

## 12<sup>th</sup> AUSTRALIA SOLOMON ISLANDS BUSINESS FORUM

BRISBANE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE (BCEC), AUSTRALIA

18 - 19 APRIL 2023

"SOLOMON ISLANDS: OPEN FOR BUSINESS AGAIN."

### DELEGATE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

**Hear up to date information on trade, business opportunities and current events in Solomon Islands.**

The Australian government has committed to the Solomon Islands Infrastructure Program (SIIP) as a AUD250 million program over 10 years and a new [local content](#) strategy has been developed. A hydroelectricity project is under construction with an associated Australian funded transmission line. Additional sectoral opportunities include services, tourism development, sustainable forestry, agri-industry and fisheries. It is also a good time for mining services companies to be positioning themselves for possible growth in the mining sector in gold, nickel and bauxite. Construction of the Coral Sea undersea fibre-optic communications cable completed in 2019 has improved business connectivity between Australia and Solomon Islands.. The economy is slowly recovering from the impact of Covid-19 related border closures aided by a strong pipeline of infrastructure projects to be developed over the next 5 years.. In addition to providing key information about prospective business opportunities, the Forum brings together key business and government representatives from Australia and Solomon Islands and provides a unique opportunity for networking and exploring business opportunities.

### DELEGATE BOOKING FORM

ABN 95 246 587 153

Online bookings can be made at [12th Australia Solomon Islands Business Forum \(apibc.org.au\)](https://apibc.org.au) OR complete and send this form to: Australia Pacific Islands Business Council, by email [lillian@australapacificbusiness.org.au](mailto:lillian@australapacificbusiness.org.au) or to PO Box 422, Wynnum, QLD, 4178.

An invoice will be sent out within 7 days of receipt of this booking form. Bookings are accepted subject to space availability, and will be confirmed only upon receipt of full payment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Tick if you **do not** wish to have your name and contact details included on the Attendance List for distribution to all Delegates.

**Full delegate fee per person:** (late rate applies from Mon 10 April 2023)

APIBC or SICCI Members – AU \$650 (late rate AU \$750)      General / Non-members – AU \$800 (late rate AU \$950)

[please circle relevant rate]

Full delegate registration includes access to the speaking plenary room, as well as informal stand up breakfast, morning tea, informal luncheon, afternoon tea and conference Dinner on 18 April, and morning tea, informal luncheon, afternoon tea and closing drinks on 19 April 2023.

**Indicate payment method (for invoicing purposes)** (a formal INVOICE will be sent to you after we receive this booking form)

☐ Credit card (a fee of 2.6% will be applicable): ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express

Card no:                 Card expires:     CVC:

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Direct deposit to Australia Pacific Islands Business Council, Westpac Banking Corporation, WYNNUM QLD 4178: BSB 034-053 Account 15-6135. (A bank fee of AUD20 to be added for international deposits)

**Cancellation Policy:** All cancellations must be in writing. 50% refundable if cancelled by Monday 3 April 2023, nil thereafter. Substitutes allowed any time.

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### BOOKINGS FOR ADVERTISING NOW OPEN

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A full colour A4 size Delegates Handbook will be produced, containing Forum program information and speakers profiles, as well as offering a unique advertising opportunity for a limited number of discerning advertisers. Advertisements may be booked in either ¼ page orientation (horizontal 190cm x 70cm), ½ page (horizontal 190cm x 140cm), or full page (210cm x 297cm with bleed). Space will be issued on a First-come-first-served basis.

If you would like to advertise your business to senior Australian and Solomon Islands business and government representatives please complete the booking form and send back to the Secretariat, along with payment details, to secure advertising space for your product or service.

### ADVERTISING BOOKING FORM

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Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter page (horizontal: 70mm high x 190mm wide) full colour advertisement          | AUD 100 (Inc GST) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half page (horizontal: 140mm high x 190mm wide) full colour advertisement            | AUD 170 (Inc GST) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full page (297mm high x 210mm wide + 5mm bleed all around) full colour advertisement | AUD 300 (Inc GST) |

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**Artwork:** must be provided in Print-Ready standard electronic file format (including Illustrator, High Res PDF, Photoshop) by **Thursday 30 March 2023**.

**Please note**, we cannot make amendments to the content of your advertisement.

**Please note**, you may lose your advertising space without refund if complete artwork is not received on time.

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### BOOKINGS FOR TRADE TABLES NOW OPEN

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Standard trade tables are available for hire at this Forum at a cost of AU\$550 for members and AU\$700 for non-members. This fee includes the table for the duration of the forum, as well as daytime catering for the two days and the networking events. The tables will be in the area just outside the plenary room, where delegates will congregate during breaks in the speaking sessions and where catering will be served.

If you would like to showcase your goods and services to senior Australian and Solomon Islands business and government representatives please complete the booking form and send back to the Secretariat, along with payment details, to secure a trade table for your product or service.

### TRADE TABLE BOOKING FORM

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Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor name (if different to contact person above): \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Trade table booking fee:** [please circle relevant rate]

APIBC or SICCI Members – AU \$550

General / Non-members – AU \$700

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## PROGRAM

Note some speakers are provisional and subject to confirmation. Some substitutions may occur.

### TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2023.

#### 0830 SESSION ONE:

##### WELCOME TO DELEGATES:

Mr Ian Clarke, President, Australia Pacific Islands Business Council.  
Mr Ricky Fuo'o, Chairman, Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

#### AUSTRALIAN AND SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT KEYNOTE ADDRESSES.

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

#### THE SOLOMON ISLANDS ECONOMY:

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

#### MORNING TEA

#### SESSION TWO:

##### MAXIMISING BENEFITS FROM PACER PLUS:

Mr Roy Lagolago, PACER Plus Implementation Office, Apia.  
Mr Barrett Salato, Trade Commissioner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade.

#### TRADING AND LOGISTICS: UNDERSTANDING AND CONFRONTING THE CHALLENGES:

Mr Andrew Connell, Regional Project Manager, Swire Shipping Limited  
Mr Chris Peters, Director, Pacific Tug, Brisbane.  
Mr Luke Jackson, Pacific Islands International, Townsville.

#### LUNCH.

#### SESSION THREE

##### INVESTING FOR GROWTH IN SOLOMON ISLANDS:

Mr Riley Mesipitu, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration.  
Ms Lynnette Tuhonuku, Acting Director Foreign Investment, Ministry of Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration.  
Mr Mike Wate, CEO/GM, Solomon Islands National Provident Fund.  
Mr Smiley Giobauta, Country Officer, Solomon Islands, International Finance Corporation.

#### CREATING VALUE FOR COMMUNITIES: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS AND GROWING CAPACITY:

Mr Jay Bartlett, Managing Director, Hatanga Limited, Solomon Islands.  
Mr Malcolm Devin, General Manager, By Group Limited.  
Mr Simon Gorman, Managing Director, Reeves International.  
Mr Adam Kramer, Director and Project Manager, KramerAusenco.

#### AFTERNOON TEA.

#### SESSION FOUR:

##### AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE: CURRENT PROJECTS AND PIPELINE:

COL Paul Wright CSC, Director of Infrastructure, IPACE, Department of Defence.

#### PACIFIC GAMES: NOVEMBER 2023.

Mr Christian Nieng, Executive Director, Solomon Islands National Host Authority.  
Mr Peter Stewart, Chief Executive Officer, Solomon Islands Games Organising Committee

#### AUSTRALIA AWARDS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

Ms Abigail Chang, Country Director, APTC Solomon Islands.  
Ms Louise Jennion, Team Leader, Australia Awards Solomon Islands.

#### 1700 DAY 1 PROGRAM ENDS

#### 1730 COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND FORUM DINNER.

Invited Guest Speaker: The Hon Cameron Dick MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment, Queensland Government.

### WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2023.

#### 0830 SESSION FIVE COMMENCES.

##### DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH:

The Hon Manasseh Maelanga, Solomon Islands Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure Development.  
Mr Ian Gooden, General Manager, Solomon Water.  
Mr Rob Jauncey, Chief Operations Officer, Australia Infrastructure Financing Facility.  
Solomon Islands Ports: Mr Eranda Kotelawala, Chief Executive Officer.

##### DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH: DONOR PIPELINES:

Ms Stephanie Symon, Solomon Islands Infrastructure Program.  
Mr Elmar Elbling, Unit Head, Asian Development Bank, Solomon Islands Pacific Country Office  
Ms Kara Mouyis, Deputy Resident Country Representative, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, World Bank.  
Mr Sean O'Sullivan, Team Leader, Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility.

#### MORNING TEA:

#### SESSION SIX:

##### SOLOMON ISLANDS WOMEN IN BUSINESS:

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##### OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN DEVELOPING SOLOMON ISLANDS TOURISM:

Mr Bunyan Sivor, Permanent Secretary, Solomon Islands Ministry of Culture and Tourism.  
Mr Dagnal Dereveke, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Solomon Islands.  
Ms Bellinda Botha, Operations Director, Dive Munda.

#### LUNCH.

#### 1330 SESSION SEVEN COMMENCES.

##### GROWING SOLOMON ISLANDS AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES:

Mr Lotte Vaisekavea, Permanent Secretary, Solomon Islands Ministry for Agriculture and Livestock.  
Mr Peter Cusack, Project Manager, Bina Harbour Tuna Processing Project, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources  
Ms Judith Reynolds, Co-ordinator, PHAMA Plus, Solomon Islands.  
Mr Edwin Schramm, General Manager, Kolombangara Forest Products Limited.

#### AFTERNOON TEA

#### SESSION EIGHTH:

##### DEVELOPING RESOURCE PROJECTS FOR NATIONAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT:

Ms Krista Jacob, Director of Mines, Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification  
Mr Geoff Hiller, Director and CEO, Pacific Nickel Mines.  
Mr Steve Patrick, Partner, Dentons. Best practice for developing an effective resource sector.

##### SOLOMON ISLANDERS IN THE AUSTRALIAN LABOUR MARKET:

Mr Bob Pollard, Managing Director, Pasifiki HR.

#### 1715 CONCLUDING REMARKS.

#### 1730 FORUM ENDS.

#### 1730 CLOSING DRINKS.

#### 1930 END