
Pacific Islands-Australia Update

Venue: Conrad Treasury Hotel, Brisbane

Thursday 9 November 2006
9.30am–4.00pm

- 9.30–9.35 **Welcome**
- Chair** **Paul Greener**
The Foundation for Development Cooperation
- 9.35–10.15 **Pacific islander migration to Australia**
- Gaurav Sodhi
Centre for International Studies
- Richard Brown
University of Queensland
- Sean Dorney
Australia Network
- 10.15–10.30 Discussion
- 10.30–10.50 **Finance for development**
- Carolyn Blacklock
ANZ Banking Group
- Paul Greener
The Foundation for Development Cooperation
- 10.50–11.00 Discussion
- 11.00–11.30 *Morning tea*
- 11.30–11.50 **Agriculture: engine of growth or dead-end sector?**
- Ron Duncan
University of the South Pacific
- 11.50–12.00 Discussion
- 12.00–12.20 **International aid discussions and dilemmas**
- Aid in the media*
Clare Shamier
The Australian National University
- Intervention v aid—the case of Solomon Islands*
Matthew Allen
The Australian National University
- 12.20–12.30 Discussion

12.30–1.30	<i>Lunch</i>
CHAIR	Professor Ron Duncan University of the South Pacific
1.30–1.50	Communal land ownership, land owners and the Fiji sugar industry Padma Lal Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
1.50–2.00	Discussion
2.00–2.40	Update on Fiji <i>The economy</i> Ron Duncan University of the South Pacific <i>Political update</i> Brij Lal The Australian National University
2.40–3.00	Discussion
3.00–3.40	Update on Vanuatu <i>The economy</i> Timo Henckel The Australian National University <i>Constraints to productive sector growth</i> Peter Bazeley Peter Bazeley Development Consulting
3.40–4.00	Discussion
4.00	Close

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