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## Concept note

### **Title: Pacific Internet Governance Forum - 2017**

#### **Background**

Pacific Island States have received support from the World Bank for the funding of a Pacific ICT Regional Regulatory Development Project, referred to as PIRRC, through a Financing Agreement between the International Development Association (IDA) and the University of the South Pacific (USP). The development objective of the Project is to strengthen the capacity of ICT regulatory institutions in the Participating Countries, and enhance regional collaboration and knowledge sharing on ICT regulatory issues. Several regional and international agencies, APNIC, ISOC, PACISOC, ICANN and the University of the South Pacific in discussion with PIRRC have noted the absence of and need for, enlightenment of all stakeholders in the ICT ecosystem regarding good governance of cyber space.

It was agreed that there was the need for a Pacific Internet Governance Forum to be held to discuss how best to ensure good governance of the Internet and facilitate the development of national societies that will work on the enhancement of a safe and secure Internet. It was further agreed that this Forum would follow up on the decisions and outcomes from the Inaugural Pacific Internet Governance Forum held in Noumea, New Caledonia in April 2011.

#### **Objective**

The Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (PIGF) is proposed to be an annual regional event of the global Internet Governance Forum (IGF) process. The Pacific Forum is to serve as a platform for discussion, exchange and collaboration of Internet Governance issues in the Pacific region.

The stated objective of this intervention would be the improved regulatory and technical capabilities of member countries specifically with enlightened involvement in the governance of the Internet

#### **Targeted participants**

Representatives of stakeholder bodies in the Pacific, involved in the provision, use and regulation of cyberspace, including:

1. ICT Regulators and Policy makers
2. Providers of ICT Services
3. Consumer bodies and advocacy groups;
4. International agencies involved in the ICT eco-system
5. ISOC and existing ISOC Pacific Chapters
6. Experts on Internet Service provision and governance issues



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## Expected Outcomes

Expected outcomes could include

1. Organization of a Pacific Internet Governance Forum with participation from stakeholders in the ICT sector;
2. Identification of key governance issues and plan to address same;
3. Identification of key regulatory and policy issues to be addressed
4. Provision of advice on ISOC activities
5. Recommendations for the establishment of national bodies;
6. Commitment for annual or biennial Fora focused on Pacific Internet Governance issues

## Venue and Date

Vanuatu has offered to host the 2017 Pacific Internet Governance Forum in Port Vila and to have it as part of the ICT Day activities on May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. This would allow for outcomes and decisions to feed into the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Forum in Bangkok, July 26<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Planning

The following activities were identified for follow up action:

1. Establish a working group to coordinate with Vanuatu to plan for the event;
2. Produce a list of organizations to invite to participate as part of the event;
3. Develop a list of requirements/resources for hosting of the event;
4. Prepare a list of possible sponsors to provide the required resources for the event.
5. Assignment of responsibilities for key aspects of Forum. (Theme, Agenda, Logistics, venue, participation, budgeting and funding, publicity, presentations)

## Working Group

Several persons have volunteered to work with the team from Vanuatu and PIRRC in the organization of the event. Attached is the list of volunteers and the teams from Vanuatu and PIRRC. (Annex C)

## Possible sponsors

A list of possible sponsors is included as Annex B.

## Outstanding Work

The working group should be tasked with finalizing a draft Agenda (Annex A); logistics associated with organizing the event; detailing the costs and budget for holding the event and a list of possible sponsors.

Vanuatu should also provide details on what they would be able to offer for the hosting of the event.



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## ANNEX A. Draft AGENDA

### THEME

Main theme – “Working for an inclusive, secure and safe Internet”

Sub themes –

Suggested:

1. Development of the Internet in the Pacific
2. Social impact of the internet
3. E commerce and the Internet
4. Infrastructure and new technologies
5. Stakeholder involvement

### AGENDA

Draft Agenda should be organized with several themes and then seek to have a number of presentations/ panels/ discussions/workshops to reflect each theme. The focus should be the priority issues for the Pacific and then work towards ensuring that these issues become part of the Asia Pacific agenda.

The issues examined at the first IGF in Noumea included: i) Setting the scene and providing the platform for Dialogue; ii) Bridging the digital divide; iii) Public Policy; iv) Critical Internet Infrastructure and v) Emerging Issues.

It is proposed that the Forum be for one and a half days focusing on the general sub themes suggested and addressing a range of issues including those identified in the Noumea Forum.

*{Before finalizing the agenda, we should seek to have feedback from the countries on the issues of concern to them. Suggest approve a draft then circulate for comments and feedback.}*

### Draft Agenda

DAY 1.

8:00 – 8:30 Registration

8:30 – 10:00 am Session 1 OPENING SESSION

- Opening Remarks
- Rationale for Pacific IGF
- Guest speaker
- Remarks of appreciation

10:00 -10:15 Break

10:15 – 12:30 Session 2 PROVIDING CONTEXT

- The need for multi-stakeholder engagement
- The role of the Internet in development
- Development and growth of Internet in the Pacific
- Challenges in bridging the digital divide

12:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch



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## 1:00 – 3:15 pm      Session 3      PUBLIC POLICY/ REGULATORY FRAME WORK

- Developing Policy based on empirical data
- The Global Internet Governance architecture
- Pacific Policy/Regulatory framework an overview
- Security considerations

## 3:15 – 3:30 pm      Break

## 3:30 -4:30 pm Session 4      INFRASTRUCTURE AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES

- Infrastructure
- Net neutrality
- New technologies

## 4:30 – 5:00 pm      Session 5      DAY'S CLOSING SESSION

- Summary of day's events

## DAY 2

## 9:00 am – 10:00 am      Session 6      STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

- Role of Internet Societies
- Providing a safe and secure internet
- Digital rights

## 10:00 – 11:45 Session 7      SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Identification of blockages to increased penetration
- Sustainable development and digital inclusion
- Jurisdiction and legal issues
- E-commerce and Internet Economy

## 11:45 – 12:00 am      Break

## 12:00 – 12:45 pm      Session 8      PLAN OF ACTION

- Agreement on follow up items
- Outline for follow up plan of action
- Identifying resources for follow up activities

## 12:45 – 1:15 pm      Session 9      CLOSING SESSION

- Closing Remarks
- Thanks
- Farewell



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### LIST OF POSSIBLE SPONSORS/ SUPPORTERS/PARTICIPANTS

1. Asia Pacific Network Information Centre - APNIC
2. Australia Registry International
3. .ASIA
4. Australian Domain Name Administrator
5. Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers ICANN
6. The Internet Society ISOC
7. Packet Clearing House PCH
8. Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association PITA
9. Verisign
10. Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Association
11. Secretariat of the South Pacific SPC
12. GDNS-ccTLD for American Samoa
13. InternetNZ
14. The Internet engineering Task force IETF
15. International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

Include all other Regional IGO's, NGOs, Govts, Industry telcos, ISPs, ccTLD registries Financial Institutions, Academics, International orgs – active in the region, ICT industry (Business), Govts, Civil society, Technical, Registries, Youth, open to students and to anyone with an interest in Internet Governance issues.

## ANNEX C.

### WORKING GROUP FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE 2017 PACIFIC INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM.

#### Volunteers

- |     |                 |                       |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1.  | Pua Hunter –    | Cooks Islands         |
| 2.  | Save Voce –     | ICANN Australia       |
| 3.  | John Chand –    | Fiji                  |
| 4.  | Kila Gulo –     | PNG                   |
| 5.  | Ipinu Filipu    | Samoa                 |
| 6.  | Sereana Narayan | Fiji                  |
| 7.  | Johnnyboy       | FSM                   |
| 8.  | Mark Dere       | FSM                   |
| 9.  | Kisione Finau   | USP (to be confirmed) |
| 10. | Opeti Simati    | Tuvalu                |



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### Vanuatu

1. Dalsie Baniala TRR
2. John Jack OGCIO
3. Jackson Miakae OGCIO
4. Norman Warput TRR
5. Andrew Molivuruae TRR

### PIRRC

1. Marc Lipton
2. Sera Waqa
3. Donnie Defreitas



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