The high-level United Nations Conference to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 5 to 9 June 2017.

It adopted an agreed declaration in the form of a "Call for Action" and a report containing the co-chairs' summaries of the partnership dialogues, as well as a list of voluntary commitments for the implementation of Goal 14. One of the outcomes of the UN Ocean Conference was the appointment of Ambassador Peter Thomson as the Special Envoy for the Ocean to lead UN's advocacy and public outreach efforts to ensure the outcomes and the voluntary commitments are implemented. In the Pacific context, the PIDF hosted the 1st high level Pacific Blue Economy Conference (PBEC) in August 2017, building on the outcomes of the UN Ocean Conference and in Bonn, the COP23 Fiji Secretariat launched the Ocean Pathways Partnership initiative.

This half day symposium for the Pacific will be held, under the patronage of Ambassador Peter Thomson, to review the Call for Action voluntary commitments globally and for the Pacific, to present and promote participation in the nine thematic multi-stakeholders Communities for Ocean Actions platforms and finally to discuss regional activities to be taken up in 2018 in pursuit of SDG14 implementation in the Pacific.

Date: 19 December, 2017 Time: 9am - 1pm Venue: Novotel, Lami

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