

Pacific Internet Governance Forum 2025

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 – 30th June to 4th July 2025

Theme: “Digital Inclusion and Safety”.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The Meeting will be held at the National University of Samoa, Apia, Samoa

Samoa Time	Monday 30 th June 2025 – Tuesday 1 st July 2025	
8.30am – 9.00am	Registration of Technical Workshop https://pacigf.eventify.io/t2/tickets/30C968	
9.10am – 9.25am	Greetings & Opening Remarks	Jobenz Manoa – SITA President
	APNIC Tech Workshop 1 – DNS/DNSSEC – D101 Lecture Theatre	Dave Phelan - APNIC
10.45 – 11am	Morning tea	
11.am – 1pm	APNIC Tech Workshop 1 – DNS/DNSSEC – D101 Lecture Theatre	
1pm – 2pm	Lunch	
2.05pm – 4pm	APNIC Tech Workshop 1 – DNS/DNSSEC – D101 Lecture Theatre	
	Side Event 1	
10am – 1pm	Pacific Multistakeholder Internet Governance Forum – EFL lab	Dr Paul Twomey (former CEO of ICANN, Sydney)
	Tuesday 1st July 2025	
	Side Event 1 cont'd	
10am – 1pm	Pacific Multistakeholder Internet Governance Forum – EFL lab	Dr Paul Twomey (former CEO of ICANN, Sydney)
	Side Event 2	
9:00-4.45pm	Open discussion of Internet Governance with Australia Govt and Pacific Youth IGF- Aoa CR Register here; https://pacigf.eventify.io/t2/tickets/A9237C	Bree Alexander & Swaran Ravindra
4pm – 5pm	Ava Ceremony – NUS Fale Samoa	Samoa IT Association (SITA)
	Greetings to the PacIGF participants	
	Wednesday 2nd July 2025 (half day for tech workshop participants)	
11.30am – 1.00pm	PacIGF Workshop 2: IPv6 for Decision Makers – D101 Lecture Theatre	Dave Phelan - APNIC
1.00pm – 2pm	lunch	
2pm – 4pm	Reflection of Tech Workshop	
	Wednesday 2nd July 2025 “Pacific Internet Governance Forum 2025”- D201 Lecture Theatre https://pacigf.eventify.io/p/#/overview	
8:30 -9:30	Registration and pick up name badges – Aoa Foyer	
9:30 – 10.30	Master of Ceremony – Muliagatele Fainuulelei James Ah Wai Opening Prayer – Rev. Malotau Lafolafoga Keynote Address – Hon. Honorable Fiame Dr Naomi Mataafa, Prime Minister of Samoa	SITA rep

	Session 1 – Opening Plenary 1. Welcome and opening Remarks – Andrew Molivurae/Sarai Faleupolu Tevita – Pacific IGF/PICISOC 2. Speaker –European Union Representative (TBA) 3. Speaker – Vivien Maidaborn, CEO, InternetNZ 4. Speaker – Bruce Tonkin , CEO .aUDA 5. Speaker – APNIC Representative 6. Speaker – ISOC Representative 7. APTLD Representative	
11:00 – 1130	Morning Tea Break & photo session	
11.30 – 13.00	Session 2: Inclusive Technologies – D201 Lecture Theatre 1. “Agriculture 4.0: Digital Innovation for Sustainable Farming in the Pacific” 2. “Implementation of FFA (SIEM) That helps organizations detect, analyze, and respond to security threats by collecting, analyzing, and correlating log and event data from various FFA systems.”	Speakers Ashutosh Maharaj (FNU) Sakaio Manoa (FFA)
13:00.– 14.00	Lunch Break	Networking
14.00 – 15.30	Session 3: Safety and Security in the Pacific – D201 Lecture Theatre 1. From Awareness to Action: Building Pacific Business and Government Cybersecurity Capacity 2. Cybersecurity coordination and collaboration in the Pacific 3. APNIC’s Role in the Pacific Islands	Speakers Leiataualesa Jobenz Manoa (WebSafe Samoa) Pua Hunter (GFCE Pacific Hub) Terry Sweetser (APNIC Training Manager)
15:30 -16:00	Afternoon tea break	
16:00 – 17.00	Session 4: Strengthen Resilience in the Pacific Islands. - – D201 Lecture Theatre 1. “Regional Interventions to Strengthen Digital Readiness and Resilience in Pacific Island Countries: Recommended High-Priority Regional Interventions for Development Donors.” 2. “The Future of Connectivity in Samoa: Evaluating Starlink’s Strategic Entry Using Porter’s Competitive Forces and Product Development Model”. 3. Regional Submarine Connectivity Update and the Impact of Disruptive Technologies	Speakers Dr. Paul Twomey Professor Ioana Chan Mow and Fiafaitupe Lafaele (NUS) Pepe Christian Fruean (Samoa Submarine Cable Company)
17:00 – 18:00	Session 5: Community Engagement and Awareness 1 - – D201 Lecture Theatre 1. “Digital Skills Toolkit: Building Foundational Digital Literacy in Pacific Communities” 2. “FFA Journey towards obtaining ISO 27001:2022 Certification”) 3. Leveraging Private Sector Innovation to Drive Digital Inclusion in Pacific Agriculture”	Speakers Elenoa Naivalu (FNU) Sakaio Manoa (FFA) Kenneth Katafono (Entrepreneur Consultant)
18:00 – 21:00	Welcome Cocktail	Official Cocktail Event Sponsored by the Digicel Samoa Ltd, Ball Room, Taumeasina Island Resort.

AGENDA – Thursday 3rd July

	Thursday 3 July 2025	
9:30-10:15	Session 6: Digital Safety – D201 Lecture Theatre	Speakers
10:15 – 11:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Australia’s approach to online safety,” 2. Leveraging ISO 27001 for Better Information Security in Pacific Island Countries 3. Samoa’s Cybersecurity response - CHOGM 	Rebecca Adams (Australian Government) Patrick Donaldson (Identity Digital) Vui Athena Matalavea, Samoa Ministry of Communications & Information Technology
11.00 – 11:30	Morning tea	Networking
11.30 – 12:30	Session 7 Group discussions (6 groups) - – D201 Lecture Theatre . D101 Lecture Theatre	Moderators
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Safe online behaviour 2) Digital Rights and Ethics 3) Inclusive Design 4) Cybersecurity Awareness 5) Digital Literacy 	Sohini Rajiyung, Crystal Kewe, Letitia Masaea, , Savenaca Siwatibau, Sanjesh Roy Lal.
12.30pm – 13:30	Report back – working group facilitators to report back	
13:30 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30pm	Session 8 Community Engagement and Awareness 2 - – D201 Lecture Theatre	Speakers
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Enhancing Technical and Vocational Education Through Virtual Reality (VR)” 2. Technical Community Coalition for Multistakeholderism 3. Round Table discussion – “WISIS +20 what it means for the Pacific islands” 	Swaran, Ashutosh - Fiji National University Vivian Maidaborn, CEO InternetNZ Maureen Hilyard, Bree Alexander, European Commission Rep.
15:30 – 16.00pm	Afternoon tea	
16.00- 17:30	Session 9 DNS and DNSSEC - – D201 Lecture Theatre	Speakers
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “A more inclusive Internet: New Generic Top Level Domain” 2. .PG Automated Registry System and Signed DNSSEC with Fintech Incubation Centre Project” 	Savenaca Vocea (VP ICANN) Russell Deka HARADA (.pg ccTLD)
17:30 – 18:00	Pacific IGF Summary and Closing Remarks - – D201 Lecture Theatre	Andrew Molivurae and Sarai Tevita
	Closing Prayer	Savenaca Siwatibau
18:00 – 19:30	ISOC Members' social event	Fale Samoa, NUS campus
	4th July 2025	
	2nd Pacific ccTLD Meeting	TBA
	Agenda TBA	
	4th July 2025	
10:00 -	Netsafe Workshop Agenda TBA	Aoa Conference Room – NUS