# Australia Pacific Islands Business Council





## 13th Australia Solomon Islands Business Forum

Heritage Park Hotel, Honiara | 2 - 4 September 2024

"Business Leading Employment and Export Growth"





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#### **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. The multilaterally funded Tina River 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. It is a timely opportunity to meet members of the new Solomon Islands Government elected in May 2024 under new Prime Minister the Hon Jeremiah Manele.

ABN 95 246 587 153 Online bookings can be made at 13th Australia Solomon Islands Business Forum (apibc.org.au) OR complete and send this form to: Australia Pacific Islands Business Council, by email lillian@australiapacificbusiness.org.au. 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: 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 after Fri 23 Aug 2024) APIBC or SICCI Members – AU \$700 (late rate AU \$800) General / Non-members – AU \$850 (late rate AU \$1000) [please circle relevant rate] Delegate registration includes access to the plenary room, as well as on-arrival refreshments, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and conference Dinner on 3 Sept, and on-arrival refreshments, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and closing drinks on 4 Sept 2023. Accommodation: A special accommodation rate of SBD 2,337.50 per room per night is available at the Heritage Park Hotel. Contact the hotel directly at reservations@heritageparkhotel.com.sb and mention the code ABCD to book this rate. Accommodation bookings must be completed before 25 August 2024. 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 expires: Card no: 

<u>Cancellation Policy</u>: All cancellations must be in writing. 50% refundable if cancelled by Monday 19 August 2024, nil thereafter. Substitutes allowed any time.

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#### **BOOKINGS FOR ADVERTISING NOW OPEN**

The Solomon Islands economy has continued opportunities for Australian business to trade into the market and also for investment in existing and new industry opportunities. The Australia Solomon Islands Business Forum is a 2-day event, hosted by the Australia Pacific Islands Business Council in partnership with the Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry to bring together senior Australian and Solomon Islands business and government representatives to hear and discuss information on current issues relating to doing business in the Solomon Islands.

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 ½ 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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#### PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Note: Invited speaker list. Some speakers are subject to confirmation.

#### **MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2024.** (6:00pm – 8:00pm)

1800 BUSINESS FORUM COMMENCEMENT COCKTAIL RECEPTION.

**TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2024.** (7:45am – 5:00pm, 6:00pm – 10:00pm)

#### 0830 SESSION ONE:

#### **WELCOME TO DELEGATES:**

Ms Namoi Kaluae, Chair, Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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

The Hon Jeremiah Manele, Prime Minister of Solomon Islands.

Senator The Hon Tim Ayres, Australian Assistant Minister for Trade & Investment.

#### **SESSION TWO:**

#### SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL OVERVIEW.

The Hon Manasseh Sogavare MP, Minister for Finance and Treasury.

#### THE SOLOMON ISLANDS ECONOMY:

Dr Luke Forau, Governor, Central Bank of Solomon Islands.

Economist, Bank South Pacific Financial Group Ltd.

#### ATTRACTING INVESTMENT OF GROWTH.

Solomon Islands Government Investment Policy: Hon Harry Kuma MP, Minister for Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration.

Improving the Investor Experience: Mr Wayne Morris, Partner, Morris and Sojnocki.

#### **SESSION THREE:**

#### **PACER PLUS: AN UPDATE:**

Mr Roy Lagolago, Director, Pacer Plus Implementation Unit.

Mr Burns Waroka, Senior Trade Officer, Solomon Islands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Mr Daniel Tucker, Country Manager, Kramer Ausenco Solomon Islands: A Business Perspective on PACER Plus effectiveness so far.

#### SUPPORTING BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT:

Mr Adrian Weeks, Australian Trade Commission to Solomon Islands.

Ms Leata Alaimoana, Queensland Pacific Trade Commissioner.

#### **SESSION FOUR:**

#### MANAGING FREIGHT AND LOGISTIC ISSUES FOR IMPORTS AND EXPORTS:

TradCo Shipping Limited, Solomon Islands.

Bulk Shop Solomon Islands.

Mr James Kana, Managing Director, Ueniusu'unu Agribusiness Group.

Mr Peter Hughes, Comptroller of Customs and Excise, Solomon Islands Customs and Excise.

#### **EXPORTING SOLOMON ISLANDS LABOUR TO AUSTRALIA:**

Labour Mobility Unit, Solomon Islands Department of Foreign Affairs and External Trade.

Mr Bob Pollard, Managing Director, Pasifiki HR.

Professor Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, Australian national University.

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#### **WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2024.** (7:45am - 5:00pm, 5:00pm - 7:00pm)

#### 0830 SESSION FIVE COMMENCES.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT: UTILITIES:**

Hon Manasseh Maelenga MP, Minister for Infrastructure Development.

Mr Martin Sam, Chief Executive Officer, Solomon Power.

Mr Hyung Joon Jun, CFO, Tina Hydropower Limited.

Mr Carmine Piantedosi, Chief Executive Officer, Solomon Water.

Mr Calvin Ziru, Interim Commissioner, Solomon Islands Telecommunications Commission.

#### **SESSION SIX:**

#### INFRASTRUCTURE: OTHER DEVELOPMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Mr Jamie Isbister, Deputy Head of the Office of the Pacific and First Assistant Secretary, Pacific Infrastructure and Economic Division, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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

Ms Lisa Esibaea, Infrastructure Project Co-ordinator, Solomon Islands Infrastructure Program.

Mr Shane Rosenthal, Regional Director, Pacific Liaison and Co-ordination Office, Asian Development Bank.

Solomon Islands Roads and Aviation Project, World Bank Group.

#### **SESSION SEVEN:**

#### **GROWING AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES EXPORTS:**

#### Agriculture:

Hon Franklyn Wasi MP, Minister for Agriculture and Livestock.

Ms Samantha Maeke, Country Manager Solomon Islands, PHARMA Plus.

Mr Jaime Reibel, CEO, Strongim Business, Solomon Islands.

#### Fisheries:

Hon Nestor Ghiro MP, Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources.

Mr Adrian Wickham, Chairman, Soltuna.

Bina Harbour Project.

#### **SESSION EIGHT:**

#### TOURISM:

Hon Choylin Yim Douglas MP, Minister for Culture and Tourism.

Mr Dagnal Dereveke, Acting CEO Tourism Solomons.

Mr Sean Te'o, CEO, Solomon Airlines.

#### **ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES:**

Ms Susan Sulu, Permanent Secretary, Minister for Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology. Mr Frank Wickham.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS.

Mr Simon Gorman, President, Australia Pacific Islands Business Council.

#### **CLOSING DRINKS.**