy Stevens, Research Director of the CSIRO Coastal Development & Management Program, (CSIRO)  
**Interactive Discussion** |
Panelists:
Parallel session 1: Seabed Resources (Britannia room)
Facilitator: Andrew Foran, Head, Pacific Centre for Environmental Governance, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- Akuila Tawake, Team Leader, SPC-EU DSM Project, Pacific Community (SPC)
- Maureen Penjueli, Coordinator, Pacific Network on Globalisation (PANG)
Interactive Discussion

Parallel session 2: Ocean Energy (Matua room 1)
Facilitator: Arpana Pratap, Team Leader Member Capacity, Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF)
- Jens Kruger, Manager, Ocean and Coastal Geoscience, Pacific Community (SPC)
Interactive Discussion

Parallel session 3: Ocean Afforestation and Blue Carbon (Matua room 2)
Facilitator: Dr. Stacy Jupiter, Melanesia Director, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)
- Dr. Antoine de Ramon D’Yeurt, Lecturer, Pacific Center for Environment and Sustainable Development (PaCE-SD), USP
- Francis Areki, Conservation Director, WWF Pacific.
- Professor Gunter Pauli, Serial entrepreneur, author and initiator of the Blue Economy
Interactive Discussion

5.15 – 5.50 Development Partner Statements
5.50 – 6.10 Wrap up by Chief Rapporteur: Marita Manley
6.30 - 8.00 Welcome Reception
Hosted by Hon. Milner Tozaka, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Solomon Islands
On behalf of the PIDF Chair - Location: Pool Side

DAY 2 - Thursday 24 August, 2017

8.15 – 8.30 Summary of Day 1
Chair: Hon. Milner Tozaka, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Solomon Islands

Session chair: Dr. Hugh Govan, Adjunct Senior Fellow, University of the South Pacific (USP)

8.30-8.35 OECD Video Message - Douglas Frantz - Deputy Sec General - OECD

8.35 – 9.45 Education, research and capacity building: challenges for a growing blue economy
Objective: To discuss what technical, scientific, economic and finance knowledge or skills are needed for a blue economy.

Lead Presenter:
- Dr. Jeremy Hills, Director, Institute of Marine Resources, University of the South Pacific (USP)

Panelists:
- Dr. Tommy Moore, Pacific Islands Global Ocean Observing System Officer, Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- Penehuro Lefale, Senior Advisor, Climate Change, Tokelau
- Jeff Ardron, Adviser, Ocean Governance, Commonwealth Secretariat.

Interactive Discussion

9.45 – 10.10 Tea/Coffee Break

Session chair: Taholo Kami, Oceans and Climate Advisor

10.10 – 11.30 Blue growth and ocean governance - balance between use and protection of the ocean
Objective: To provide a platform for discussions and to explore how to strengthen ocean governance at the regional level drawing on lessons learned from past regional experiences and develop concrete recommendations for advancing good oceans governance as a cornerstone of blue economy development.
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| 10.10-11.30  | Lead     | Lead Speakers:                                                       | • Hon. John Maneniaru, Minister for Fisheries, Solomon Islands  
• Dr. Jan Steffen, Project Director, Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Management in Pacific Island Countries (MACBIO)  
Panelists:  
• Ratu Wilame Katonivere, Tui Macuata, Community Based Marine resource management  
• Nicholas Conner, Co-lead, Ecosystem Services Thematic Group, International Union for Conservation of Nature Commission on Ecosystem Management  
• H.E Angus Friday, Grenada Ambassador to the United States of America |
|              | Discussion| Interactive Discussion                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 11.30-12.40  | Financing| **Objective:** To discuss blue financing and new and innovative financing mechanisms.  
**Lead Presenters:**  
• Rob Jauncey, Pacific Office representative, Asian Development Bank (ADB)  
• Jacques Dugasse, Chief Executive Officer, James Michel Foundation, Seychelles (TBC)  
Panelists:  
• Dr. Sebastian Thomas, Lecturer Sustainability Governance & Leadership, University of Melbourne  
• Dr. Melissa Walsh, Ocean Finance Manager, Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program (PROP)  
• Paul Holtthus, Founding President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), World Ocean Council  
• Professor Gunter Pauli, Serial entrepreneur, author and initiator of the Blue Economy |
|              | Discussion| Interactive Discussion                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12.40-12.50  | Partner Statements |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12.50-1.40   | Lunch    |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|              |          | Session chair: Howard Politini, Chair of Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO) |
| 1.40-3.10    | Developing| **Objective:** To provide a platform for discussions for developing a roadmap for blue economies in the Pacific.  
**Lead Speakers:**  
• Hon. Elehi Kelihiano Kalolo, Minister for Climate Change, Tokelau  
• Jeff Ardron, Adviser, Ocean Governance, Commonwealth Secretariat  
• Dr. Hugh Govan, Adjunct Senior Fellow, University of the South Pacific (USP)  
• Sue Taei, Executive Director, Conservation International New Zealand and Pacific Islands |
|              | Discussion| Interactive Discussion                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3.10-3.30    | Tea/Coffee Break |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3.30-4.30    | Summary   | **Summary of Conference Outcomes**                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 4.30-4.45    | Farewell  | **Farewell Address**                                               | Hon. Milner Tozaka, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Solomon Islands                                                                                                                                          |
| 4.45-5.15    | Remarks   | **Closing Remarks**                                                | François Martel, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF)                                                                                                                               |
| 5.15-5.20    | Prayer    | **Closing Prayer**                                                 | Reverend François Pihaatae, General Secretary, Pacific Council of Churches                                                                                                                                  |
| 5.30-6.30    | Event     | **Side Event**                                                     | Professor Gunter Pauli, Serial entrepreneur, author and initiator of the Blue Economy                                                                                                                      |
| 6.30-8.30    | Farewell  | **Farewell reception and dinner hosted by PIDF**                   | Hosted by François Martel, Secretary General of PIDF  
Location: Pool Side and Britinnia Ballroom                                                                                                           |