

ICDP and Global Access Partners present

PACIFIC CONNECT FORUM



Thursday, 6 September 2018 • NSW Parliament House • 6 Macquarie Street • Sydney, Australia

FORUM PROGRAMME

“AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC CONNECTIONS FOR A DIGITAL FUTURE”

12:00pm *Registration*

12:30pm *Lunch served*

Grace

The Hon. Afamasaga Lepuia'i Rico Tupa'i, Minister for Communications and Information Technology, Government of Samoa

12:45pm

INTRODUCTION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

MC - **Catherine Fritz-Kalish**, Director, International Centre for Democratic Partnerships (ICDP), Co-Founder & Managing Director, Global Access Partners (GAP)

Welcome from the Pacific

Taulapapa Brenda Heather-Latu, Special Advisor, ICDP Consultant, Strategic Development Group, Samoa

Overview of Pacific Connect

Dr Ian Watt AC, Chairman, ICDP

1:05pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

The Hon. Christopher Pyne MP, Australian Minister for Defence

The Hon. Afamasaga Lepuia'i Rico Tupa'i, Minister for Communications and Information Technology, Government of Samoa

Michelle Rowland MP, Australian Shadow Minister for Communications

1:35pm

SESSION ONE

“Australia-Pacific Connections for a Digital Future”

Facilitator – **Andrew Carriline**, Non-Executive Director, Kina Securities; Chair, *Pacific Connect* Business Network Council

Initial thoughts

Peter Kenilorea Jr, Solomon Islands

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- 1:45pm Discussion
- 2:15pm ***Update on progress from Pacific Connect Dialogues***
Inaugural Pacific Connect Business Network Dialogue in Papua New Guinea
Emmanuel Narokobi, Managing Director,
Masalai Communications, Papua New Guinea

Inaugural Pacific Connect Academic Network Dialogue in Fiji
Brian Mangi, Network Administrator, ICT Department, Solomon Islands
National University

Pacific Connect Dialogue in Samoa
Nadia Meredith-Hunt, Chief Executive Officer, KVAConsult, Samoa
- 2:45pm Question & Answer
- 3:00pm *Afternoon Tea Break*
- 3:30pm **SESSION TWO**
“Building a Pacific Connect Alumni Community”
Facilitator – **Michael Collins**, Partner, Strategic Development Group

Group Discussion

Report Back Session
- 5:00pm **SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES & NEXT STEPS**
Prof Ian Young AO, Director, ICDP
Kernot Professor of Engineering, University of Melbourne
- 5:10pm **PRESENTATION BY TUPOU STUDENTS FROM NEWINGTON COLLEGE**
Introduction – **Taholo Kami**, Pacific Partnerships Manager, ICDP, Tonga
- 5:25pm **Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks**
Catherine Fritz-Kalish, Co-Founder & Managing Director, GAP
Director, ICDP
- 5:30pm *Close*