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MEETING SDG6 IN THE PACIFIC: CHALLENGES AND ACTIONS

SUMMARY

This event will present a summary of the challenges facing Pacific Island Countries and Territories and the concrete actions that must be taken to meet SDG6 identified at the 6th Pacific Water and Wastewater Ministers Forum held in November 2022 in the Republic of Fiji. More information is available [here](#).

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Date and Time:

Fiji: 21 March 2023 (Tues) 10-11AM FJT

Sydney: 21 March 2023 (Tues) 9-10AM AEDT

New York: 20 March 2023 (Mon) 6-7PM EDT

PARTNERS

1. Water Authority of Fiji (WAF)
2. Pacific Water and Wastewater Association (PWWA)
3. Ministry of Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport (MIMS) / Department of Water and Sewerage (DWS)
4. University of New South Wales (UNSW)



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AGENDA

10:00 AM	Welcome and Introduction	MR. MANASA TUSULU Manager Research Evaluation & Monitoring, Water Authority of Fiji
10:05 AM	Opening Remarks	HON. RO FILIPE TUISAWAU MP Minister for Ministry of Public Works and Meteorological Services
10:15 AM	Water Challenges for Fiji	MR. TAITUSI VAKADRAVUYACA Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Public Works and Meteorological Services
10:25 AM	Video	FIJI GOVERNMENT Title: Fiji's Minister for Public Works Visits the Rewa River Water Supply Scheme Project
10:28 AM	Video	6 th Pacific Water Ministerial Forum November 2022
10:30 AM	Communique Part 1: Challenges	MS. PITOLAU LUSIA SEFO LEAU Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Water and Wastewater Association
10:40 AM	Communique Part 2: Actions	MR. IAN GOODEN Chairperson, Pacific Water and Wastewater Association
10:50 AM	Others	
11:00 AM	Close	



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SPEAKERS



HON RO FILIPE TUISAWAU

*Minister
Ministry of Public Works,
Meteorological Services, and
Transport*

Honorable Tuisawau was elected as Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services, and Transport in December 2022.

He is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific attaining a Bachelor of Arts and Graduate Certificate in Education. In addition, he holds Masters in Business Administration from Massey University New Zealand and a Graduate Certificate in Migration Law from the Australian National University.

Honourable Tuisawau served in various managerial positions in organizations such as the University of the South Pacific, Air Terminal Services and the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat. He then served as the Human Resources Specialist at the Pacific Island Tourism Organization before working as a consultant at the Melanesian Spearhead Group in Vanuatu and for Vanuatu Financial Services Commission. He also served as a Board Director in the Airports Fiji Ltd and the Rewa Provincial Council Holdings Ltd.

He has also contributed immensely to the development of Fiji rugby having served as the former President of the Fiji Rugby Union from 2008 to 2011.



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TAITUSI VAKADRUVUYACA

*Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Public Works,
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Transport*

Permanent Secretary Taitusi Vakadravuyaca is a Master of Science graduate in Water Science & Engineering from the Netherlands and a Civil Engineering graduate from Australia. He started his career as a civil engineer and ascended through the ranks to become the General Manager for Strategic Planning in the Water Authority of Fiji.

He has relevant experience in Fiji's land and water resource management groups, and in the transition from the National Roads Group to the Fiji Roads Authority (FRA). In addition to his work in land and water resource management he was Project Civil Engineer for FEA's Nadarivatu Hydropower Project.

He was appointed as Permanent Secretary Ministry of Infrastructure in 2019. As Permanent Secretary he is taking the lead role in ensuring that the rural communities in Fiji have proper sanitation and clean source of drinking water.



PITOLAU LUSIE SEFO LEAU

*CEO
Pacific Water and Wastewater
Association*

Pitolau Lusie Sefo Leau is the CEO of the Pacific Water and Wastewater Association and has held this role since late 2016.

She helped establish PWWA as a permanent regional organisation for Pacific water and wastewater utilities in 2017.

She has held senior leadership roles for more than 25 years in the public sector, including CEO of the Samoa Ministry for Revenue, Deputy CEO for the Ministry of Finance, and Deputy Secretary for the Ministry of the Prime Minister in Samoa.



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IAN GOODEN

*Chairperson
Pacific Water and Wastewater
Association*

Ian is a Chartered Professional Engineer with over 25 years of civil engineering and management experience in South Africa, the UK, New Zealand and the Solomon Islands. He grew up and studied in South Africa before emigrating to the UK, and then on to New Zealand in 1989. Ian holds qualifications equivalent to a NZ Bachelor's degree specialising in water and wastewater, and an Executive MBA from Waikato University.

Ian has worked mainly in the local government and consulting sectors, predominantly in roading and 3 waters infrastructure management and capital projects, with many years at an executive management level. Ian was formerly General Manager Infrastructure at Tauranga City Council before deciding to give something back to society and took up the role of General Manager: Solomon Water in July 2015.

He owns his own small consulting company and has held various private and public sector governance roles in recent years.



MANASA TUSULU

*Manager
Research Monitoring & Evaluation
Water Authority of Fiji*

Manasa Tusulu is the Manager of Research Monitoring & Evaluation at the Water Authority of Fiji. He has over 10 years of work experience in the water sector after joining WAF in 2012 from KPMG Chartered Accountants. He specializes in strategic planning, research and analysis, business planning and stakeholder engagement.

Manasa has been also actively involved with the PWWA over the 8 years and was part of the drafting committee for the signed Ministers Communique in November 2022.

Manasa is glad to be part of this UN Side event Meeting SDG6 in the Pacific: Challenges and Actions and is passionate about ensuring that providing water and sanitation services in Fiji and the Pacific is top priority.