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PIDF 2014 Second Summit Participating Leaders



Front Row:

Left to Right: Mrs Lorine Tevi (Pacific Islands Association of Non Government Organisations), Hon Alik L Alik (Federated States of Micronesia), Lord Tuivakano (Tonga), H.E Anote Tong (Kiribati), H.E Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (Indonesia), Rear Admiral Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama (Fiji), H.E Baron Waqa (Nauru), Mr Feleti Teo (PIDF), Mr Howard Politini (Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisations).

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1. The Second Summit of the Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF II) was held at the Sheraton Fiji Resort, Denarau Island, Nadi, Fiji from the 18th to 20th June, 2014 with the theme of “*Green Growth in the Pacific: Building Resilient Sustainable Futures and Genuine Partnerships*”. The Summit was preceded by the inaugural meeting of the Governing Council of PIDF whose Outcome Document ¹ was presented to and acknowledged by the Summit.
2. The Summit attracted more than 400 delegates from 42 countries and territories, seventeen of them from the Pacific. It was attended by representatives of governments, private sector and civil society from the following PIDF countries and territories: Cook Islands, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna. Other countries that were represented at the Summit as observers included Argentina, Australia, China, Columbia, European Union, France, Georgia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Morocco, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Singapore, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, United Kingdom, and Venezuela. Also in attendance as observers were representatives from regional and international organisations including Development Services Exchange (DSE), Foundation of the People of the South Pacific (FSPI), German International Corporation Agency (GIZ), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), International Labour Organisation (ILO), Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Live and Learn Environmental Education (LLEE), Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG), Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Organizations (PIANGO), Pacific Islands Private Sector Association (PIPSO), Pacific Power Association (PPA), Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), South Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO), University of the South Pacific (USP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), United National Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations International Strategy of Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).
3. The Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji and the Chairman of the Governing Council of PIDF Rear Admiral Josaia V. Bainimarama welcomed delegates and the Chief Guest His Excellency Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia who delivered the Keynote Address. The Prime Minister warmly welcomed the more than 400 delegates from the region and beyond who represented governments, civil society and the private sector. He highlighted the unique characteristics of the PIDF platform of multi-

¹ The Outcome Document of the Governing Council may be found on the PIDF website www.pacificidf.org.

stakeholder participation and cooperation in meeting the challenges posed by climate change and globalisation. The Prime Minister emphasised the importance of encouraging Pacific voices to be heard and the development of Pacific solutions to the challenges facing the region. He also acknowledged the importance of close cooperation with development partners and of South-South Cooperation.

4. The Chief Guest President Yudhoyono graciously accepted the warm welcome from the Prime Minister and people of Fiji, and acknowledged the great services the PIDF was providing to the island nations of the Pacific and that the Republic of Indonesia strongly supported those initiatives. The President identified the green growth development pathway as an appropriate response to the challenges of climate change for the Pacific and Indonesia alike and committed the Republic of Indonesia to intensifying close cooperation with the PIDF.
5. The Summit recalled the inaugural PIDF Summit's statement on the unique identity and character of PIDF and reiterated that:
 - a) As Pacific islanders in dialogue and partnership with the international community and with each other, we are interdependent and strive to live in harmony with our environment, which form a cornerstone of our identity and binds our far flung region into a coherent whole ("*Our Forum*").
 - b) Our path builds nurtures and defends a Pacific that is progressive in improving the wellbeing of its people, and safeguarding its unique cultural diversity, spirituality and identity ("*Our Development Path*").
 - c) We embrace our identity and are proud of our diverse cultures and values. We are good stewards of our people, our resources and our ecosystems, we envision a Pacific that is mature, confident and focused on its strategic strengths and led by visionary and transformative Leaders ("*Our Future*").
 - d) A Pacific that we need consists of ("*Our Pacific*"):
 - i. A Pacific that asserts a distinctive Pacific model of "green growth in blue economies" aligned to sustainable development principles;
 - ii. A Pacific that reaffirms the importance of Government leaders undertaking bold, transformative and adaptive leadership;
 - iii. A Pacific whose Leaders champion green growth and sustainable development by adopting innovative and "outside of the box approaches", revisiting traditional practices and improving existing mechanisms;
 - iv. A Pacific that integrates our spirituality into our development paradigms and models;
 - v. A Pacific that enhances protection of critical ecosystems through the enforcement of legislation, creation of protected areas and creating awareness and promoting advocacy on our role as stewards of this creation; and
 - vi. A Pacific that values a genuine endurable partnership of government, civil society and private sector.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR GREEN GROWTH

6. The objective of the plenary session on “*the strategic framework for green growth*” was to examine the different models of strategic framework for green growth and to learn from countries about their experiences, opportunities and challenges pressing forward with the green growth agenda. The Summit received three presentations to aid discussions on the subject matter including: i) a presentation from the PIDF Secretariat on a proposed framework for green growth that demonstrated how the Ten Things agreed at the Inaugural Summit to be done to enable green-blue Pacific economies could be pursued and achieved; ii) a presentation from the MSG Secretariat on a sub-regional approach to green growth; and iii) a presentation from the Government of Fiji on the development of its national green growth policy framework. After the presentations, an interactive plenary discussion ensued including sharing of different perspectives, experiences, challenges, opportunities, risks and lessons learnt on the development and implementation of green growth related policies and practices.

7. The Summit reaffirmed the necessity of embedding an inclusive and innovative framework to operationalise green growth initiatives at the regional and national levels. The Summit agreed that:
 - a) Policy convergence and coherence between all stakeholders at the international, regional and national levels is essential for the transition to green economies.
 - b) The focus should be on building genuine, equitable and durable partnerships between all stakeholders.
 - c) Regional coordination is needed to concentrate efforts and avoid duplication and the PIDF should be the platform to create an enabling environment for genuine partnership.
 - d) Innovative practices and holistic approaches are needed to include and harness the efforts of all stakeholders building from community to international partnerships through engagement of government, civil society and private sector. Discussions on development must not be limited to production processes but include consumption aspects of development.
 - e) Strong leadership and political will is needed at all levels; internationally, regionally, nationally and communally.
 - f) Greater education and awareness about key green growth principles is needed at all levels in order to create an enabling environment for the transition to green-blue economies and form the basis for the development of ecosystem and cultural heritage valuation and evaluation tools.
 - g) PIDF should provide for an innovative and inclusive platform sharing knowledge and information and encouraging discussion of green growth.
 - h) The PIDF is the vehicle to integrate and coordinate regional and national efforts to transition to green-blue economies. The focus is to build on the Ten Things agreed at the Inaugural Summit to be done to enable green-blue Pacific economies and the outcomes of the inaugural meeting of the Governing Council.

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT AND GENUINE PARTNERSHIPS FOR GREEN GROWTH

8. The objectives of the plenary session on “the enabling environment and genuine partnerships for green growth” were to review the unique enabling environments and opportunities for genuine partnerships that Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SME) will require for green growth and what Governments can provide for SMEs to overcome the main barriers for their transition towards the green growth economy; and to look at policies that will bring about socially inclusive green growth and the role of development partners in the process. The Summit received three presentations to aid discussions on the subject matter including: i) a presentation by Pleass Global Limited, a Fiji based company on the experience of the company in introducing green growth practices into its production processes; ii) a presentation by the Civil Society Forum of Tonga on the social dimensions of green growth; and iii) a presentation by IUCN on its “green growth leadership coalition” initiative that works with influential leaders in the Pacific islands region and provides accompaniment, support and guidance on issues of critical importance for a more sustainable development model. After the presentations, an interactive plenary discussion ensued including sharing of different perspectives, experiences, challenges, opportunities, risks and lessons learnt on the essential elements for an enabling environment and genuine partnerships for green growth. The discussions continued at the three parallel breakout group discussions that examined in greater detail the specific enablers for green growth of partnerships; peace and governance; and institutions and tools. The reports of the group discussions were presented to plenary.

9. The Summit reaffirmed the importance of partnership between governments, civil society and the private sector to achieve green growth initiatives. The Summit agreed that:
 - a) People and communities must be valued first and the capacity of communities to manage their resources must be prioritized.
 - b) Traditional resource owners need to be consulted and included in discussions and deliberations about ecosystem management.
 - c) The central role of civil society networks and local consultations in implementing green growth principles at the national level are critical and essential components of building a more engaged community.
 - d) Regional networks and coalitions of developmental leaders should be supported to create an integrated regional approach to transitioning to green-blue economies.
 - e) PIDF to prioritise the development of programmes to support the development of ethical and entrepreneurial leaders who are critical thinkers to champion Pacific green-blue economies.
 - f) Spirituality and culture are foundational elements of a Pacific understanding of green-blue economies.
 - g) The valuation of critical, ecological, spiritual, cultural assets must be prioritized as critical components of a sustainable economy and there’s a need to develop appropriate inclusive and sustainable indicators (i.e. Green GDP) that reflect and measure progress in such areas.
 - h) The private sector is essential to transitioning from brown to green economies in the Pacific and appropriate regulatory frameworks need to be adapted to this challenge and enforced with incentives need to be tailored to engage the private sector in this process.
 - i) Financial arrangements need to be developed to support the transition to green

economies. In this regard the summit welcomed the support from development partners but highlighted the importance of coherence, not just within a policy but across whole of government policies, so that policies in the areas of aid, trade, migration and climate change collaborate to support green growth in the Pacific.

- j) Support to be provided to the creation of an enabling environment as in the inaugural PIDF Work Programme 2014-2017.

INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL SUPPORT FOR GREEN GROWTH

10. The objective of the plenary session on “international and regional support for green growth” was to review the role of international development cooperation in facilitating green growth. The Summit received three presentations to aid discussion of the subject matter including: i) a presentation from the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited on the Banks programmes and facilities that support green growth initiatives; ii) a presentation from the United Nations Development Programme on the types of international technical and financial assistance that may be accessed to support green growth; and iii) a presentation from the University of the South Pacific on international cooperation for climate adaptation and mitigation. After the presentations, an interactive plenary discussion ensued including sharing of different perspectives, experiences, challenges, opportunities, risks and lessons learnt on seeking to access, managing and utilizing international and regional support for green growth.
11. The Summit recognized the need to effectively manage and shape the interplay between international and regional efforts to implement green growth initiatives. The Summit agreed that:
 - a) Support needs to be given to private-civil society-public partnerships in pursuing a sustainable agenda in support of green growth and responsible business practices and social considerations need to be incorporated in financial decisions.
 - b) Greater engagement and collaboration with development partners is needed so Pacific voices are heard in multilateral and regional forums.
 - c) Models of partnership that facilitate fair and equitable green growth, where resources and opportunities are distributed in an inclusive manner, both within and between generations need to be prioritized.
 - d) Investment in research and innovation for climate change adaptation and mitigation, human capacity and innovation must be increased.
 - e) South-South partnerships and triangular cooperation must be actively pursued with strong emphasis on the role of private-civil society-public partnerships, corporate responsibility and fair and equitable growth models that invest in managing the impact of climate change.

SIDS 2014 AND THE HLPF ON POST 2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

12. The objectives of the plenary session on the “SIDS Conference 2014 and the High Level Political Forum on the Post 2015 Development Agenda ” were to strategize for the Pacific contribution to the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States to be held in Samoa on 1 to 4 September, 2014 and the United Nations High Level Political Forum process on sustainable development. The Summit received three presentations to aid discussion of the subject matters including: i) a presentation from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community providing a regional perspective on building

enduring partnerships for sustainable development in the Pacific; ii) a presentation from the Government of Fiji on the status of negotiations for the outcome document for the Third International Conference on SIDS; and iii) a presentation from the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Pacific Office, providing an update on arrangements for the “High Level Political Forum and the Asia Pacific Sustainable Development Forum.” After the presentation, an interactive plenary discussion ensued including sharing of national and collective preparations and contributions to the regional and global processes leading to the articulation and prescription of the UN post 2015 development agenda.

13. The Summit acknowledged the need to recalibrate expectations so that proposals were realistic and achievable and the PIDF could act as a regional bridge to international cooperation. The Summit agreed that:
 - a) The PIDF has a role in forwarding a regional agenda in international fora and participation must be accountable to stakeholders in the Pacific.
 - b) The 2014 Samoa SIDS Global Conference provides a unique opportunity to highlight the special case of Pacific island countries and territories.
 - c) PIDF involvement in future Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Forum (APSDF) and in preparatory sub-regional consultations in and for the Pacific region should be encouraged.
 - d) A commitment and ownership of the PIDF and of the APSDF needs to be built by strengthening national processes and mechanisms that can serve both; and to report back to next PIDF on steps taken.
 - e) It will strengthen the PIDF’s capacity to lead regional efforts to engage in international fora in relation to green growth initiatives. This will be improved through greater encouragement of engagement with the PIDF at the national level.

INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

14. The Summit commended the progress in the implementation of the *Ten Things* that Leaders, at the inaugural summit, agreed to be done to enable green-blue Pacific economies as reflected in the PIDF Work Programme. It noted with appreciation the *PIDF Transitional Arrangements* that established an interim governance structure with the Leaders Council, a ministerial level body, supported by the Senior Officials Committee and the interim Secretariat headed by an Interim Secretary General. It also noted with satisfaction the membership of the governing bodies at all level is drawn from representatives of governments, private sector and civil society. The Summit acknowledged with appreciation the recognition by the Government of Fiji of the PIDF as an international organisation operating in Fiji and for concluding a Host Country Agreement with the PIDF Secretariat.
15. The Summit received and endorsed the:
 - a) Strategic Profile for PIDF that includes the vision, mission, purpose and function statements founded on the *Ten Things* agreed to enable green-blue Pacific economies; and the key priority strategies of leadership, innovation and genuine partnerships.
 - b) Inaugural Work Programme and Budget approved by the Governing Council which is strongly aligned to the strategic profile, the *Ten Things* and the key priority strategies of leadership, innovation and genuine partnerships; and

- c) Terms of Reference for the development of the long term institutional arrangements under the PIDF Agreement approved by the Governing Council and look forward to its presentation for consideration and adoption at the 2015 PIDF Summit.
16. The Summit applauded and commended the Secretariat of the Pacific Community; the International Union for Conservation of Nature - Oceania Regional Office; the Melanesian Spearhead Group Secretariat; the University of the South Pacific; and the World Wide Fund for Nature for signing Memoranda of Understanding of Cooperation with the PIDF Secretariat during the 2nd PIDF Summit. It heralded the signing of those collaborative arrangements as a welcomed endorsement and a vote of confidence in the ability of the PIDF to meaningfully contribute to regional efforts towards the achievement of inclusive sustainable development in the Pacific.
17. The Summit noted the importance of developing robust monitoring, evaluation and reporting mechanisms and requested that the Secretariat consider developing and including them in the PIDF Agreement. In the first instance this could include self-reporting, but through consultation and collaboration with regional entities, this could also be developed into a framework that strengthens accountability and ownership at all levels through the 2014 Samoa SIDS Global Conference and the RIO+20 Outcomes, and also at the national level in member countries.

CONCLUSION

18. The Summit welcomed the pledges for continuing support for the PIDF by member countries and territories including the financial contribution of \$50,000 AUD by the Government of the Republic of Nauru to the work of the Secretariat. The Summit further welcomed the indication of support by the development partners including countries and partner organisations to support the work of the PIDF as set out in its inaugural Work Programme and Budget.
19. The Summit thanked and congratulated the Government and people of Fiji for the excellent meeting arrangements and for the elaborate and sincere hospitality accorded to delegates and noted the Prime Minister of Fiji's offer to host the 2015 PIDF Summit.

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