



Government of Vanuatu

HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES
LIFTING POTENTIAL GROWTH IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS: THE ROLE OF POLICIES
WARWICK LE LAGON RESORT, PORT VILA, VANUATU, NOVEMBER 22, 2013

Thursday, November 21

7:00-9:30 pm Dinner offered by *Min Zhu*, IMF Deputy Managing Director to PFTAC Steering Committee members and Conference participants, at Warwick Le Lagon Resort

Friday, November 22

8:30-8:45 am Registration

8:45-9:00 am Welcoming remarks by *H.E. Moana Carcasses Kalosil*, Prime Minister of Vanuatu

9:00-9:15 am Opening remarks by *Min Zhu*, Deputy Managing Director, IMF

Session 1: Policies to Raise Potential Growth in the Pacific Islands: The Challenge of Being Small

Moderator: *Jong-Won Yoon*, IMF Executive Director for Australia, Kiribati, Korea, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Federated States of Micronesia, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, and Vanuatu

9:15-9:25 am Photo op

9:25-9:45 am Keynote speaker: Prof. *Lino Briguglio*, University of Malta, Head of the Economics Department and Small States Institute, "Economic Vulnerability and Resilience of Small States"

9:45-10:45 am Panel Discussion (10 minutes each):

- Hon. *Maki Simelum*, Minister of Finance and Economic Management, Vanuatu
- Hon. *Kensley Ikosia*, Secretary of Finance, Micronesia
- *Junichi Yamada*, Senior Special Advisor, JICA
- *Peter Allum*, Assistant Director, Strategy Policy and Review Department, IMF
- *Lamin Leigh*, Deputy Division Chief, African Department, IMF

10:45-11:00 am Q&A

11:00-11:15 am Tea/Coffee Break

Session 2: Leveraging Growth through Regional Integration and Supporting Private Sector Development: What Role for Policies?

Moderator: *Hoe Ee Khor*, Deputy Director, Asia and Pacific Department, IMF

11:15-11:30 am Speaker: *Andrea Iffland*, Regional Director, Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office in Australia, Asian Development Bank: "Strengthening Regional Connectivity to Realize Growth Potential in the Pacific"

11:30-11:45 am Speaker: *Yongzheng Yang*, Resident Representative for the Pacific Islands, IMF: "Pacific Island Countries: In Search of a Trade Strategy"

11:45 am-12:45 pm Panel Discussion (10 minutes each):

- Hon. *Rick Houenipwela*, Minister of Finance, Solomon Islands
- *Sara Brites*, Deputy Central Bank Governor, Timor-Leste
- *Daikichi Momma*, Executive Director for Japan
- *Bryan Death*, Tourism Councillor, Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- *Jeffrey Byrne*, General Manager for Pacific Islands, Westpac

12:45-1 pm Q&A

1:00-2:00 pm Luncheon

Session 3: Special Session on Climate Change and Natural Disasters: Building Resilience

Moderator: *Patrizia Tumbarello*, Unit Chief, Pacific Islands Unit, Asia and Pacific Department, IMF

2:00-2:20 pm Speaker: Prof. *Stephen Howes*, Australian National University: "The Challenge of Climate Change in the Pacific Islands: What Role for Domestic and International Policies?"

2:20-3.30 pm Panel Discussion (10 minutes each):

- *Franz Drees-Gross*, Country Director, Timor-Leste, PNG& the Pacific Islands, World Bank
- *Iulai Lavea*, CEO, Ministry of Finance, Samoa
- Hon. *Tom Murdoch*, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Kiribati
- Hon. *Dennis Momotaro*, Minister of Finance, Marshall Islands
- Hon. *Maatia Toafa*, Minister of Finance, Tuvalu
- *Janet Strachan*, Head of the Section for Small States, Environment and Economic Management, Economic Affairs, Commonwealth Secretariat

3.30-3:45 pm Q&A

3:45-4:00 pm Tea/Coffee break

Session 4: Strengthening Fiscal Frameworks and Governance, and Improving Public Spending Composition

Moderator: *Tess Newton Cain*, Devpacific

4:00-4:15 pm Speaker: *Patrizia Tumbarello*, Unit Chief, Pacific Islands Unit, Asia and Pacific Department, IMF, "Fiscal Frameworks to Support Growth and Macro Stability"

4:15-5:30 pm Panel Discussion (10 minutes each):

- Hon. *Lisiate 'Aloveita 'Akolo*, Minister of Finance, Tonga
- *Filimone Waqabaca*, Secretary of Finance, Fiji
- Hon. *Don Polye*, Minister for Treasury, Papua New Guinea
- *Adrien Mourgues*, Attaché Coopération, European Union Delegation in Vanuatu
- *Richard Bontjer*, Pacific Development Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia
- *Mike Burrell*, Director of the Sustainable Economic Division, New Zealand Aid Programme

5.30-5:45 pm Q&A

5.45-6.00 pm Closing remarks by *Min Zhu*, Deputy Managing Director, IMF; and Hon. *Maki Simelum* Minister of Finance, Vanuatu

6.00-6.15 pm Joint Government of Vanuatu and IMF Press Conference

7:30-10.30 pm Melanesian Night Dinner offered by the Government of Vanuatu, at the Irririki Island resort. By invitation only.

IMF members: Delegations—Confirmed Senior officials

- Mr. *Filimone Waqabaca*, Permanent Secretary of Finance, Fiji
- Hon. *Tom Murdoch*, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Kiribati
- Mr. *Atanteora Beiatea*, Permanent Secretary of Finance, Kiribati
- Hon. *Dennis Momotaro*, Minister of Finance, Marshall Islands
- Mr. *Alfred Alfred*, Secretary of Finance, Marshall Islands
- Hon. *Kensley Ikosia*, Secretary of Finance, Micronesia
- Hon. *Don Polye*, Minister for Treasury, Papua New Guinea
- Hon. *Delilah Gore*, Vice Minister for Treasury, Papua New Guinea
- Mr. *Tupai'imatuna Iulai Lavea*, CEO, Ministry of Finance, Samoa
- Hon. *Rick Houenipwela*, Minister of Finance, Solomon Islands
- Mr. *Denton Rarawa*, Governor of Central Bank of Solomon Islands
- Mr. *Shadrach Fanega*, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Solomon Islands
- Ms. Sara Brites, Deputy Central Bank Governor, Timor-Leste
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- Dr. *Sione Ngongo Kioa*, Governor of Central Bank of Tonga
- Hon. *Maatia Toafa*, Minister of Finance, Tuvalu
- Mr. *Temate Melitiana*, Secretary of Finance, Tuvalu
- Hon. *Moana Carcasses Kalosil*, Prime Minister, Vanuatu
- Hon. *Maki Simelum*, Minister of Finance and Economic Management, Vanuatu