FOCUS SESSION 33:
Effective institutions and inclusive partnerships through south-south cooperation and knowledge sharing in the Pacific

Time: Wednesday April 16th 11.45 -13.00. Room

Objective: (maximum 4 lines)

• Foster knowledge sharing on efforts to promote country leadership and ownership through strengthening country institutions and inclusive partnerships;

• Promote the experiences of the Pacific in south-south cooperation and knowledge sharing.

Session Format: (maximum 10 lines)

• Panel introductions/opening remarks by co-chairs(6 mins)

Country Experiences

  o Panelist statements – results, benefits and lessons learned from collaboration (12 mins)
  o Plenary discussion/interventions from the floor (10 mins)

Regional Experiences

  o Video display: South-South Cooperation & knowledge sharing through Peer Reviews (7 mins)
  o Panelist statements (24mins)
  o Plenary discussion/interventions from the floor (10 mins)

• Conclusions (6mins)

Speakers/Panelists:

• Hon. Connelly Sandakabatu, Minister for Development Planning & Aid Coordination(co-chair)

• Ms Rachel Fry, Director of Development Effectiveness Division (co-chair – tbc)

• Mr. Jeremiah Manele, Permanent Secretary for Development Planning & Aid Coordination, Ministry of Finance. Solomon Islands (presenter)
• Ms Noumea Simi, Assistant CEO Aid Coordination and Debt Management, Ministry of Finance. Samoa (presenter)
• Mr. Floyd Lala, Assistant Secretary of National Planning & Monitoring of Papua New Guinea (presenter)
• Representative of the UN System(TBC)
• Representative of the World Bank/IMF (TBC)
• Australia (TBC)
• Mr Alex Knox, Director, Strategic Partnerships & Coordination, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

**Background/Narrative:** *(maximum 10 lines)*

The focus session will offer Pacific perspectives on efforts to strengthen country leadership and ownership and enhance inclusive development.

Panelists will share good development coordination practices. In addition, the focus session aims to promote the substantial progress made in the Pacific, through a process of south-south cooperation and knowledge sharing.

**Related Links:**
**Forum Compact for Strengthening Development Coordination in the Pacific**

**Forum Compact Peer Reviews**

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