



**Regional Symposium on Population and Development
in the Pacific Islands: *Accelerating the ICPD Program of Action***
[The University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji. 23-25 November, 2009]

Monday 23 November

8.00 – 9.00 Registration

Opening ceremony

9.00 - 9.15 *Welcome by USP Vice Chancellor (Professor Rajesh Chandra)*
MC: Professor Biman Prasad

9.15 – 9.45 *Opening Statement by UNFPA HQ/APRO(UNFPA)(TBC)*

Plenary 1 *Overview of population and development globally, ICPD@ 15*

9.45-10.30 Keynote address: Dr Wasim Zaman (Director)
Chair: Professor Biman Prasad (Dean, FBE)

10.30 – 11.00 Morning tea

Plenary 2 *Changing age structures, labour markets, public finance and poverty*

11.00 – 11.45 Keynote address: Professor Wadan Narsey (SOE, FBE, USP)
Chair: Hon Fred Fono

11.45 – 12.30 Panel: RMI (Ben Graham), Solomon Islands (Gov. RB), PNG (Yesop Popitai)

12.30 – 1.30 Lunch

Plenary 3 *The aging population in PICs and implications for public policy*

1.30 – 2.45 Keynote address: Dr Geoffrey Hayes
Chair: Dr Wasim Zaman

2.45 – 3.30 Panel: Samoa (Sefuiva Reupena, GS); RMI (Carl Hacker) Fiji (Eveli Waqavonovono)

3.30 – 4.00 Afternoon tea

Plenary 4 *Family Planning in the Pacific: Improving Universal Access to Reproductive Health*

4.00 – 4.45 Keynote address: Dr Annette Sachs Robertson
Chair: UNFPA APRO

4.45- 5.30 Panel: Kiribati (Dr Salesi Katoanga, Consultant); SI (Dr Junilyn Pikacha, Head HR); Fiji (Dharma Chandra, USP)

6.30 – 8.30 Pool-side cocktail and dinner (Holiday Inn)

Tuesday 24 November

Plenary 5 *Mortality, morbidity, obesity, and nutrition*

8.30 – 9.15 Keynote address: Dr Richard Taylor (Professor, UNSW)

Chair: Dr Kesaia Seniloli (Population Program, SOE, USP)

9.15 – 10.15 Panel: Nauru (Mathew Batsuia, Minister of Health); Tonga (Dr Siale Akauola, Director of Health); Fiji (Dr Jimaima Schultz, FFNC)

10.15 – 10.30 Morning tea

Plenary 6 *STIs, HIV/AIDS and youth in the Pacific*

10.30- 11.15 Keynote address: Dr Nii K Plange (AusAID PNG)

Chair: Dr Wame Baravilala (UNFPA)

11.15 – 12.00 Panel: PNG (Dr Clement Malau, Director of Health, MOHMS); Kiribati (Dr Teatao Tira, Director of Public Health, MOHMS); Solomon Islands (Dr Dennie Iniakwala); Fiji (Dr Mili Kaitani, USP)

12.00 – 1.00 Lunch

Plenary 7 *Violence against women: development challenge for PICs*

1.00 - 1.45 Keynote address: Professor Janet Fanslaw

Chair: Dr Judith Robinson (AusAID)

1.45 – 2.45 Panel: PNG (Dame Carol Kidu); SI (Ethel Sigimanu); Kiribati (Rikiawa); Fiji (Shamima Ali)

2.45- 3.15 Afternoon tea

Plenary 8 *Data issues: surveys, censuses, and institutional initiatives*

3.15 – 4.00 Keynote address: Dr Gerald Haberkorn and Arthur Jorari (SPC)

Chair: Mr Iosefa Maiava (UNESCAP)

4.00 – 5.00 Panel: Van (Simil Johnson); Fiji (Tim Bainimarama); RMI (Carl Hacker); Regional: Eduard Jongstra (UNFPA) & Dr Will Parks (UNICEF)

Break for the day

Wednesday 25 November

Plenary 9 *Urbanisation: fertility, housing, education, health, environment.*

8.30 – 9.15 Keynote address: Professor John Connell

Chair: Professor John Campbell

9.15 – 10.15 Panel: PNG (Elena Butuna); FSM (****); Fiji (Fr Kevin Barr)

10.15 – 10.45 Morning tea

Plenary 10 *Climate change and population displacement*

10.45- 11.30 Keynote address: Professor John Campbell

Chair: Professor Patrick Nunn

11.30 - 12.30 Panel: Samoa (Justin Locke); Kiribati (President Ah Tong); Tuvalu (Siliga Kofe, UNESCAP)

12.30- 1.30 *Lunch*

Plenary 11 *Trade negotiations(PACER Plus), labour mobility and PIC development*

1.00 – 1.45 Keynote address: Professor Biman Prasad and Professor Wadan Narsey

Chair: Mr Ah Tong (President, Kiribati)

1.45 – 2.45 Panel: Tonga (*****); Samoa (*****); Tuvalu (Fakavae Taomia); Niue (*****)

2.45-3.15 *Afternoon tea*

3.15- 4.30 *Presentation of Communique, discussion, revision and adoption*
Dr Annette Sachs Robertson, Professor Wadan Narsey, Dr Kesaia Seniloli and Eduard Jongstra.

4.30 – 6.00 *Farewell cocktail (distribution of final Communique)*

Safe journey home