



PACIFIC ICT MINISTERIAL FORUM: CONNECTING THE UNCONNECTED

17-20 FEBRUARY 2009, NUKU'ALOFA, TONGA

Registrations

The registration to the Forum can be sent using the attached form by 30 January 2009.

Venue:

The forum will be held for four days at the:

Fa'onelua Conference Centre
Vuna Road, Nuku'alofa, TONGA

Name Badges will be picked at the Conference Centre reception desk.

Hotel Accommodation & Reservations:

- Special rate for the participants will be soon available at <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp/CMS/Events/FEB2009/PACIFIC.asp> . If you need assistance please contact Mr Fe'ao Vakata, +676 24-644 or mobile +676 16-294, 16-639 or Ms Robyn Kaho at the same contact numbers. Most Hotels have internet access.
- Reservations can be made straight to these hotels emails:
International Dateline Hotel ldh_reservation@yahoo.com tel. +676 23-411
Seaview Lodge seaview@kalianet.to tel. +676 23-709
The Black Pearl Suite thepearl@kalianet.to tel. +676 28-293
Waterfront Lodge waterfro@tonfon.to tel. +676-260

For more information please refer to the Tonga Visitors Bureau website www.tongaholiday.com
tel. +676 25-334 fax +676 23-507

Hotel Check In & Check Out times:

Check in and Checkout is usually flexile depending on the aircraft timetable. When booking, please confirm with the hotel reservations.

Transport from Hotel to Meeting venue:

The venue is centrally located. If delegates stay International Dateline Hotel the venue is within walking distance.

Transport from Airport to hotels:

The Department of Communication will be providing airport transfers for participants who request it (communications@pmo.gov.to). Please let us know of your itinerary a week prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Visa and Immigration Requirements:

Countries that do not require an entry visa to Tonga are listed below:

Australia	Kiribati	Slovakia
Austria	Korea	Slovenia
Bahamas	Latvia	Solomon Islands
Barbados	Lithuania	Spain
Belgium	Luxembourg	St Kitts & Nevis
Brazil	Malaysia	St Lucia
Brunei Darussalam	Malta	St Vincent & The Grenadines
Bulgaria	Marshall Islands	Sweden
Canada	Monaco	Switzerland
Cook Islands	Nauru	Tahiti (French Passport Holders)
Cyprus	Netherlands	Tokelau (holders of NZ Passports)
Czech Republic	New Caledonia (French Passports)	Turkey
Denmark	New Zealand	Tuvalu
Dominica Republic	Niue (holders of NZ Passports)	Ukraine
Estonia	Norway	United Kingdom - Great Britain & Northern Ireland
Federated Sates of Micronesia	Palau	United States of America
Fiji	Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu
Finland	Poland	Wallis & Futuna (French Passport Holders)
France	Portugal	
Germany	Romania	
Greece	Russian Federation	
Hungary	Samoa	
Ireland	Seychelles	
Italy	Singapore	
Japan		

A Letter of confirmation from the Department of Communications for this event is available on request to communications@pmo.gov.to. For countries requiring Visa, please refer to the Visa application form available on the website.

Airport Tax:

Most countries will include Airport Tax with airline ticket, however, enquire with your Ticketing Agent for any Airport or applicable taxes

Currency:

Local currency is Paánga (TOP) Current rate is TOP\$1.00 = US\$0.4874; but may fluctuate.

Time:

Local time compared to GMT
+13 Hours

Electricity:

220-240 volt and 3 pin plug. Countries with dissimilar pin & voltage configuration are required to bring their own conversion adapters.

Climate:

Approx weather conditions are temperatures between 28-30 Celsius (80-85 F). Delegates may be advised to bring light clothing.

General Information about the city of the venue:

For tourist information and what's on in Nukuálofa, consult the following website:

<http://www.tongaholiday.com>

Dress

Dress standard - Island business casual

Internet Access

Wireless Internet access will be available at the workshop venue.

Contact Information

Local contact details in Tonga

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