

11th AUSTRALIA SOLOMON ISLANDS BUSINESS FORUM

HERITAGE PARK HOTEL, HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

11 - 12 SEPTEMBER 2019

"PARTNERSHIPS FOR SHARED PROSPERITY"

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Note some speakers are provisional and subject to confirmation.

Pacific Air Express MC: MR TONY KORAU

Speakers' Gifts Sponsored by MORRIS AND SOJNOCKI.

TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2019.

1800 FORUM OPENING RECEPTION HOSTED BY AUSTRALIAN
HIGH COMMISSIONER.

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2019.

0730 Bank of South Pacific REGISTRATION DESK Opens

0830 WELCOME TO DELEGATES:

Mr Gary Clifford, President, Australia Pacific Islands Business Council.
Mr Jay Bartlett, Chairman, Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and
Industry.

0850 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES.

The Hon Manasseh Sogavare, Prime Minister of Solomon Islands.
A representative of the Australian Government..

0935 SESSION 1 COMMENCES.

Pacific Trade Invest ECONOMIC OVERVIEW:

Dr Luke Forau, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Solomon Islands.
Dr Kishti Sen, Economist, ANZ Banking Group.
Q and A.

1015 MORNING TEA

1045 Credit Corporation SESSION TWO COMMENCES.

THE ROLE OF COMMERCIAL BANKS IN FINANCING ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS GROWTH:

Moderator: Mr Wayne Morris, Morris and Sojnocki.
Panelists: Mr Chris Robertson (Bank of South Pacific), Mr Sohaib
Mahmood (ANZ Banking Group), Mr Owen Thomson (Bred Bank), Mr
Kumar Wickramarachchi (Pan Oceanic Bank).

PERSPECTIVES ON THE SOLOMON ISLANDS ELECTION:

Commissioner Matthew Varley, Commissioner of the Royal Solomon
Islands Police.

Mr James Batley, Distinguished Policy Fellow, Australian National
University. Independent Election Observer.

Mr Sebastian Ilala, Director, BJS Agencies Limited. Independent
Business Observer.

Q and A

1240 ANZ Banking Group LUNCH.

1340 Ministry of Commerce SESSION THREE COMMENCES.

INVESTING IN SOLOMON ISLANDS:

The Hon Clezy Rore, Solomon Islands Minister for Commerce,
Industries, Labour and Immigration.

Mr Neil Papenfus, General Manager, Pacific Towing PNG Ltd.

Ms Becky Last, Tourism Advisory Lead on upstream business
development, International Finance Corporation..

Q and A.

1500 AFTERNOON TEA.

1520 Pan Oceanic Bank SESSION FOUR COMMENCES.

MINING AND RESOURCES POLICY UPDATE:

Mr Nicholas Biliki, Director Mines, Solomon Islands Ministry of Mines,
Energy and Rural Electrification.

Speakers on mining policy and related issues TBC.

Q and A.

YOUNG GUNS: SOLOMON ISLANDS YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS:

Mr Brown Thompson, Oceania Cleaning Business.

Mr Limahl Totogi, Reveal Pasifik

Ms Betty Akao, Betzla Art Craft and Catering.

1730 DAY 1 PROGRAM ENDS

1800 COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND FORUM DINNER.

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2019.

0730 REGISTRATION DESK Opens

Teejay Holdings COFFEE ON ARRIVAL

0830 SESSION FIVE COMMENCES.

FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH:

Session Chair: Mr Ian Clarke OBE, Vice-President, Australia Pacific
Islands Business Council (Partner, Dentons).

The Hon Rick Houenipwela, Minister for National Planning for
Development Coordination.

Australia Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific: Pacific
Infrastructure Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade,
Canberra, speaker t.b.a..

Pacific Islands Investment Forum: Ms Jennifer Lakoa, Manager
Investment, Solomon Islands National Provident Fund.

The Green Climate Fund: Mr Exsley Taloiburi, Climate Change Financing
Advisor, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

Independent Investment Advisor: Mr Lawrence Stapleton, Chairman,
Stapleton Asset Management Ltd.

Q and A.

1030 Origin Energy MORNING TEA.

1100 KramerAusenco SESSION SIX COMMENCES.

DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH :

The Hon Manasseh Maelanga, Solomon Islands Minister for
Infrastructure and Development.

Tina River HD Project: Mr Fred Tavuata, Deputy Project Director.

Solomon Islands Ports: Mr Eranda Kotelawala, Chief Executive Officer,
Solomon Islands Port Authority.

Redeveloping Henderson Airport: Speaker TBC

Solomon Water: Mr Ian Gooden, General Manager.

Q and A.

1230 Pronto Software LUNCH.

1330 Strongim Bisnis SESSION SEVEN COMMENCES.

GROWING SOLOMON ISLANDS AGRICULTURE:

Ms Ethel Frances, Permanent Secretary, Solomon Islands Ministry for
Agriculture and Livestock.

Mr Jim Alexander, General Manager, Soltuna.

Ms Samantha Maeke, Senior National Co-ordinator, PHAMA.

Mr Dan Raymond, General Manager, Kolombangara Forest Products
Limited.

Q and A.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN DEVELOPING SOLOMON ISLANDS TOURISM:

Mr Andrew Nihopara, Permanent Secretary, Solomon Islands Ministry of
Culture and Tourism.

Mr Josefa Tuamoto, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Solomon Islands.

Mr Bill Tyson, Manager Corporate, Solomon Airlines.

Q and A.

1600 AFTERNOON TEA

1620 Pasifiki Services SESSION EIGHT COMMENCES.

SOLOMON ISLANDERS IN THE AUSTRALIAN LABOUR MARKET:

The Hon Jeremiah Manele, Solomon Islands Minister for Foreign Affairs
and External Trade.

Ms Jemima Stancombe, Deputy Team Leader, Pacific Labour Facility.

Mr Bob Pollard, Managing Director, Pasifiki Services.

Q and A

1715 CONCLUDING REMARKS.

1730 FORUM ENDS.

1730 AustAsiaPacific Health Services FAREWELL DRINKS.

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