

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

All day	Delegates arrive and register
6:00–8:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception and Cocktail

Thursday, December 6, 2018

8:30–9:00 a.m.	Registration/ Breakfast [Slideshow/Video on the History of PFTAC in the background]
9:00–9:02 a.m.	Prayer
9:02–9:07 a.m.	Introduction, Odd Per Brekk, Deputy Director Asia Pacific Department, IMF
9:07–9:20 a.m.	Opening Remarks, Speaker to be Confirmed
9:20–9:35 a.m.	Introductory Speech, Carla Grasso, Deputy Managing Director, IMF
9:35–10:45 a.m.	Session 1—Growth Opportunities

How can Pacific Islands make the most of growth opportunities, improve potential growth and achieve the SDGs? The World Bank's Pacific Possible highlighted sectors for the future. The IMF's capacity development complements a focus on key sectors by providing advice on policy frameworks and creating fiscal space to pursue development goals.

Introduction	The IMF and the SDGs Alison Stuart, Small States Division Chief, APD IMF
Moderator	To be Confirmed
Panelists	Mr. Sili Epa Tuioti, Minister of Finance, Samoa Kolone Vaai, KVA Consulting, Samoa Robert Utz, Lead Economist and Program Leader for Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions, Pacific Department, World Bank, Sydney Additional Panelist to be Confirmed Second Additional Panelist to be Confirmed

10:45–11:15 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:15–12:15 p.m.	One-on One Conversation: Global Challenges, How Can the Pacific Attain a Better Future? Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Head of UNDP, Helen Clark, ONZ SSI PC Moderator: Robin Harding, Financial Times Tokyo Bureau Chief
12:15–1:30 p.m.	Lunch

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1:30-2:15 p.m.

Session 2—Risks and Vulnerabilities

Natural disasters and climate change complicate fiscal management. Debt has risen in some countries. Demographics and migration add to challenges. How can countries tackle challenges, build resilience to natural disasters and adapt to climate change

Presentation Results of the Pacific risk map survey (APD)

Moderator To be Confirmed

Cristelle Pratt, Pacific Island Forum – PIFS Deputy Secretary General

Irena Asmundson, Chief Economist, California Department of Finance

Geoff Bertram, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand

Additional Panelist to be Confirmed

2:15-3:00 p.m.

Session 3—Public Finances: A Historical Perspective and Future challenges

Pacific fiscal policy and institutions how they have evolved over 25 years. The journey of development in the Pacific since the early 1990s and the role that PFTAC has contributed. Where are we today? And what is the future direction of fiscal policies and institutions including Investing to reduce the Pacific infrastructure gap, adapting to climate change, maintaining debt sustainability, accessing climate change funds, and mobilizing revenues.

Historical Perspective

Moderator Results of the Pacific risk map survey (APD)

Panel Anote Tong, Former President Kiribati

Garth Henderson, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Cook Islands

Luc Leruth, Former PFTAC and AFRITAC Coordinator

Siosua (Josh) Utoikamanu, Former Tonga Reserve Bank Governor and Finance Minister

3:00-3:30 p.m.

Coffee

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Future Challenges

Moderator Matt Davies, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF

Panel Devon Rowe, Executive Secretary of the Caribbean Center for Development Administration and Former Jamaican Financial Secretary

Erica Gerreston from EU DG DEVCO

Visvanath Das, CEO, Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (FRCS)

Additional Panelist to be Confirmed

Wrap Up

6:30-9:30 p.m.

Cocktails and Dinner, Dinner Speaker: To be Confirmed

Friday, December 7, 2018 Day 2

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Session 1—Capacity Development at PFTAC and around the globe

How have PFTAC and the other centers helped build institutions, develop human capital and what are the lessons and failures. How have approaches changed? What are the lessons from success and failure? Effectiveness, collaboration and integration of CD with surveillance

Moderator Patrizia Tumbarello, IMF, Division Chief, Statistics Department

Presentations Effectiveness of TA: Tonga Ministry of Finance. Experience with Macroeconomic Analysis TA: Presenter to be Confirmed
Collaboration with Australian Bureau of Statistics: Presenter to be Confirmed
Experience with Capacity Development Delivery in the Pacific and Africa: Luc Leruth, former IMF PFTAC coordinator

Integrating Surveillance and Capacity Development, updating modes of delivery, increasing effectiveness, and collaboration

Moderator Roger Nord, IMF, Deputy Director, Institute for Capacity Development

Discussants Stephan Danninger Singapore Training Institute; Lorraine Seeto (Reserve Bank of Fiji); Margaret Fitzgibbon former IMF Technical Assistance Advisor, PFTAC, plus three additional discussants to be confirmed

10:30-11:00 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 a.m.

Session 2—Financial Stability – Importance of Effective Governance in the Financial System.

Comprehensive and effective governance frameworks for both the private financial sector and regulators are vital for financial stability, as good governance promotes stable risk sensitive strategies, effective risk management, and protects against corruption.

Moderator Aditya Narain, Deputy Director Monetary and Capital Markets Department, IMF

Presentations Corporate governance and risk management for financial institutions, CRO Swedbank. Ms. Helo Meigas
Effective governance in Pacific, Vilimaina Dakai, Chief Manager for Risk Management and Communication, Reserve bank of Fiji.

Panel Presenters above
Don Abel, Formerly Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of New Zealand
Two additional Panelists to be Confirmed

12:30-1:45 p.m.

Lunch

1:45-2:30 p.m.

Photographic competition schools and university students: presented by DMD Grasso

2:30-3:00 p.m.

Coffee

Friday, December 7, 2018 Day 2

3:00-4:15 p.m.

Session 3—Looking forward new technology

Can new technologies/digitalization be harnessed to help countries leapfrog, boost productivity, improve fiscal revenues, and promote financial inclusion and service efficiency. What new products and services are out there? Identification and regulation of the risks.

Moderator To be Confirmed

Panel Nicholas Giurietto CEO & Managing Director Australian Digital Commerce Association

Joseph Thompson Aid Technology

Yan Liu, IMF, Assistant General Counsel, Legal Department

Plus up to Three Additional Panelists to be Confirmed

Part 1 New Technology Opportunities

What are biggest opportunities from digitalization in the Pacific?

What strategies should governments employ to adapt harness the benefits?

Bali Fintech Agenda Aditya Narain, Deputy Director Monetary and Capital Markets Department, IMF

Part 2 Identification and regulation of the risks

What do regulators see as the risks, how can the Pacific adapt? and how can PFTAC and development partners provide support?

Audience views on the biggest opportunities and obstacles

4:15–4:30 p.m.

Closing Session: Five Questions for the Next 25 Years of PFTAC (Audience voting)

Moderator David Kloeden, PFTAC Coordinator