



Pacific Islands Regional Universities Network and Science Policy Dialogue

5 – 7 November 2012

Suva, FIJI

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Day 1		
08h00-10h00	Session 1 Official opening	
	Garlanding of Guests & invitation to the Vice-Chancellor to welcome and introduce guests	Master of Ceremony: Professor John Bythell, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research & International), University of the South Pacific, Fiji
	Opening prayer	To be identified
	Welcome Speech Welcome and Introduction of Regional University Representative; Welcome and Introduction of Chief Guests	Professor Rajesh Chandra, Vice-chancellor and President, University of the South Pacific, Fiji
	Opening Address	Judith Ann Francis, Senior Programme Coordinator, Science and Technology Policy, CTA, The Netherlands
	Introduction of UNESCO speakers	Professor John Bythell, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research & International), USP, Fiji
	Remarks	Hans Dencker Thulstrup, Programme Specialist, Section for Small Islands and Indigenous Knowledge, UNESCO Paris, France
	Keynote Address	Professor Lidia Brito, Director, Division for Science, Policy and Capacity-Building, UNESCO Paris, France
	Vote of Thanks	Professor Lohi Matainaho, Dean, University of Papua



		New Guinea, Papua New Guinea
10h00-11h00	Group Photo & Tea break	
11h00-13h00	Session 2 ○ Learning from Regional University Networks	
Feature Address	Prof David Kavanamur, Director General, and Head of PNG Office of Higher Education, PNG - PNG Vision 2050 and strategy on research and innovation - role of universities in its implementation.	
Presentation 1	Professor Adipala Ekwamu, Executive Secretary, Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Africa (RUFORUM)	
Presentation 2	Prof. Victoria Ngumi, Senior Research Fellow, (ANAFE) & Principal, Karen Campus, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), Nairobi, Kenya	
Presentation 3	Dr. David Smith, Coordinator, University Consortium of Small Island States, University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica	
12h30–13h00	Discussion	
13h00-14h30	Lunch	
14h30–15h00	Participant introductions	Facilitator
	Questions and issues	Facilitator
15h00-15h30	Session 3 Developing a Pacific Islands universities network - Working Groups	
	Introduction to working group format and methodology, recapitulation of workshop objectives and expected outcomes, including identification of participants' expectations from workshop	Facilitator, Dr. Jito Vanualailai, Director Research, Research Office, USP, Fiji
15h30-16h00	Tea break	



16h00-17h30	Session 3 continued	
	Working group discussions to elaborate outputs under objective 1	Moderators (David Smith, Victoria Ngumi, Rod Lamberts, Adipala Ekwamu)
19h00-21h00	Welcome Cocktail	
Day 2		
09h00-11h00	Session 3 continued	
	Working group discussion continued	Moderators (David Smith, Victoria Ngumi, Rod Lamberts, Adipala Ekwamu)
11h00-11h30	Tea break	
11h30-12h30	Presentation of group discussion reports on objective 1 outputs	Facilitator
12h30-14h00	Lunch	
14h00-15h30	Session 4 Developing a Pacific-owned and Pacific-driven STI policy framework	
	Brief presentation	Gerd Rücker / Jean-Francois Marini (PACE-NET): Science, Technology and Innovation in the Pacific – Challenges and opportunities
	Session introduction	Science Policy in the Pacific – a brief overview
	Moderated group discussions to elaborate outputs under objective 2	Moderators (for example Rod Lamberts, Ian White, representatives of USP and UPNG)
15h30-16h00	Tea break	



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	Moderated group discussions to elaborate outputs under objective 2	Moderators (for example Rod Lamberts, Ian White, representatives of USP and UPNG)
19h00-21h30	Dinner	

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09h00-11h00	Session 4 continued	
	Moderated group discussion	Moderators (for example Rod Lamberts, Ian White, representatives of USP and UPNG)
11h00-11h30	Tea break	
11h30-12h30	Presentation of group discussion reports on objective 2 outputs	Facilitator
12h30-14h00	Lunch	
Session 5 Conclusions and way forward		
14h00-15h30	Review and agreement on outputs from discussions, identification of additional issues	Facilitator / moderators
15h30-16h00	Tea break	
16h00-17h00	“The way forward” – agreement on key next steps and follow-up action	Facilitator / moderators



17h00-17h30	Session 6 Closing	
	Official closing remarks	Representative of USP