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## **SUB-REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ICTs FOR DEVELOPMENT IN PACIFIC ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

**Suva, Fiji, 6-9 December 2004**

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***PACIFIC ISLAND FORUM SECRETARIAT (PIFS)***

***UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION  
FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP)***

***INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)***

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### **Day 1**

##### **1. Opening Session: Welcome and Opening Addresses**

- 1 Welcome address by the Government of Fiji
- 1.1 Opening address by PIFS
- 1.2 Opening address by the Deputy Executive Secretary, UNESCAP
- 1.3 Opening address by the Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau (ITU)
- 1.4 Adoption of Agenda and the Election of Officers
- 1.5 Presentation of the objectives of the conference

##### **2. Substantive Session 1: Introduction of key issues**

- 2.1 Introduction of the Regional Plan of Action towards an Information Society in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- 2.2 Overview of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau – Mandate, Strategy, activities and synergies with WSIS (ITU)
- 2.3 Outline of ICTs development in the Asia Pacific region (Pacific Forum)

#### **Days 2 and 3**

##### **3. Substantive Session 1: Technologies and an Enabling Environment**

- 3.1 Infrastructure, Access and Applications (ITU/ESCAP)
  - Technology strategies for infrastructure rollout
  - Affordability and Cost of Access
  - Shared Access to ICTs (Community e-Centres)
  - ICT applications for socio-economic development
  - Presentation of best practices from the region in e-health, e-government, e-commerce, e-disaster and access.
  - Open source software (APDIP)
- 3.2. Building an Environment for ICT Development
- 3.3. Policy, regulatory and legal framework (ITU/ESCAP)
  - Governance Issues (e.g., Internet Governance)
  - Sub-Regional Policies and Strategies (ESCAP/APDIP)
  - Legislative Environment - Cyber laws (ESCAP)
  - Regulatory Issues and the Role of Regulators (e.g., Spectrum licensing)

##### **4. Substantive Session 2: Financing ICTs**

Financing ICTs for development (ESCAP/Pacific Forum)

- Financing models and mechanisms (ESCAP)
- Sub regional initiatives in financing ICT (Pacific Forum)
- Role of governments, private sector and funding entities

**5. Substantive Session 3: Human Resources**

- 5.1 Human Resource Development (UNESCO representative from Samoa/USP?)
- 5.2 Disseminating knowledge and know-how
- 5.3 Enhancing and building local capacity and competence
- 5.4 Using ICTs as a tool for developing human resource base

**6. Substantive Session 4: Regional and Sub-regional cooperation in ICTs for development**

Country presentations covering all the above aspects (agenda items 2-5) and suggested priority in each country for ICTs for development: 5 minutes for each country

**7. Open Discussions on agenda items 2 to 5 above and formulation of recommendations**

**Day 4**

**8. Presentation and adoption of the draft report of the meeting and concluding remarks**

Note: If feasible, substantive sessions should be held in smaller working groups and parallel to each other to allow for maximum discussion.