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High-level Meeting on Strengthening Inter-island Shipping and Logistics in the Pacific Island Countries

Organized by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

23-25 July 2013
Suva, Fiji

Note:

Countries are requested to prepare a background paper in two parts, the first for domestic shipping and the second for international shipping. Each part may take into account:

- Port infrastructure.
- Vessel calls (number, frequency, reliability, fares and freight rates).
- Numbers of passengers, cargo tonnages, commodities handled and TEUs loaded and unloaded.
- Fleet size, age and type.
- Shipping service network.
- Government support and other interventions (franchises, route licensing, subsidies, Commissions and other interventions).
- Challenges and opportunities in the provision of shipping services

In addition, countries are invited to deliver a presentation of not more than 10 minutes covering the challenges faced by their country in strengthening interisland shipping in the sub-region and solutions to overcome those challenges.

Chairmen:

Sections I –III

Mr. Dong-woo Ha, Director, Transport Division, ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand

Sections IV and V

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PROGRAMME

Day 1	23 July 2013
0800 – 0900	Registration
0900	<p>Opening of the meeting</p> <p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Lui Naisara, Director, Transport Planning Unit, Ministry of Works, Transport & Public Utilities, Fiji</i> - <i>Mr. Dong-woo Ha, Director, Transport Division, ESCAP</i> - <i>Mr. John Hogan, Director, Economic Development Division, SPC</i> - <i>Mr. Shiu Raj, Director, Economic Governance Programme, PIFS</i> - <i>Mr. Julian Abril, on behalf of Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Secretary-General, IMO</i>
0930 - 1000	<i>Coffee/tea Break</i>
1000	<p>House-keeping matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Brian Riches, SPC</i> <p>Country presentations <i>(in alphabetical order)</i></p>
1230 – 1330	<i>Lunch – hosted by Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat</i>
1330	Country/Organization presentations
1515 - 1545	<i>Coffee/tea Break</i>
1545	Country/Organization presentations (cont'd)
1730	<i>Reception - hosted by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community</i>

Day 2	24 July 2013
0900	<p>I. Production-Transport Nexus: Domestic shipping services</p> <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. John Moon, Resource person</i> <p>Case Study: Products and their supply chains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Inoke Ratukalou, Director, Land Resources Division, SPC</i> <p>Public support mechanisms and the public and private sector perspectives – Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Moderator: Mr. Scott Hook, Economic Infrastructure Adviser, PIFS</i> <p>Solomon Islands franchise shipping scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ms. Sarosh Khan, Senior Transport Specialist, ADB, Manila</i>
1030 - 1100	<i>Coffee/tea Break</i>
1100	<p>Public support mechanisms and the public and private sector perspectives – Panel discussion (cont'd)</p> <p>Vanuatu inter-island shipping support programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Markon J. A. Batie, Maritime Affairs Manager, Ministry of Infrastructure and Public Utility, Port Vila, Vanuatu</i> <p>Fiji franchise scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Lui Naisara, Director, Transport Planning Unit, Ministry of Works, Transport & Public Utilities, Suva, Fiji</i> <p>New Zealand Aid programme's Pacific maritime safety programme (including activities in Kiribati, Cook Islands, Tonga and hydrographical risk assessments)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. David Weinstein, Development Manager, Maritime Transport, Sustainable Economic Development, International Development Group, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand</i>
1230-1330	<i>Lunch</i>

Day 2	24 July 2013 (cont'd)
1330	<p>II. Improving regional shipping services in the Pacific</p> <p>Shipping commissions in and service provisions for the Pacific – Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moderator: <i>Mr. John P. B. Hogan, Director, EDD, SPC</i> <p>The role of regional shipping commissions in improving service delivery in the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. John Rounds, Shipping Advisor, EDD, SPC</i> <p>Existing models of shipping service provisions for the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Steven Blade, General Manager, Transam Fiji Ltd./PDL, Suva</i>
1500 - 1530	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
1530	<p>II. Improving regional shipping services in the Pacific (cont'd)</p> <p>Potential for further hub port development and perspectives on potential hub-and-spoke networks – Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moderator: <i>Mr. David Smith, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP Pacific Office, Suva</i> <p>Introduction to hub port development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Scott Hook, Economic Infrastructure Adviser, PIFS</i> <p>Perspectives on potential hub-and-spoke networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Hakaumotu Fakapelea, Port Security Adviser, SPC</i> <p>Potential hub-and-spoke networks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. Joji Takape, Fiji Ports Cooperation Ltd., Suva</i> <p>Flag state implementation – States' international obligations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Mr. John Rounds, Shipping Advisor, EDD, SPC</i>
1730	End of day two session

Day 3	25 July 2013
0900	<p>III. Port Development</p> <p>Port development – Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Mr. Brian Riches, Deputy Director (Transport), EDD, SPC <p>Developing and financing port infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Papalii Nansen, Chairman, PISA, Apia, Samoa <p>Aids to navigation in the Pacific sub-region: challenges and opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. John Rounds, Shipping Adviser, EDD, SPC <p>Ports’ specific instruments of ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Frank Leys, Ports Specialist, ILO, Geneva, Switzerland <p>Hydrographical issues in the Pacific sub-region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jens Kruger, Physical Oceanographer, SOPAC, SPC
1030 - 1100	Coffee/Tea Break
1100	<p>IV. Sustainable maritime transport</p> <p>Facilitation of maritime transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Julian Abril, Head of Facilitation Section, IMO, London, UK <p>Trade facilitation issues in the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Shiu Raj, Director, Economic Governance Programme, PIFS <p>ESCAP Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNNExT Single window implementation toolkit http://www.unescap.org/tid/unnnext/sw-vid1.asp <p>Marine Pollution Convention, Annex V and regional waste reception facilities & Pacific Islands Regional Marine Spill Contingency Plan (PACPLAN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Anthony Talouli, Pollution Adviser and IMO Focal Point, SPREP <p>Ship financing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. George Goundar, Goundar Shipping Ltd., Suva, Fiji <p>Meeting the shipping industry’s fuel demand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. John Bythell, Professor, Pro Vice-Chancellor, USP, Suva, Fiji <p>Outcome of the ESCAP Asia-Pacific Energy Forum (APEF 2013) and implications for the Pacific’s shipping industry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Solomon Fifita, Deputy Director (Energy), EDD, SPC
1230 - 1330	Lunch

Day 3	25 July 2013 (cont'd)
1330	<p>IV. Sustainable maritime transport (cont'd)</p> <p>Building regional capacity to meet inter-island shipping needs in the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Alobi Bomo, Maritime Safety and Security Adviser, EDD, SPC</i> <p>Legal regime of inter-island shipping services – a focus on legislative provisions and the lack of implementation/enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Fred Amoa, Chief Executive Officer, PIMLA, Samoa</i> <p>Pacific islands domestic ship safety project: lessons learnt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Bruce Tweed, Ship Safety Audit Adviser, EDD, SPC</i>
1400	<p>V. Information and data requirements for informed decision making and policy formulation</p> <p>Development of information systems for decision making and policy formulation regarding maritime, port and logistics in the Pacific sub-region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Soo-Yeob Kim, KMI, Republic of Korea</i> - <i>Ms. Megan Streeter, Systems Adviser, EDD, SPC</i>
1430-1530	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
1530	<p>Declaration on Strengthening Inter-island Shipping in the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>All participants</i>
1725-1730	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Mr. Dong-woo Ha, Director, Transport Division, ESCAP</i> - <i>Mr. John Hogan, Director, Economic Development Division, SPC</i> - <i>Mr. Shiu Raj, Director, Economic Governance Programme, PIFS</i> - <i>Mr. Julian Abril, on behalf of Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Secretary-General, IMO</i>

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ADB	Asian Development Bank
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
EDD	Economic Development Division
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMO	International Maritime Organization
KMI	Korea Maritime Institute
PDL	Pacific Direct Line
PIFS	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
PIMLA	Pacific Islands Maritime Law Association
PISA	Pacific Islands Shipowners Association
PMTA	Pacific Maritime Transport Alliance
SOPAC	Applied Geoscience and Technology Division
SPC	Secretariat of Pacific Community
SPREP	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
USP	University of the South Pacific