IG Issues of Pacific SIDS

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Small Island Developing States in the South Pacific Ocean

(From left to right)
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Solomon Islands
- Nauru
- Marshall Islands
- New Caledonia
- Vanuatu
- Norfolk Islands
- Kiribati
- Tuvalu
- Fiji
- Wallis and Futuna
- Tonga
- Western Samoa
- Tokelau
- American Samoa
- Niue
- Cook Islands
- French Polynesia
- Marquesas
- Pitcairn
The Cook Islands – Population 14000, 15 islands cover 2 million sq kms of ocean
Southern Group islands – faster internet access, cheaper cost to user

Mobile coverage over the whole country
Some price comparisons

Exhibit 3: Monthly cost of dial-up Internet services for a high level of use (100 hours per month) [Source: Network Strategies]

- Vanuatu
- Cook Islands
- FSM
- Samoa
- Palau
- Fiji
- PNG
- New Zealand
- Australia

Monthly charge (USD - PPP)

Note: Niue (USD1771 per month) not shown for reasons of scale.

Exhibit 6: Monthly spend on broadband Internet access for high-level use (USD at purchasing power parity rates) [Source: Network Strategies]

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Monthly spend on broadband Internet services for high-level use (USD - PPP)
PURPOSE

• To enable and encourage multi-stakeholder dialogue
• To share perspectives about policy issues
• To forge sustainable and collaborative development of the Internet
• To encourage the use of ICTs for development in the Pacific.
ACCESS FOR ALL

• Access must extend to all population groups, including those with disabilities
• The public and private sectors need to work more collaboratively to deal with digital divide issues
• The Church is a significant stakeholder group in the region, an untapped resource
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PUBLIC POLICY

• Need for links between global, regional and national strategies – including local perspectives, knowledge and values
• Capacity building must allow Pacific states to devise and implement their own policy frameworks
• Linguistic challenge – encouraging the use of indigenous languages in the writing of policy frameworks
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CRITICAL INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE

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EMERGING ISSUES

- Citizen journalism
- Digital observatories
- Dealing with e-waste in the region
- Concerns with keeping users and infrastructure safe
- Ensuring that the internet is accessible in Pacific languages
THANK YOU