

Indo-Pacific Environmental Security Forum

Natadola, Republic of Fiji



Tuesday, 6 August 2024 • Opening Session

Master of Ceremonies: Captain Aisea Paka

0730 – 0820	Participant Registration Participants complete registration by 0815 and seating by 0820
0750 – 0820	Arrival of Invitees and Opening Session Speakers
0820 – 0825	Introduction to IPESF 2024 Master of Ceremonies, Captain Aisea Paka, Legal Officer, Republic of Fiji Military Forces
0825 – 0905	Traditional Dance and Welcoming Ceremony
0905 – 0915	Welcome Remarks Permanent Secretary Mason Smith, Fiji’s Ministry of Home Affairs & Immigration
0915 – 0925	Remarks The Honorable Marie C. Damour, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, and Tuvalu
0925 – 0930	Group Photo
0930 – 1000	Break and Refreshments

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Tuesday, 6 August 2024 • Day 1



Climate Policy, Action, and Resilience

Moderator: Dr. Lee Bint

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| 1000 - 1005 | Overview of the IPESF Agenda
Christopher Sholes, Environmental Security Program Manager, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) |
| 1005 – 1015 | Day 1 Session Introduction
Dr. Lee Bint, Director of Sustainability, New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) |
| 1015 – 1030 | Australian Defence Force Future Energy Strategy
Brigadier Gabrielle Follett, Director General, Fuel Services Branch Joint Logistic Command, Australian Defence Force |
| 1030 – 1045 | Mangrove Ecosystems: Why They Matter for Combating Climate Change
Dr. Rupesh Bhomia, Senior Scientist, CIFOR-ICRAF |
| 1045 – 1100 | Climate Policy, Action, and Implementation: Lessons Learned by the Indonesian Military
Col. Romson Sianturi, Head of Data and Information Department, Directorate General of Defence Potential, Indonesia Ministry of Defence (MoD) |
| 1100 – 1115 | Blue Economy in Oceans Management Policy and the Role of Women
Amelia Fa'otusia, Fellow/Economics Advisor, Tonga Ministry of Finance and National Planning |
| 1115 – 1200 | Day 1 Panel Session |
| 1200 – 1300 | Lunch Break |
| 1300 – 1430 | Workshops: Session 1
Participants attend two workshops, consecutively. 1A) Climate Change, Development, and Human Impacts (Led by USGS); 1B) Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change through Localized Data: Fiji as a Case Study (Led by CFE-DM and MoHA&I) |
| 1430 – 1500 | Break |
| 1500 – 1630 | Workshops: Session 2 |
| 1630 – 1640 | Administrative Notes by Master of Ceremonies – End of Day 1 |
| 1800 – 2000 | Ice Breaker
Hosted by Fiji MoHA&I and MECC at the Shangri-La |

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Wednesday, 7 August 2024 • Day 2



Natural Resource Security Through Conservation, Protection, Restoration, and Management

Moderator: Ms. Susana Waqainabete-Tuisese

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| 0830 – 0835 | Administrative Remarks by Master of Ceremonies |
| 0835 – 0845 | Day 2 Session Introduction
Susana Waqainabete-Tuisese, Vice President-Pacific Program, Conservation International |
| 0845 – 0905 | Crimes that Affect the Environment: Amplifying the Triple Planetary Crisis
Jenna Dawson-Faber, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator, United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime
Global Programme on Crimes that Affect the Environment |
| 0905 – 0925 | Alun Balun: Women’s Leadership in Promoting Sustainable Consumption in the Maldives
Khadeeja Hamid, Reduce Manager, Soneva Namoonaa |
| 0925 – 0930 | 5-minute Table Challenge |
| 0930 – 0950 | Integrating Women-Led Community-Based Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance into Civil-Military Partnerships to Combat IUU Fishing
Pedro Rodrigues, Timor L’Este Marine Resources Management, Fisheries and Pisciculture;
Maryruth Belsey Priebe, Pacific Forum Consultant, aXXelerate (Co-Founder) |
| 0950 – 1030 | Day 2 Panel Session |
| 1030 – 1100 | Break |
| 1100 – 1215 | Invasive Species-Focused Panel Session
Moderator: Phil Andreozzi, Invasive Species Coordinator, USDA
Panelists: 1) Military – CAPT Kate Miller, Logistics Officer, Royal Australian Navy; 2) Marine BioSecurity – Joape Ginigini, Scientific Officer, University of South Pacific; 3) Invasive Ants – Karen Mapusua, Director, SPC Land and Resources Division; 4) Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle – Natasha Tomokane, Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands Invasive Species Coordinator |
| 1215 – 1315 | Lunch Break |
| 1315 – 1445 | Workshops: Session 1
Participants attend two workshops, consecutively. 2A) Regional Operation to End Wildlife Crime (Led by UNODC); 2B) Invasives and the Power of eDNA (Led by USGS) |
| 1445 – 1515 | Break; Move to Next Workshop Session |
| 1515 – 1645 | Workshops: Session 2 |
| 1645 – 1700 | Administrative Notes by Master of Ceremonies – End of Day 2 |

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Thursday, 8 August 2024 • Day 3

Disaster Preparedness, Risk Reduction, and Response

Moderator: David E. Hurley, Jr.

0830 – 0835	Administrative Remarks by Master of Ceremonies
0835 – 0845	Day 3 Session Introduction David E. Hurley, Jr., USACE Pacific Ocean Division Liaison to INDOPACOM
0845 – 0905	Curated Disaster Preparedness: The Pacific Humanitarian Warehousing Program Exsley Taloiburi, Deputy Director, Disaster & Community Resilience Programme (DCRP), Geoscience, Energy, and Maritime (GEM) Division, Pacific Community (SPC)
0905 – 0925	Empowering YouthMappers for Disaster Resilience: Mapping Exposure Elements through OSM and Gamification in YouthMappers Initiatives Feye Andal, Project Manager/Geospatial Analyst, YouthMappers
0925 – 0945	Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Response – Lessons Learned from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Satoru NISHIKAWA, PhD, Senior Advisor in Disaster Risk Reduction, JICA
0945 – 1015	Break
1015 – 1035	Development of Maritime Disaster Risk Reduction and Response System: Places of Refuge for Distressed Ships, IMO Guidelines, and More Commander Prashan Perera, Senior Staff Officer Operations, Sri Lanka Coast Guard
1035 – 1125	Day 3 Panel Session
1125 – 1130	Site Visit and Administrative Brief
1130 – 1250	Lunch Break; Clothing Change; Depart at 1250
1250 – 1630	Site Visits Participants choose one site: Naidiri Village, Malomalo Village, or BlackRock

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Friday, 9 August 2024 • Day 4

Partnerships, Regionalism, and Security

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0830 – 0835	Administrative Remarks
0835 – 0840	Day 4 Session Overview by Master of Ceremonies
0840 – 0940	Regionalism and Security Panel Session Moderator: Michael Crowe, Regional Security Advisor, Pacific Islands Forum Panelists: 1) Environment – Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General, Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP); 2) Pacific Regional Security – Maara Tetava Tiatava Ariki, National Security Director, Cook Islands; 3) Asia Regional Security – Elizabeth Tan, Director, Singapore Ministry of Defence; 4) Global Partnerships – Shiloh Fetzek, Associate Fellow, International Institute for Strategic Studies
0940 – 0945	5-minute Table Challenge
0945 – 1025	Indo-Pacific Environmental Security Partnership Working Group (WG) 3-Year Plan Updates 1) Policy – Sophia Seo; 2) Education – Amanda Ellis; 3) Networking – Lt. Col. Andrew McPhee; 4) Mitigation - Christopher Sholes
1025 – 1045	Break
1045 – 1110	USINDOPACOM Project Highlights 1) Anawilundawa Mangrove Restoration Project – Dr. Sevvandi Jayakody; 2) K. Huraa Island Mangrove and Blue Economy Project – Dr. Sahadev Sharma; 3) Fiji Plastic Reduction Feasibility Study – Viliame Kasanawaqa
1110 – 1245	Country Project Development
1245 – 1345	Lunch Break
1345 – 1445	Redesigning the Partnership Workshop Led by NZDF and NZ MoD
1445 – 1450	5-minute Stretch
1450 – 1550	Redesigning the Partnership Workshop (Continued) Led by NZDF and NZ MoD
1550 – 1620	Break

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Friday, 9 August 2024 • Closing Session

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1620 – 1625	Video / Photo Loop of the 2024 IPESF
1625 – 1630	Closing Remarks USINDOPACOM J4, Brigadier General Martine S. Kidd
1630 – 1635	Closing Remarks Dr. Sivendra Michael, Permanent Secretary, Fiji’s Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
1635 – 1700	Traditional Dance and Closing Ceremony
1830 – 2100	Farewell Dinner hosted by Fiji MoHA&I at Cuvu Village