Fiji Update and Pacific 2020

Venue: Friendly North Inn, Labasa
Thursday 31 August
9.00am–4.00pm

9.00-9.05 Welcome
Dr Samuela Bogitini
Director, University of the South Pacific, USP Northern Campus

CHAIR
Associate Professor Biman Chand Prasad
University of the South Pacific

9.05–9.35 Pacific 2020 themes
Mr Stephen Howes
AusAID

9.35–9.50 Discussion

9.50–10.00 Fiji's recent monetary policies and growth
Mr Rup Singh
University of the South Pacific

10.00–10.10 The political economy of growth
Professor Robbie Robertson
University of the South Pacific

10.10–10.30 Discussion

10.30-11.00 Morning tea

11.00–11.20 The effects of the decline in the sugar industry in Labasa
Dr Pradeep Singh
Mayor of Labasa

11.20–11.30 Discussion

Panel—Sectoral issues

11.30–11.40 Recent investment trends in Fiji
Associate Professor Biman Chand Prasad
University of the South Pacific
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11.40–11.50  *Fisheries*
Mr Peter Forau  
Deputy Director General, Forum Secretariat

11.50–12.00  *Agriculture*
Mr Andrew MacGregor  
Director, Trade and Development Office

12.00–12.00  *Sugar*
Associate Professor Biman Chand Prasad  
University of the South Pacific

12.00–12.30  Discussion

12.30–1.30  Lunch

1.30–1.50  **The Pacific Plan**
Mr Peter Forau  
Deputy Director General, Forum Secretariat

1.50–2.00  Discussion

**PANEL—Political governance**

2.00–2.10  *Recent political developments in Fiji*
Dr Jon Fraenkel  
University of the South Pacific

2.10–2.20  *Localising party politics*
Ms Alumita Durutalo  
University of the South Pacific

2.20–2.30  Discussion

**PANEL—Transparency and corruption**

2.30–2.40  *Knowledge management for corruption control*
Associate Professor Peter Larmour  
The Australian National University

2.40–2.50  *Accountability and the Fiji Constitution*
Ambassador (rt.) Peter Donigi  
University of the South Pacific

2.50–3.00  Discussion and close