



**PFTAC Steering Committee Meeting**  
**May 23-24, 2023**  
**Matavi Resort, Niue**  
**AGENDA**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

09:00 – 09:45 **Opening session**  
**16:00 – 16:45 (DC Time)**

**Opening Prayer – Rev. Bazinet Viviani**

- **Welcome remarks, Hon. Crossley Tatui, Minister of Finance, Niue**
- **IMF Opening Statement**, Mr. Dominique Desruelle, Director of the Institute for Capacity Building of the IMF (ICD).
- **Opening Remarks**, by H.E. Ms. Helen Tunnar, New Zealand High Commissioner to Niue
- **Official group photo, followed by morning tea**

**New program and regional economic outlook**

10:15 – 10:30  
**17:15 – 17:30**

Ms. Doreen Siataga, Financial Secretary, Niue (SC Chair) – Overview, participants introduction & adoption of meeting Agenda

10:30 – 10:55  
**17:30 – 17:55**

Global Developments and the Impact on the PICs, Mr. Neil Saker, IMF Regional Resident Representative, Fiji

10:55 – 11:20  
**17:55 – 18:20**

Macro-frameworks CD: Building capacity in macroeconomic forecasting and policy analysis, Mr. Andy Berg, Deputy Director, ICD

11:20 – 12:15  
**18:20 – 19:15**

PFTAC support – members feedback and experiences in a volatile world  
Tonga – Governor, Mr. Tatafu Moeaki

Fiji – Deputy Governor, Mr. Esala Masitabua

Mr. George Mow, PITAA Secretariat, Modernizing Revenue Administrations in the Pacific: Resilience and Redesign

- 12:15 – 12:30  
19:15 – 19:30
- PNG programs and the authorities' reform, by Sohrab Rafiq, PNG Resident Representative
- 12:30 – 13:45
- Lunch
- 13:45 – 15:00  
20:45 – 22:00
- FY2023 key achievements**
- **Public Financial Management Program**, by Mr. Paul Seeds and Mr. Iulai Lavea, PFTAC Advisors
    - **Country intervention – Kiribati, Ms. Maaman Ioakim**
    - **Discussion**
  - **Macro-Economic Analysis Program**, by Mr. Andrew Beaumont, PFTAC Advisor
    - **Discussion**
  - **Real Sector Statistics**, by Mr. Matthew Powell, PFTAC Advisor
    - **Country intervention – Cook Islands, Ms. Sally Wyatt**, Ministry of Finance, *virtual*
    - **Discussion**
  - **Government Finance Statistics**, by Mr. Eduard Moskalenko, PFTAC Advisor
    - **Country intervention – Samoa, Mr. Leota A. Salani, and Mr. Fitimaleula Tipi**, Samoa Bureau of Statistics, *virtual*
    - **Discussion**
- 15:00 – 15.15
- Tea Break
- 15:15 – 16:00  
22:15 – 23:00
- FY2023 key achievements (follow up)**
- Revenue Program**, by Ms. Katrina Williams and Mr. John McAlister, PFTAC Advisors
- **Discussion**
  - **Debt Management Program**, by Ms. Briar Ferguson, PFTAC Advisor
    - **Country intervention – Vanuatu, Mr. John Simelum**, Ministry of Finance, *virtual*
    - **Discussion**
  - **Financial Sector Supervision Program**, by Mr. Rajinder Kumar, PFTAC Advisor, International Prudential standards for Financial institutions: implementing proportionality
    - **Country intervention – Vanuatu, Mr. Noel Vari**, Reserve Bank of Vanuatu, *virtual*
    - **Discussion**

16:00 – 16:30  
23:00 – 23:30

**Review and Report of FY2023  
Program and Budget Implementation**, by Ms. Shane Prasad, Analyst  
**PFTAC Financial Report**, by Ms. Donna Muwonge, ICD Global  
Partnerships

## Wednesday 24 May, 2023

PFTAC: PHASE VI

09:00 – 09:05  
16:00 – 16:05 (DC Time) **Overview of Day 2 program, Ms. Doreen Siataga (SC Chair)**

09:05 - 09:20  
16:05 – 16:20 PortWatch material and introductions, by Ms. Alessandra Sozzi, IMF *virtual*

09:20 – 09:50  
16:20 – 16:50 **Overview of Phase 6 Strategic Priorities and Partnership**

- **Mr. Samir Jahjah**
- **Ms. Donna Muwonge, ICD Global Partnerships Division**

09:50 – 10:15 **Morning tea**

10:15 – 10:45  
17:15 – 17:45 **Partners and Observer round-table:**  
Observations and comments about future support, areas of collaboration (Asian Development Bank, Australia, European Union, Korea, New Zealand and United States) and observers

10:45 – 12:15  
17:45 – 19:15 FY2024/Phase VI Work-plan: key thematic and priorities

- **Macroeconomic Analysis - Approaches to economic forecasting in small open economies**
- **Institute for Capacity Development (ICD) – Frameworks for Inclusion a sustainable Climate and Development.**
- **Revenue Administration - Increase collection, Improve capability, Implement law**
- **Public Financial Management (PFM)**
- **Financial Sector Supervision (FSS) - Integrating emerging risks in prudential supervision of Financial institutions**
- **Debt management – Advancing resilience in Debt Management**

- Government Finance Statistics (GFS) **Enabling data-driven fiscal policy**

- Real Sector Statistics (RSS) **Smart Data for Smart Policy**

12:15 – 12:30 **FY2024 Budget and Program**, by Mr. Samir Jahjah (PFTAC Director)  
**19:15 – 19:30**

12:30 – 13:00 Item for Steering Committee Endorsement  
**19:30 – 20:00**

FY2024 Workplan and Budget

#### **Decisions**

**Summing-up and Plans for next meeting – Ms. Doreen Siataga, SC Chair**

**Concluding Comments, Mr. Samir Jahjah, PFTAC Director**

**Official closing of the meeting, Hon. Crossley Tatui, Minister of Finance**

**Devotion, Rev. Navy Salatielu, President Ekalesia, Niue**

#### **Lunch**

18:30 – 21:00 **Steering Committee Dinner hosted by Government of Niue**  
**Please be at the main lobby at 5:30-5:45pm for bus transport to Tuapa village (dinner venue).**

**Host, Hon. Crossley Tatui, Minister of Finance, Niue**