



DevNet 2025 Symposium

Opportunities Forgone: Rethinking Pacific Labour Mobility—
Impacts, Equity, and Resilience

27 November 2025

11:00-16:30 NZ Time | 10:00-15:30 Fiji Time
09:00-13:00 Vanuatu Time | 11:00-16:00 Samoa Time | 09:00-13:00
Melbourne Time

10:30-11:00 NZDT

09:30-10:00 FJT

Registration & Morning Tea

Welcome and networking opportunity for all participants.

11:00-11:10 NZDT

10:00-10:10 FJT

Welcome & Introduction

Opening with an Indigenous Fijian or Pasifika proverb, agenda overview, Zoom instructions, and introduction of keynote speakers.

Facilitated by: Api Movono

11:10-11:40 NZDT

10:10-10:40 FJT

Keynote Address

Speaker:

- **Adela Issachar Aru** - Chief Executive Officer, Vanuatu Tourism Office
"Opportunities Foregone: Balancing National Development and Labour Mobility in the Pacific"

11:40-12:20 NZDT

10:40-11:20 FJT

Panel 1: Impacts of Pacific Labour Mobility Schemes

Panellists (10 minutes each):

- **Masami Tsujita** - Associate Professor, National University of Samoa
"When Good Workers Go: Opportunities Foregone in Samoa's Seasonal Labour Migration"
- **Lucie Nauka** - Researcher, National University of Vanuatu
"Balancing Gains and Pains: Understanding Labour Migration's True Impact on Ni-Vanuatu Families"
- **Christina Marau** - Director for Labour Mobility, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Solomon Islands
"Charting the Course: The Role of Governance in Maximizing Labour Mobility Benefits"
- **Mereani Rokotuibau** - Co-Executive Director, Balance of Power
"Building a Fairer Future: Strengthening Equity and Resilience in Pacific Labour Mobility"

Moderated by: Api Movono

12:20-13:00 NZDT

11:20-12:00 FJT

Breakout Sessions (Choose 1)

Parallel discussion groups based on Panel 1 topics:

- When Good Workers Go (Masami)
- Balancing Gains and Pains (Lucie)
- The Role of Governance in Maximising Labour Mobility (Christina)

13:00-13:10 NZDT

12:00-12:10 FJT

Reporting Back & Lunch Announcements

Facilitator to highlight main points from one-slide summaries from each breakout group.

13:10-14:10 NZDT

12:10-13:10 FJT

Lunch Break

14:10-14:40 NZDT

13:10-13:40 FJT

Keynote Address

Speaker:

- **Prof. Richard Bedford** - Professor Emeritus
"Charting the Pacific's Migration Future: Opportunities Foregone and Pathways Ahead"

16:10-16:20 NZDT

15:10-15:20 FJT

Final Reporting Back

Facilitator to highlight main points from one-slide summaries from each breakout group.

Facilitated by: Prof. Regina Scheyvens

16:20-16:30 NZDT

15:20-15:30 FJT

Wrap Up & Closing

Announcements for DevNet Conference 2026, thank you remarks, and closing Karakia or Whakatauki.

Facilitated by: Api Movono

16:30+ NZDT

15:30+ FJT

Afternoon Tea & Networking

Informal networking and refreshments to conclude the symposium.