



# 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.