

SIDE EVENT: Multi-stakeholder partnerships addressing **Food Security** in Pacific Small Islands Developing States and sharing lessons with other SIDS regions (#80)



BUILDING RESILIENT PACIFIC COMMUNITIES FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

DATE: 3 September 2014

TIME: 0900 – 1030 hours

CONFERENCE ROOM: CM5

The right to adequate and safe food is a fundamental human right affirmed by the UN and recognized in various international and regional human right treaties. Food security in the Pacific is impacted by a range of factors including, declining production and productivity of agricultural and fisheries systems, increasing land degradation, low diet diversity, climate change, environmental shocks, food safety and food standards problems and a reliance on cheaper but poor quality food imports. As a result, Pacific Islanders have some of the highest incidences of NCDs, about 75% deaths are due to NCDs. Anemia is reported to be 20% or greater, in both children and pregnant women. In addition, vitamin A deficiency in at least 4 countries (Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and PNG) is among the highest in the world.

The side event, led by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, will bring together experts around the Pacific region to discuss common threats to food and nutrition security in the Pacific in the context of the wider SIDS community; share experiences and approaches to policies, programs, research, institutions and investments in food and nutrition security; identify opportunities for action by different sectors and different regions; and; identify ways to enhance cooperation [in and amongst] SIDS regions and form a coalition on food and nutrition security, and bring attention to the global arena.

During the side event, about 45minutes will be allocated for panel presentations by various speakers and 45minutes for open interactive discussions. **Prizes/Gifts will be provided to all participants to this side event.**



Panel Presentations and Interactive Discussions

Moderator: **Dr. Colin Tukuitonga**, Director General, SPC

1.	Food and Nutrition Security Challenges and Issues for the Pacific Islands (8mins) Speaker: Honourable Sione Sangster Saulala <i>Minister, Ministry of Agriculture Food, Forestry, and Fisheries (MAFFF), Tonga</i>
2.	Pacific Regional Strategies and Programs for Food and Nutrition Security (8mins) Speaker: Dr. Siosua Halavatau <i>Deputy Director, Land Resources Division (LRD), SPC</i>
3.	Enhancing Food Safety and Nutrition in the Pacific (8mins) Speaker: Dirk Schulz <i>Food Safety and Nutrition Officer, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)</i>
4.	National Strategies for Food and Nutrition Security (8mins) Speaker: Mr. Fonoiaava S. Sesega <i>Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Samoa</i>
5.	Enhancing Public - Private Sector Partnership on Food and Nutrition Security for Economic Development (8mins) Speaker: Mr. Afamasaga Toleafoa <i>Chairman, Pacific Islands Farmers Organization Network (PIFON)</i>
Way Forward (10 minutes) Facilitated discussions on way forward in enhancing cooperation (in and amongst SIDS) to increase investment to improve food and nutrition security in SIDS. For any question, please contact from LRD (SiosuaH@spc.int) and MAF (fono@maf.gov.ws).	

