

### Members Alert

#### Kiribati Trade Delegation to SI 2023.

Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry with PHAMA Plus in collaboration with the Government of Kiribati (Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture – MELAD) and Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry (MTCIC) are happy to announce that a delegation from Kiribati will arrive in Honiara this week to meet with agribusinesses.

The arrangement is part of a MOU signed between PHAMA Plus and the Government of Kiribati (Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture – MELAD) and Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry (MTCIC), PHAMA Plus and Kiribati to improve regional trade and support private sector development in the agriculture sector.

Under an intervention area called Regional Trade Facilitation and Diversification, PHAMA Plus is initiating and facilitating bilateral discussions between Biosecurity Solomon Islands (BSI)/Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of the Solomon Islands Government and the MELAD/MTCIC to formalize and facilitate greater trade of agricultural products between Solomon Island and Kiribati.

Under the PHAMA Plus support is a trade mission to Honiara, Solomon Islands by the Kiribati delegation consisting of 7 delegates (both government and industry representatives) between Thursday, July 20th and Thursday, July 27th, 2023.

There will be various bilateral meetings that cover sessions on finalizing import protocols on selected commodities.

On Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> the visiting delegation will dialogue with the Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI).

The objective of this event is to advance discussions on trade of selected commodities from the Solomon Islands, including frozen and fresh produce and sawn timber.

The event would serve as a platform where the SICCI members and the Kiribati delegation are able to freely discuss potentials of trading between the two countries and issues surrounding export markets access.

Overall, from the PHAMA Plus perspective, the current mission will lay the groundwork for rolling out of a formal, safe and sustainable trade between the two countries.

It is envisaged that there will be introductions and trade prospects following the event and the program looks forward to collaborating with SICCI members in converting specific potential business deals into successful exports.

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