Pacific Internet Governance Forum 2024

(co-locating with APNIC 58)

The virtual and hybrid Pacific Internet Governance is organized by the Pacific Chapter of the Internet Society (PICISOC) in partnership with various key stakeholders. It focuses on local issues and Internet Governance developments in the Pacific islands region and seeks to provide impartial advice to governments and the public on Internet-related matters that are relevant to Pacific Island people. The Pacific Internet Governance forum will ensure a human-centric design thinking process to create new and innovative ideas to deal with the challenges faced by our members in the Pacific.

AGENDA -2-3rd Sept, 2024

Theme: "Strengthening Digital Governance and Resilience in the Pacific Islands".

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Meeting will be held at the Takina Convention Centre, Wellington, New Zealand

Wellington time	Monday 2 September	
8:30 -9:30	Registration and pick up name badges	

9:30 – 11.00	**Welcome - Sarai F Tevita**
	
	Opening Prayer – Savenaca Waqa
	
	Opening Ceremony (5mins by Maori Performance)
	
	Session 1 – Opening Plenary
	
	  ▪ Opening Remarks – Andrew Molivurae
	
	  ▪ Speaker - Vivien Maidaborn, Chief Executive Officer, InternetNZ
	  ▪ Speaker – Rosemary Sinclair , CEO .aUDA
	  ▪ Speaker – Pablo Hinojosa, APNIC Senior Director, Engagement
	  ▪ Speaker – Shamila Nair-Bedouelle, Director of Office and UNESCO Representative to the Pacific States
		Pacific IGF Committee

11:00 – 1130	**Morning Tea Break photo session**	

11.30 – 13.00	**Session 2: Round table discussion by Pacific IGF Pioneers**
	
	This session will look at the history of ICT and internet governance engagements in the Pacific islands leading up to the first Pacific IGF of 2011. Speakers for this session have been instrumental in the Internet Governance landscape in the Pacific islands. Each one will be given a few minutes to share their experiences and answer the question. **"Why Pacific IGF and where are we now with the transformation over the years?"**
	
	Speakers
	
	  ▪ Keith Davidson
	  ▪ Don Hollander
	  ▪ Ian Thompson
	  ▪ Dr. Rieko Hayakwawa
	  ▪ Dr Ellen Strickland
		Moderator - Andrew Molivurae

13:00.– 14.00	**Lunch Break**	**Networking**

14.00 – 15.30	**Session 3: Digital Transformation trends in the Pacific Islands** ▪ Regional Cooperation and Frameworks for Digital Governance in the Pacific Islands - Jackson Miake ▪ Digital Inclusion and Capacity Building - Mele Tavake ▪ Data Governance Assessment report - Nancy Kanasa	**Moderator** – Sarai F Tevita
15:30 -16:00	**Afternoon tea break**	
16:00 – 18.00	**Session 4: Artificial Intelligence** ▪ *European* Artificial Intelligence Regulation - Karolina Iwanska European Center for Not-For-Profit Law Stichting ▪ Ethical Use of AI in Pacific Island Universities Ashutosh Maharaj, Dr Bibhya Sharma, Salanieta Tuiloma, Jasbinda Singh.	**Moderator –** Savenaca Waqa
17:00 – 18:00	**Session 5: Internet Resource Services in the Pacific Islands** ▪ A brief look at the internet landscape in the Pacific islands during the last 15 years. Embracing the changes and the regulatory challenges. - CCTLD Roadmap - Russell Deka, Director ICT, UPNG ▪ Pacific ccTLD Registry concept - Bruce Tonken, aIUDA ▪ Champika Wijayatunga - ICANN (UA, IDNs and EAI)	**Moderator/Facilitator:** Andrew Molivurae

AGENDA – TUESDAY 3rd September

	Tuesday 3 September	
9:30-10:15 10:15 – 11:00	**Session 6a : Technology in Enhancing Access to Information** ▪ Dr Bibhya Sharma (USP) ▪ Alfred Maake Soakai (TWICT) ▪ Elisapeta Mauai (SITA) **Session 6b: Internet Resilience** ▪ Building Internet Resilient through Community Cybersecurity Awareness Programs - Suetena Faatuuala Loia ▪ Effective Business Continuity Planning and the Role of ICT in DRP - Ashutosh A Maharaj	**A Panel discussion** Moderator – Swaran Ravindra
11.00 – 11:30	**Morning tea**	**Networking**
11.30 – 12:30	**Session 7 Group discussions (6 groups)** - Digital Infrastructure development - Cybersecurity and data protection - Digital inclusion and capacity building, - Climate resilience and disaster management, - Policy and regulatory frameworks, - AI, innovation and entrepreneurship.	**Moderator** Pacific IGF Committee
12.30pm – 13:30	Report back – working group facilitators to report back	
13:30 – 14:00	**Lunch**	
14:00 – 15:30pm	**UNESCO Session** ▪ Empowering Islands: Strengthening Internet Governance in the Pacific	*By UNESCO*
15:30 – 16.00pm	**Afternoon tea**	
16.00- 17:30	**UNESCO Session continue..**	*By UNESCO*
17:30 – 18:00	**Draft Strategy for Pacific IGF and Closing** - Pacific IGF Strategy and 2025 Pacific IGF - Closing remarks	*Andrew Molivurae and Sarai Tevita*
18:00 – 19:30	**Closing Cocktail for Pacific IGF fellows**	*TBA*