Fiji Update

Venue: Marine Studies Lecture Theatre
Lower Campus, University of the South Pacific

Wednesday 1 September 2004

9.00am–4.00pm

9.00-9.15 Welcome
Professor Rajesh Chandra
Acting Vice-Chancellor, University of the South Pacific

CHAIR
Professor Ron Duncan
Executive Director, Pacific Institute of Advanced Studies in Development and Governance
University of the South Pacific

9.15–10.00 The Fiji economy—on the way to recovery?
Mr Serge Belloni
University of the South Pacific

10.00–10.15 Comment
Associate Professor Biman Chand Prasad
Head, Department of Economics, University of the South Pacific

10.15–10.30 Discussion

10.30–11.00 MORNING TEA

11.00–11.30 The relationship between growth and investment
Professor Bhaskara Rao
Department of Economics, University of the South Pacific

11.30–11.45 Discussion

11.45–12.15 The Fiji sugar industry and its future prospects
Associate Professor Biman Chand Prasad
Head, Department of Economics, University of the South Pacific

12.15–12.30 Discussion

12.30–1.30 LUNCH

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AFTERNOON SESSION

CHAIR  
Dr Satish Chand  
Director, Pacific Policy Project  
Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government, The Australian National University

1.30–2.00  
The fisheries subsidies debate  
Dr Vina Ram-Bidesi  
Lecturer, Marine Studies Programme  
University of the South Pacific

2.00–2.10  
Discussion

2.10–2.30  
Good governance indicators for Fiji  
Dr Azmat Gani and Professor Ron Duncan  
Lecturer, Department of Economics and Executive Director  
University of the South Pacific and Pacific Institute of Advanced Studies in Development and Governance  
University of the South Pacific

2.30–2.40  
Discussion

2.40–3.00  
Afternoon tea

3.00–3.40  
PANEL DISCUSSION

Aid policy in the Pacific—real change or more of the same?  
Australia’s policy shift: the Solomon Islands and PNG experience  
Dr Ellie Wainwright  
Australian Strategic Policy Institute

Australia’s aid program in the region  
Dr Andrew Pope  
Australian Agency for International Development

The governance of aid to the region  
Ms Angie Heffernan  
Pacific Centre for Public Integrity

UNDP support for governance reforms in the Pacific  
Mr Mosese Dakunivosa  
Governance for Livelihood and Development (GOLD)  
United Nations Development Programme

3.40–4.00  
Discussion

4.00  
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For more information and to RSVP, please contact  
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