

Statistics for Development Division (SDD)

5th Regional Conference of Heads of Planning and Statistics (HOPS)

(Noumea, New Caledonia, 14-16 November 2017)

Theme: Unleashing the power of Pacific Data

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Introduction

In the four years since HOPS last met in 2013, there have been several developments that have impacted the region's statistical landscape, including the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the near completion of Phase 2 of the Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy (TYPSS), and the planned commencement of TYPSS Phase 3 in 2018–2020.

In view of this, it is a timely occasion for members to come together to discuss opportunities and challenges for the region as we move into TYPSS Phase 3. This is also an opportunity for technical partners and donors to discuss ways to improve the level of technical and financial coordination required to address the priorities of member countries, including a proposed enhancement to the existing regional statistics governance framework. The work of SPC's Statistics for Development Division (SDD) has been reviewed, and this conference provides SDD with an opportunity to present its new focus and priorities as presented in its new Business Plan.

Finally, the increasing demand for timely and high-quality Pacific statistics means that data dissemination will be a priority for the region in TYPSS Phase 3 and this must be underpinned by a well-coordinated data collection plan for the region with the right resources delivered at the right time to support it. A framework to promote greater awareness and use of Pacific statistics will also be put forward for consideration during this conference.

Expected outcomes of HOPS:

This meeting is expected to discuss and make decisions related to the following broad topics:

- TYPSS Phase 3 Design and Priorities
- Regional Statistics Governance Framework
- Regional Statistics Method Board
- Regional Data Dissemination Framework and Priorities
- Proposed Technical Partnership and 5 Year Data Collection Plan

TUESDAY 14 November

| Session | TIME | AGENDA ITEM | FACILITATOR/PRESENTER |
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| | 7.30 – 8.30 | Registration | SDD – Administration Team |
| 1 | 8.30 – 9.30 | Welcome song Opening prayer Welcome Opening remarks and keynote address Election of office bearers Outline of the conference | Stephanie Watt Senior Information Management Assistant, SPC Rev. Metuisela Puku Colin Tukuitonga Director-General (DG), SPC Gaetan Pikioune Honourable Minister of Finance and Economy Management, Vanuatu Colin Tukuitonga DG, SPC Ofa Ketu'u Director, SDD, SPC |
| 2 | 9.30 – 10.10 | TYPSS Phase 3 Design and Priorities Presentation of TYPSS Phase 3 Design and Priorities (20 minutes) Response by current Chair of PSSC/HOPS to TYPSS Phase 3 Design and Priorities based on outcome from PSSC Meeting on 13 November 2017 (20 minutes) | Cameron Allen Consultant Simil Johnson Government Statistician, Vanuatu |
| | 10.10 – 10.30 | Regional Statistics Governance Framework Presentation of Regional Statistics Governance Framework paper (20 minutes) | Cameron Diver Deputy Director-General (DDG), SPC |
| | 10.30 – 11.00 | Morning tea and official group photographs | |
| | 11.00 – 11.30 | Regional Statistics Methods Board Presentation of a proposal for the establishment of a Regional Statistics Methods Board (20 minutes) | Ofa Ketu'u Director, SDD, SPC |
| | 11.30 – 12.30 | Group discussion 60 minutes: Group 1: Consider TYPSS Phase 3 Overall Design and Priorities Group 2: Consider the proposed regional statistics governance framework paper and recommendations Group 3: Consider the proposed statistics methods board paper and recommendations | Len Cook Facilitator |

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| | 12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch | |
| | 13.30 – 14.30 | Group report-back (15 minutes each group) Group 1 & 2 & 3 | Team leader from each group |
| 3 | 14.30 – 15.00 | Donor Partners presentations - Funding priorities for TYPSS Phase 3: supporting a more coordinated technical and funding program for Pacific statistics development (15 minutes each) | Nic Notarpietro Director, Performance Quality and Risk, DFAT Mei Lin Harley Monitoring and Results Adviser, MFAT |
| | 15.00 – 15.30 | Afternoon tea | |
| | 15.30 – 17.15 | Development Partners presentations Theme: Priorities and areas for technical support and partnerships during TYPSS Phase 3 (15 minutes each) | Richard Wild Real Sector Statistics Advisor, PFTAC Ben Dolman Program Manager, International and Gov. Finance Branch, ABS Andrew Tideswell Manager, Statistical Education, Statistics NZ Robert Utz Lead Economist and Program Leader, World Bank Group Rup Singh Acting Director (CEP & M) and Senior Lecturer, School of Economics, USP |
| | 17.15 – 17.30 | Reflection on Day 1 Confirmation of Agenda for Day 2 | Cameron Diver DDG, SPC Ofa Ketu'u Director, SDD, SPC |
| | 17.30 – 21.00 | Pacific Statistics Night | |
| | 17.30 – 18.30 | Welcome Cocktail | |
| | 18.30 – 19.00 | Guest speaker: Statistician-General of South Africa Statistics: Pali Lehohla , introduced by Simil Johnson, Government Statistician of Vanuatu <i>Title: Unleashing the power of Pacific data – the role of Government Statisticians</i> | |
| | 19.00 – 19.30 | SPC DG Colin Tukuitonga , farewells the outgoing Chair and welcomes the new Chair | |
| | 19.30 – 21.00 | Buffet dinner and Pacific entertainment | |

WEDNESDAY 15 November

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| | 8.00 – 8.30 | Summary of recommendations from Day 1 | Len Cook Facilitator |
| 3 (Continued) | 8.30 – 9.30 | Development Partners presentations (continued) Theme: Priorities and areas for technical support and partnerships during TYPSS Phase 3 (15 minutes each) | Stanley Gwavuya Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF Sandra Paredes Population Development Adviser, UNFPA Chris Ryan Statistician, UNESCAP |
| 4 | 9.30 – 10.15 | Highlights of SDD performance during TYPSS Phase 2 (papers and 25 minute presentations on each area) - Data dissemination - Launching of PACSCO | SDD staff, SPC Phil Bright, SDD Colin Tukuitonga DG, SPC |
| | 10.15 – 10.45 | Morning tea | |
| | 10.45 – 12.30 | SDD presentation (continued) - Data collection - Economic statistics - CRVS | Michael Sharp and Bertrand Buffière, SDD Rens Hendriks and Nilima Lal, SDD Gloria Mathenge, SDD |
| | 12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch | |
| 5 | 13.30 – 14.00 | SDD new Business Plan (2018–2020) | Ofa Ketu'u Director, SDD, SPC |
| 6 | 14.00 – 15.00 | Improving Pacific data dissemination Users' experience with access to, and use of Pacific data – A Pasifika Researcher perspective (20 minutes) | Semisi Taumoepeau Director of Pasifika studies, AIS, NZ |
| | 15.00 – 15.30 | Afternoon tea | |
| | 15.30 – 17.15 | Regional Dissemination Strategy Framework (25 minutes) Discussion followed by a round table discussion | Ofa Ketu'u Director, SDD, SPC |
| | 17.15 – 17.30 | Reflection on Day 2 Administration and confirmation of Agenda for Day 3 | Epeli Waqavonovono Government Statistician, Fiji Ofa Ketu'u Director, SDD, SPC |

THURSDAY 16 November

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| | 8.00 – 8.15 | Summary of outcomes from Day 2 | Ofa Ketu’u Director, SDD, SPC |
| 4 | 8.15 – 09:00 | SDD presentation (<i>continued</i>) - Education - Gender statistics | Alison Culpin, SDD <i>Paper to be presented on behalf of Scott Pontifex</i> Kim Robertson, SDD |
| 4 + 5 | 09:00 – 09:45 | Final questions on SDD business plan (session 5) & SDD staff presentations (session 4) | Ofa Ketu’u Director, SDD, SPC |
| 7 | 09:45 – 10:30 | Proposed technical support partnership program Presentation of the proposed technical partnership and 5-Year Data Collection Plan | Michael Sharp, SDD, SPC |
| | 10.30 – 11.00 | Morning tea | |
| | 11.00 – 12.00 | Presentation of the Pacific Strategic Plan for Agriculture and Fisheries Statistics – a foundation for a technical support partnership | Michael Sharp, SDD, SPC |
| | 12.00 – 13.00 | Lunch | |
| 8 | 13.00 – 14.30 | Regional work on the Pacific Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Indicators Pacific SDGs Roadmap and Outcomes from Pacific Leaders’ Conference – an update from the SDG Taskforce Secretariat (<i>paper and 30 minute presentation</i>) Pacific SDG Indicators – an update on data availability and coordination among technical partners (<i>paper and 30 minutes presentation</i>) | Joel Nilon Pacific Regionalism Adviser, PIFS Alison Culpin, SDD, SPC |
| | 14.30 – 15.00 | NSOs Questions and Answers to SPC, Technical Partners and Donors | Ofa Ketu’u Director, SDD, SPC |
| | 15.00 – 15.30 | Afternoon tea | |
| 9 | 15.30 – 16.00 | Regional Statistics Methods Board – final reflection (Session 2) | Ofa Ketu’u Director, SDD, SPC |
| 10 | 16.00 – 16.30 | Review of conference recommendations | Cameron Diver DDG, SPC |
| | 16.30 - 17.00 | Closing remarks | New Chair of HOPS Ofa Ketu’u Director, SDD, SPC Colin Tukuitonga DG, SPC |
| | 17.00 – 19.30 | Informal closing and farewell drink at SPC’s bar | |