

Australia-Pacific Connections  
for a Digital Future

# PACIFIC CONNECT DIALOGUE

30 April–1 May 2019  
Honiara, Solomon Islands

ICDP is calling for expressions of interest from accomplished and forward-thinking individuals to join its *Pacific Connect* Network Dialogue on 30 April–1 May 2019 in Honiara to discuss digital transformation opportunities in freight and logistics. Deadline for submissions – 12 April 2019.

## What is 'Pacific Connect'?

*Pacific Connect* was launched by the Prime Minister of Australia in September 2017 to forge strong and enduring strategic relationships between Pacific and Australian leaders across the public, private and community sectors. *Pacific Connect* is delivered by the International Centre for Democratic Partnerships (ICDP) and sponsored by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

## What is the 'Network Dialogue'?

The Pacific is undergoing an unprecedented technological transformation, making it an ideal time to discuss and plan our region's digital future.

Since the official announcement of *Pacific Connect* at the 48<sup>th</sup> Pacific Islands Forum in 2017, ICDP has been working with regional partners and local leaders to create a series of Network Dialogues. In 2018, it held the inaugural Business Dialogue in Port Moresby (March); the Academic Dialogue in Suva, co-hosted by the University of the South Pacific (June); the Creative Arts Dialogue in Apia (July); and the Education Dialogue in Honiara (November). On 6 September 2018, 80 Network members attended the inaugural *Pacific Connect* Forum at NSW Parliament House in Sydney. The year 2019 opened with the *Pacific Women in Business and Digital Delivery* Dialogue in Brisbane (February) and the *Digital Trade and Labour Mobility* Dialogue in Port Vila (March).

## What are we aiming for?

The *Pacific Connect* Network Dialogue in Honiara on 30 April–1 May will bring together current and emerging leaders from the Pacific Islands and Australia to discuss how improved digital connectivity can modernise the transportation industry and enable greater choice of commercial and employment opportunities in the Solomon Islands and broader Pacific region.

Through facilitated, outcome-focused roundtable discussions, participants will identify and select one or two practical projects to take forward and develop them through a series of subsequent meetings and long-term collaboration.

Topics for discussion will include:

- ▶ Ways to optimise freight and logistics in shipping
- ▶ E-commerce for freight and distribution

The Dialogue will be co-facilitated by **Dr Ian Watt AC**, Chair of ICDP, and **Eranda Kotelawala**, CEO of the Solomon Islands Port Authority.

**You can help set the Pacific's digital agenda through *Pacific Connect*.**

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## Who are we looking for?

We are looking for people with leadership skills, a positive, 'big picture' outlook, and a record of achievement in their chosen field.

Our participants will be courageous and passionate free thinkers willing to share their own networks and ideas to build a better tomorrow for all. A keen interest in digital technology is necessary, but technical skills are not.

## How will you benefit?

*Pacific Connect* offers exciting opportunities for outstanding people in Australia and the Pacific to forge new relationships through continued engagement on common challenges.

Through a "Second Track" process which encourages fresh thinking and the development of concrete solutions, participants will be able to test their ideas, broaden their knowledge and widen their networks for future interaction.

Opportunities include:

- ▶ Mentoring and internships with Australian and Pacific organisations
- ▶ An invitation to participate in future regional *Pacific Connect* Dialogues and major international forums, including the Annual Pacific Connect Forum at NSW Parliament House in Sydney
- ▶ Unique networking opportunities with regional leaders
- ▶ New commercial partnerships

## PROGRAMME

### TUESDAY, 30 APRIL 2019

**Gallery 1 Room, Heritage Park Hotel**  
5:00pm Registration. Official welcome  
5:10pm LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE  
6:30pm Free time

**Na'hona Room, Heritage Park Hotel**  
7:00pm NETWORKING DINNER  
9:00pm Close

### WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY 2019

**Gallery 1 Room, Heritage Park Hotel**  
8:45am Networking, Tea & coffee  
9:00am 1<sup>ST</sup> PLANNING SESSION  
10:30am Morning tea  
10:45am 2<sup>ND</sup> PLANING SESSION  
12:00pm Lunch  
1:00pm INFORMATION SESSION  
1:30pm FINAL PLANNING SESSION  
3:00pm Dialogue Closes

**Gallery 1 Room, Heritage Park Hotel**  
3:30pm PACIFIC CONNECT WORKSHOP  
5:00pm Close

## How can you get involved?

Please forward your CV and a brief overview of your relevant achievements to [pacific\\_dialogue@icdp.com.au](mailto:pacific_dialogue@icdp.com.au)

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Deadline 12 April 2019