



**SENIOR OFFICERS MEETING  
FOR THE PACIFIC ICT  
MINISTERIAL FORUM:  
“CONNECTING THE UNCONNECTED”  
17-18 FEBRUARY 2009, TONGA**



Department of Communications,  
Kingdom of Tonga

DRAFT AGENDA

## Tuesday 17 February 2009

<b>08:00 - 09:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>09:00 - 09:30</b>	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms. Eun-Ju Kim</b> Head, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Zengpei Xuan</b> Division Chief, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, UN-ESCAP</li> <li>- <b>Mr. John Budden</b> Economic Infrastructure Advisor, Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS)</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Paula Pouvalu Ma'u</b> Acting Chief Secretary &amp; Acting Secretary of Cabinet and Acting Secretary for Communications, Kingdom of Tonga</li> </ul>
<b>09:30 - 11:15</b>	<p><b>Theme 1: Affordable Access: Domestic Connectivity in the Pacific</b> (1 hr 45 mins)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Henao Iduhu, Acting Secretary, Department of Communication and Information, Papua New Guinea  <b>Co Moderator:</b> Ms. Eun-Ju Kim, Head, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Background Note</b> Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon, Specialist, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>“Pacific Rural Internet Connectivity System (PACRICS)”</i> Mr. Ian Thompson, RICS Coordinator, SPC</li> <li>- <i>“Nokia Siemens Networks: Village Connection”</i> Mr. Simon John Mackey, Channel &amp; Business Development Manager Custom Networks, Nokia Siemens Networks</li> <li>- <i>“Pacific Telecentre Online Community (PacTOC)”</i> Mr. Siaso Sovaleni, ICT Advisor, SOPAC</li> <li>- <i>“ICT Projects to Improve Access in the Pacific”</i> Mr. Stuart Davies, Telecommunications Expert, Asia-Pacific Telecommunity</li> </ul>
<b>11:15 - 11:45</b>	Coffee/Tea Break hosted by <b>TongaSAT</b>

11:45–13:30	<p><b>Theme 2: Affordable Access: International Connectivity in the Pacific</b> (1 hr 45 mins)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Franck Conroy March, Senior Specialist Advisor, Digital Development, Energy &amp; Communications, Ministry of Economic Development, New Zealand  <b>Co Moderator:</b> Mr. Ivan Fong, Vice President, PITA</p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>“Pacific Regional Connectivity Project”</i> Ms. Natasha Beschoner, Senior ICT Policy Specialist, The World Bank</li> <li>- <i>“Regional ICT Project to Enhance Connectivity”</i> Mr. Kiyoshi Nakamitsu, Education Specialist, ADB Mr. Jimmie Rodgers, Director General, SPC</li> <li>- <i>“Report to Australian Government on Satellite Services in the Pacific”</i> Ms. Noelle Jones, Principal Consultant, Network Strategies</li> <li>- <i>“O3b Networks: Connecting the Pacific Islands to the Global Internet”</i> Mr. Nara S. Sihavong, Regional Sales, O3b Networks</li> <li>- <i>“GSM Village Connection (shared platforms)”</i> Mr. Simon Andrew Lardner, CEO, Challenge Networks</li> </ul>
13:30 - 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 - 16:30	<p><b>Theme 3: Enabling Environment: Policy, Regulatory &amp; Financial Frameworks</b> (1 hr 30 mins)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Alfred Soakai, Deputy Secretary, Department of Communications Kingdom of Tonga  <b>Co Moderator:</b> Mr. Mario Maniewicz, Chief, Policies and Strategies Department Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Background Note</b> Mr. Ashish Narayan, Advisor, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific Ms. Noelle Jones, Principal Consultant, Network Strategies</li> </ul> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>“ITU Initiatives”</i> Mr. Ashish Narayan, Advisor, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> <li>- <i>“Pacific Regional Regulatory Resource Centre”</i> Ms. Natasha Beschoner, Senior ICT Policy Specialist, The World Bank</li> <li>- <i>“Some Lessons and Some Ideas”</i> Mr. John Budden, Economic Infrastructure Advisor, PIFS</li> <li>- <i>“An Industry Perspective on Creating an Enabling Environment”</i> Mr. Daniel Kelley on behalf of Pacific Island Telecommunications Association (PITA)</li> </ul>
16:30 - 17:00	Coffee/Tea Break hosted by <b>Tonga Communication Corporation (TCC)</b>

<p><b>17:00 - 17:45</b></p>	<p><b>Theme 4a: Cybersecurity</b> (45 mins)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Wilson Vuti, Director General, Ministry of Infrastructures &amp; Public Utilities, Vanuatu  <b>Co Moderator:</b> Mr. Shoji Matsubara, Advisor to the Director, Disaster Management Support Systems Office, JAXA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Background Note</b> Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon, Specialist, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Presentations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>"Cybersecurity: Challenges and Cooperation"</i> Mr. Joongyeoun Hwang, President &amp; CEO, Korea Information Security Agency (KISA)</li> <li>- <i>"Establishment of the PacificCERT"</i> Mr. Graham Ingram, General Manager, AusCERT</li> </ul>
<p><b>18:30</b></p>	<p>Dinner hosted by <b>Tonga Communications Corporation (TCC)</b></p>

## Wednesday 18 February 2009

09:00 - 10:00

### Theme 4b: ICT Applications

(1 hr)

**Moderator:** Mr. Wilson Vuti, Director General, Ministry of Infrastructures & Public Utilities, Vanuatu

**Co Moderator:** Mr. Shoji Matsubara, Advisor to the Director, Disaster Management Support Systems Office, JAXA

- **Background Note**

Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon, Specialist, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

**Presentations**

- *"One Laptop Per Pacific Child"*

Mr. Michael Hutak, Regional Director, OLPC Oceania

- *"ICT Application and Content Development"*

Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon, Telecom/ICT Specialist, ITU

Mr. Joseph Mertz, Associate Teaching Professor, Carnegie Mellon University

- *"ICT Applications in the Pacific for Knowledge Sharing and Analysis for Disaster Management"*

Mr. Zengpei Xuan, Division Chief, ICT & DRR Division, ESCAP

10:00 - 11:30

### Theme 5: Emergency Communications and Disaster Relief/Climate Change

(1 hr 30 mins)

**Moderator:** Mr. Tua'imalo Asamu Ah Sam, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Samoa

**Co Moderator:** Mr. Zengpei Xuan, Division Chief, ICT & DRR Division, ESCAP

- **Background Note**

Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon, Specialist, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

**Presentations**

- *"Sentinel Asia: Disaster Management using ICT and Space Technology in the Pacific"*

Mr. Shoji Matsubara, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, Advisor to the Director, Disaster Management Support Systems Office (JAXA)

Mr. Kenpei Kojika, Senior Researcher, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)

- *"WINDS Project"*

Mr. Toshio Higuchi, Senior Engineer, Satellite Applications and Promotion Center, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

- *"Regional Emergency & Disaster Communications System"*

Mr. Ivan Fong, Pacific Island Telecommunications Association (PITA)

- *"Pacific Disaster Net - new portal for Disaster Risk Management in the Pacific Region"*

Ms. Jutta May, Information & Database Management Advisor, SOPAC

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11:30 - 12:00	Coffee/Tea Break hosted by <b>South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC)</b>
12:00 - 13:30	<p><b>Theme 6: Human Capacity Building</b> (1 hr 30 mins)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Richard Brown, Director, Regional Cooperation Section, International Branch, Department of Broadband, Communications &amp; the Digital Economy, Australia  <b>Co Moderator:</b> Ms. Natasha Beschorner, Senior ICT Policy Specialist, The World Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Background Note</b> Mr. Robert Shaw, Head, Human Capacity Building, ITU</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Presentations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>"ITU Academy"</i> Mr. Robert Shaw, Head, Human Capacity Building, ITU</li> <li>- <i>"The Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders - for the Pacific"</i> Mr. Siaosi Sovaleni, ICT Advisor, SOPAC / UN-APCICT</li> <li>- <i>"ICT Human Capacity Building in the Pacific Region"</i> Dr. Esther Williams, Deputy Vice Chancellor, USP</li> <li>- <i>"The ITU Internet Training Centre"</i> Mr. Samiuela Fonua, Dean Academic Support, Tupou Tertiary Institute, Tonga</li> <li>- <i>"Information &amp; Communication Technologies in the Pacific: European Commission"</i> Mr. Lénaïc Georgelin, European Union, Delegation of the European Commission for the Pacific</li> </ul>
13:30 - 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 - 16:30	<b>Pre-Ministerial Roundtable on Communiqué (closed)</b>
16:30 - 17:00	Coffee / Tea Break hosted by <b>Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)</b>
17:00 - 18:00	<b>Pre-Ministerial Roundtable on Communiqué (closed)</b>
19:00	Dinner hosted by <b>Digicel (Tonga) Limited</b> at Kaati ni Restaurant



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## Thursday 19 February 2009

<b>09:00 - 09:30</b>	<b>Opening Session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Rev. Tevita Mone</b></li><li>- <b>Mr. Sami Al-Basheer Al-Morshid</b> Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), ITU</li><li>- <b>Hon. Jim Marurai</b> Prime Minister, Cook Islands</li></ul> <b>Opening Remarks:</b> <b>Hon. Dr. Feleti Vaka'uta Sevele</b> Prime Minister, Kingdom of Tonga
<b>09:30 - 10:30</b>	<b>Ministerial Roundtable 1: Affordable Accessibility in the Pacific</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Henao Iduhu, Acting Secretary, Department of Communication and Information Papua New Guinea Mr. Franck Conroy March, Senior Specialist Advisor, Digital Development, Energy & Communications, Ministry of Economic Development, New Zealand <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Hon. Dr. Feleti Vaka'uta Sevele</b> Prime Minister, Kingdom of Tonga</li><li>- <b>Hon. Patrick Tammur</b> Minister for Communication and Information Technology, Papua New Guinea</li><li>- <b>Hon. Taukelina Finikaso</b> Minister for Communications, Transport &amp; Tourism, Tuvalu</li></ul>
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	Coffee/Tea Break hosted by <b>Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)</b>
<b>11:00-12:00</b>	<b>Ministerial Roundtable 2: Enabling Environment</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Alfred Soakai, Deputy Secretary, Department of Communications Kingdom of Tonga <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Hon. Temate Ereateiti Kateintenang</b> Minister for Communications, Transport &amp; Tourism, Kiribati</li><li>- <b>Hon. Safuneituuga Paaga Neri</b> Minister for Communications and Information Technology, Samoa</li><li>- <b>Hon. Sprent Dabwido</b> Minister for Transport &amp; Telecommunications, Nauru</li></ul>

12:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break hosted by <b>Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA)</b>
14:00 - 15:00	<p><b>Ministerial Roundtable 3: ICT Applications and Cybersecurity</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Wilson Vuti, Director General, Ministry of Infrastructures &amp; Public Utilities, Vanuatu</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Cook Islands</b></li> <li>- <b>Hon. Francis I. Itimai</b> Secretary (Minister) for Transportation, Communications &amp; Infrastructure, Federated States of Micronesia</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Colin Oliver</b> Asst. Secretary, Department of Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy, Govt. of Australia</li> </ul>
15:00 - 16:00	<p><b>Ministerial Roundtable 4: Emergency Communications &amp; Disaster Relief / Climate Change</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Tua'imalo Asamu Ah Sam, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Samoa</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hon. Varian Lonamei</b> Minister for Communication &amp; Aviation, Solomon Islands</li> <li>- <b>Hon. Jackson R. Ngiraingas</b> Minister for Public Infrastructure, Industries &amp; Commerce, Palau</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Frank Conroy March</b> Senior Specialist Advisor, Digital Development, Energy &amp; Communications Ministry of Economic Development, New Zealand</li> </ul>
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee / Tea Break hosted by <b>Cobham Satcom</b>
16:30 - 17:30	<p><b>Ministerial Roundtable 5: Human Capacity Building</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Richard Brown, Director, Regional Cooperation Section, International Branch, Department of Broadband, Communications &amp; the Digital Economy, Australia</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hon. Serge Vohor</b> Minister for Infrastructures &amp; Public Utilities, Vanuatu</li> <li>- <b>Hon. Dennis F. Momotaro</b> Minister for Transportation &amp; Communications, Marshall Islands</li> <li>- <b>Hon. Pokotoa Sipeli</b> Minister for Telecommunications, Government of Niue</li> </ul>
Evening 19:00 -	<b>Gala Dinner and launch of initiatives by Department of Communications, Kingdom of Tonga</b>

## Friday 20 February 2009

<b>09:00 - 10:00</b>	<b>Presentation of Communiqué</b>
<b>10:00 - 10:30</b>	Coffee / Tea Break hosted by <b>TongaSat</b>
<b>10:30 - 11:30</b>	<b>Adoption of Communiqué</b>
<b>11:30 - 12:00</b>	<b>Closing of Forum</b>

Updated information on the Forum can be found at:

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp/CMS/Events/2009/PacMinForum/PacMinForum.asp>