

2024 PITAA ANNUAL HEADS MEETING

AGENDA

16th - 20th September 2024



Pacific Islands Tax Administrators Association



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Meeting Theme

Navigating Challenging Seas: Charting the Course of Modern Taxation in the Pacific

This theme encapsulates the key challenges and opportunities currently facing Pacific revenue administrations as they sail through the rapidly evolving domestic, regional and global operating environment. It emphasizes the importance of relevance, innovation and sustainability in enhancing our tax systems to benefit the region's economies and communities.

Sub-themes

Sub-theme 1

Fiscal Frontiers: Improving Revenue Mobilization in the Pacific.

Focusing on innovative strategies for enhancing revenue mobilization. Also emphasizing the role of policy in broadening the capabilities of revenue administrations in the region.

Sub-theme 2

Digital Waves: Charting the Course of Modern Taxation in the Pacific.

Highlights the transformative impact of digital technology on tax administration, the journey towards modernization and efficiency, and the existing and emerging risks such as cyber security and AI.

Sub-theme 3

Capacity Compass: Guiding Pacific Tax Administrations to a Highly Skilled Workforce.

Underlining the importance of building regional capability and peer to peer learning to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of revenue administrations.

Monday 16th September 2024

Time	Agenda	
10:30 am to 11:00 am	Agenda Item 1: a) Election of the Chair & Remarks i. Remarks of Outgoing Chair ii. Remarks of Incoming Chair iii. Handover of the Meeting Lali iv. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda	i) PNG ii) Vanuatu iii) PNG to Vanuatu iv) Chair - Vanuatu
11.00 pm – 11.30 pm	Agenda Item 2: Overview of the Work of Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre in the Region	PFTAC
11.30 am – 1.30 pm	Agenda Item 3: Member Presentations	PITAA Members (Alphabetical Order)
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Lunch	
2.30 pm – 3:30 pm	CLOSED SESSION – PITAA MEMBERS ONLY	PITAA Members
3.30 pm – 3.45 pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.45 pm – 5.00 pm	CLOSED SESSION – PITAA MEMBERS ONLY	PITAA Members
5.00 pm – 5.05 pm	Closing Remarks - Day 1	Chair
5.05 pm – 6.30 pm	Free time	
6.30 pm – 10.00 pm	Dinner hosted by the Vanuatu Department of Customs and Inland Revenue	Venue: TBC

Tuesday 17th September 2024

Time	Agenda	Presenter/Panelist
9.00 am – 9.05 am	Introduction	MC
Sub-theme 1: Fiscal Frontiers: Improving Revenue Mobilization and Risk Management in the Pacific		
9.05 am – 9.40 am	Agenda Item 4: Improving Tax Policy Capacity in Pacific Revenue Administrations	IMF
9.40 am - 10:10 am	Agenda Item 5: Pacific Investment for Pacific Development	Cook Islands National Superannuation Fund
10.10 am – 10.40 am	Morning tea	
10.40 am – 11.10 am	Agenda Item 6: Pacific One Stop Shop Project Update	Australian Tax Office
Sub-theme 2: Digital Waves: Charting the Course of Modern Taxation in the Pacific		
11.10 am – 11.55 pm	Agenda Item 7: Transformative impact of Digital Technology on Tax Administration	Blyce, Data Torque, Governful
11.55 am – 12:25 pm	Agenda Item 8: Key Finding of the 2023 Edition of the Revenue Statistics in Asia and the Pacific Region	OECD
12.25 pm – 1.10 pm	Lunch	
Sub-theme 3: Capacity Compass: Guiding Pacific Tax Administrations to a Highly Skilled Workforce.		
1.10 pm – 2.10 pm	Agenda Item 9: Panel Discussion: Importance of Building Skills and Knowledge to Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness of Revenue Administrations	Nauru, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu
2.10 pm – 2.40 pm	Agenda Item 10: Update from the Pacific Initiative	ADB
2.40 pm – 3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Agenda Item 11: NTO/PITAA Women in Tax Pilot	NTO
4.00 pm – 4.10 pm	Concluding Comments	Chair
4:20 pm – 6:30 pm	Free Time	ALL
6.30 pm – 10.00 pm	Hosted Dinner (Venue: TBC)	PFTAC

Wednesday 18th September 2024

Time	Agenda	
8.00 am – 10.00 am	TASG / ADB progressing Tax Administration Digitalization and Roadmaps.	Mr. Matt Lewis & Mr. Richard Stern- ADB Consultants
10.00 am – 11.00 am	Bilateral Meetings	ALL
11.00 am – 11.30 am	Morning tea	
11.30 am – 12.30 pm	Bilateral Meetings	ALL
12.30 pm – 1.00 pm	Meeting Communique	Chair, PITAA
1.00 pm – 1.30 pm	Closing Remarks Remarks from 2025 Host	Chair 2025 Host
1.30 pm – 2.30 pm	Lunch	
3.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Excursion (TBC)	ALL
5.00 pm – 7.00 pm	Free Time	ALL
7.00 pm – 10.00 pm	Closing Dinner	PITAA and 2025 Host Country

Thursday 19th September 2024

Time	Agenda	Participants
Full Day	High-Level Workshop (for PITAA Members only)	PITAA Members; PITAA; IMF; PFTAC

Friday 20th September 2024

Time	Agenda	Participants
Half Day (Morning)	High-Level Workshop (for PITAA Members only)	PITAA Members; PITAA; IMF; PFTAC