

## Technical Workshop on International Merchandise Trade Statistics: *Focusing on goods traded under the preferential trade agreements*

26 February to 2 March 2018  
Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Suva

### Detailed Agenda

#### Monday 26 February

Time	Agenda item	Who	Chair
8.30 - 9.00	Registration of participants	PIFS: Ms Salanieta QOMATE	SPC_Nilima
9.00 – 9.10	Prayer	OCO: Ms Laisiana Tugaga	
9.10 – 9.30	Opening statements	MSG: Ambassador A Yauvoli PIFS: Mrs Cristelle Pratt OCO: Mr Seve Paeniu SPC : Ms Audrey Aumua	
9.30 – 9.40	<b>Confirmation of Agenda</b> SOP0 'Workshop outline'	SPC: Ms Nilima Lal	
<b>SESSION 1:</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES</b>		
9.40 – 10.00	S1P1 'Purpose of the workshop and Expected outcomes'	SPC: Ms Nilima Lal	
10.00 – 10.30	Tea Break - Group photo to be taken before Tea		
10.30 – 11.30	Participants: Introduction and expectation from the workshop	All	
<b>SESSION 2:</b>	<b>PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS</b>		PIFS_Veniana
11.30 – 12.30	S2P1 'Qualification Criteria and Levels of Preferences in WTO Agreements' <i>Via teleconference from Geneva</i>	Permanent Rep to the WTO_ Mrs Mere Falemaka	
	S2P2 'Preferences under PICTA and IEPA Trade in Goods'	PIFS_Mr Frederick Kamusiime	
	S2P3 'Policy Tools and Qualification Criteria under PACER Plus'	PIFS_Mr Frederick Kamusiime	
	S2P4 'Preferences under SPARTECA and MTEC' Private Sector Guest speaker	PIFS_Ms. Sapai M Timakata Mr Mark Halabe	
	S2P5 'Policy Tools and Qualification Criteria under PACER Plus'	PIFS_Ms Veniana Qalo	
12.30 – 1.30 pm	Lunch Break		
1.30 – 2.30	Preferential Trade Agreements cont... S2P6 'MSG Trade Agreements'	MSG_Mr Henry Sanday	
2.30 – 3.30	Preferential Trade Agreements Group Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PICTA &amp; iEPA</li> <li>▪ SPARTECA</li> <li>▪ PACER Plus</li> <li>▪ MSGTA &amp; MSGTA3</li> </ul>	Supervised by, from PIFS_ Mr Frederick Kausiime Ms Sapai Moana Timakata Ms Veniana Qalo Mr Henry Sanday	
3.30 – 4.00	Tea Break		
4.00 – 5.00	Wrap up session on Preferential Trade Agreements	SPC_Ms Nilima Lal	SPC_Nilima

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**Tuesday 27 February**

Time	Agenda item	Who	Chair
9.00 – 9.10	Day 1 Reflection	SPC: Ms Nilima Lal	SPC_Nilima
9.10 – 10.00	Preferential Trade Agreements cont... S2P7 'ABS presentation' <i>Via video conference</i> S2P8 'DFAT presentation' <i>Via video conference</i>	ABS_Ms Courtney Brown DFAT_ Mr Don SPEDDING	
10.00 – 10.30	Tea Break		
10.30 – 11.30	Private Sector perspectives on Preferential Trade Agreements S2P9 'Private Sector_PTA'	PIFS_Mr Frederick Kausiime	PIFS_Mrs Glynis Miller and PIPSO_ Mr Howard Politi
11.30 – 12.30	Has the Private Sector been using the Preferential Trade Agreements? <i>Panel discussion</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Asaleo Care (Fiji) Limited_Mr Joseph Rodan Jnr</li> <li>2. Freight Services Fiji Ltd_Mr Joe Taoi</li> <li>3. Ashabhai &amp; Co Ltd_Mr Kalpesh Kumar and Mr Harshal Shah</li> <li>4. Fiji_ Ms. Shinal Prasad (Trade)</li> <li>5. Tuvalu_ Ms Grace Alapati (Statistics)</li> <li>6. Mr Frederick Tanga (Customs)</li> </ol>	
12.30 – 1.30 pm	Lunch Break		
<b>SESSION 3:</b>	<b>IDENTIFYING GOODS TRADED UNDER THE PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS</b>		
1.30 pm – 3.30	S3P0 'Blue Pacific and Fisheries' S3P1 'Identifying Goods Traded under PTA'	Mr Shiu Raj Ms Laisiana Tugaga	OCO_Laisian
3.30 – 4.00	Tea Break		
4.00 – 5.00	Trade Statistics and Customs IT Systems cont... S3P2 'Fiji Customs' S3P3 'Cook Islands Customs' S3P4 'Kiribati Statistics' S3P5 'Tonga Customs' S3P6 'Vanuatu Customs' S3P7 'ASYCUDA'	Ms Mereia Waqa Mr Dennis HEATHER Mr Tekaie ITITAAKE Mr Usaia M Lolomanaia Mr Frederick Tanga Mr Jayvee Santos	

### Wednesday 28 February

Time	Agenda item	Who	Chair
9.00 – 9.10	<b>Day 2 Reflection</b>	SPC: Ms Nilima Lal	SPC_Nilima
9.10 – 10.00	Trade Statistics and Customs IT Systems cont... S3P8_PCTrade	Mr Nicholas Cox	OCO_Laisiana
10.00 – 10.30	Tea Break		
10.30 – 11.30	Trade Statistics and Customs IT Systems cont.. Trading across borders – (Ranking of economies – Doing business – World Bank) Discussion Wrap up of Session	MSG_Henry Sanday Laisiana Tugaga	
<b>SESSION 4:</b>	<b>WHAT DO THE NUMBERS SAY?</b>		
11.30 – 12.30	S4P1 'What do the numbers say'? S4P2 'PACER Plus: Options to Replace Expected Revenue Loss from Trade Taxes in Pacific Forum Island Countries' S4P3 'Links Between Tariffs, Statistics and Trade'	SPC: Ms Nilima Lal PFTAC: Ms Iris Claus PIFS: Ms Veniana Qalo	SPC_Nilima
12.30 – 1.30 pm	Lunch Break		
<b>SESSION 5:</b>	<b>COMPILATION OF DATA ON GOODS TRADED UNDER MSG</b>		
1.30 pm – 3.30	Compilation of data on goods traded under MSG		
	<b>Split-up in 4 Groups for Hands-on compilation work</b>		
	Group PNG	Led by PIFS_ Ms Veniana Qalo	
	Group Solomon	Led by OCO_Laisiana Tugaga	
	Group Fiji	Led by SPC_Ms Nilima Lal	
	Group Vanuatu	Led by MSG_Henry Sanday	
3.30 – 4.00	Tea Break		
4.00 – 5.00	Compilation of data on goods traded under MSG cont..		

### Thursday 1 March

Time	Agenda item	Who	Chair
9.00 – 9.10	<b>Day 3 Reflection</b>	SPC: Ms Nilima Lal	SPC_Nilima
9.10 – 5.00 pm	Blue Pacific and Fisheries Discussion of compilations on Fish production, imports and exports compiled by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fiji</li> <li>2. Kiribati</li> <li>3. PNG</li> <li>4. Solomon Islands</li> <li>5. Tonga</li> <li>6. Samoa</li> <li>7. Vanuatu</li> </ol> Presentation on the same topic by UNCTAD Discussion on Goals and Targets Discussion on SDG 14	Mr Pritesh Goundar Mr Tekaie Ititaake Mr Henao Kari Mr Henry Risoni Mrs Ana Kama Mrs Toeseanuupotopoto Tautalagia Mrs Ana Tavoia Mr Jayvee Santos PIFS_ Mr Stephen Fevrier PIFS_Mr Shiu Raj	

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10.00 – 10.30	Tea Break		
	Compilation of data on goods traded under MSG cont..		
12.30 – 1.30 pm	Lunch Break		
3.30 – 4.00	Tea Break		

### Friday 2 March

Time	Agenda item	Who	Chair
9.00 – 10.00	<b>Day 4 Reflection</b>	SPC: Nilima Lal	SPC_Nilima
9.10 – 10.00	Presentation of results and discussion of issues encountered and how they can be solved  Group 1 Group 2 Group 3 Group 4	Group Leaders  Mr Henao Kari Mr Henry Risoni Ms Radhika Kumar Ms Ana Tavoia	
10.00 – 10.30	Tea Break		
<b>SESSION 6:</b>	<b>WAY FORWARD AND CLOSING</b>		
10.30 – 11.15	Way forward S6P1 'The way Forward' S6P2 'Way Forward PIFS'	SPC_Nilima Lal PIFS_Veniana Qalo OCO_Laisiana Tugaga MSG_Henry Sanday	SPC_Nilima
12.30 – 1.30 pm	Lunch Break - Evaluation form to be handed in straight after lunch		
11.30 – 12.15	Closing remarks, followed by... Award of certificates	MSG: Ambassador A Yauvoli PIFS_Mr Shiu Raj	SPC_Nilima
12.15 – 12.40	Feedback, reflections and comments on whether Workshop expectations were met	All	
12.40 – 12.45	Wrap-up of the Workshop	Statistics NZ_Mr Nicholas Cox	
12.45 pm	Lunch		