



2023 Pacific Early Childhood Development (ECD) Forum
Building a Resilient Pacific Through Early Childhood Development

PROGRAMME

22, 23 & 24 February 2023
 Sofitel, Nadi Fiji

22 FEBRUARY 2023, Wednesday

Day 1 Objectives:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster discussions that strengthen the linkage between ECD and resilience; Identify country-specific actions that maximize the value of ECD investments and programmes to post-COVID recovery and response to emergencies, disasters, and climate change. Endorse action #10 on ECD and resilience as expansion of Pasifika Call to Action on ECD 		
07:30 onwards	Registration	
PLEASE NOTE: GUESTS NEED TO BE SEATED BY 7:45 AM		
Opening Ceremony		
08:00 -08:45	Welcome Ceremony Conch shell call Children's Prayer Song	Master-of-Ceremonies: Ms Bernadette Ganilau
08:45-08:50	Welcome Remarks by UNICEF	Mr Jonathan Veitch, Representative, UNICEF Ms Catherine Russell, Executive Director, UNICEF (video-recording)
08:50-09:00	Official Opening: <i>Children Today, Leaders of 2050's Blue Pacific</i>	Hon Sitiveni Rabuka, Prime Minister Fiji (Pacific ECD Champion)
09:00-09:10	Special Remarks: <i>"Tātou Tātou – All of us together"</i>	New Zealand High Commissioner H.E. Ms Charlotte Darlow
09:10-09:40	Children's Talanoa: <i>What I Love About My Island Home</i>	Facilitator: Ms Alisi Rabukawaqa-Nacewa, Pacific Climate Warrior Panellists: Children, with virtual campaign prior to forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wulfred Sokimi Kalia Fong Aiyanna Nacewa
09:40-10:10	Leaders Panel: <i>Creating a Resilient Blue Pacific for All Children</i>	Moderated by: Ms Bernadette Ganilau Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon Sitiveni Rabuka, Prime Minister Fiji Hon Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa, Prime Minister Samoa Hon Hu'akavemeiliku Siaso Sovaleni, Prime Minister Tonga Hon Kausea Natano, Prime Minister Tuvalu Hon Dr. Teuea Toatu, Vice-President of Kiribati

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Henry Puna, Secretary-General, Pacific Islands Forum
10:10-10:40	Technical Presentation: <i>Building Back Better with ECD</i> * Followed by Q&A	Dr Michael Samson, Director of Research, Economic Policy Research Institute
10:40-11:00	Group Photo	
11:00-11:15	Coffee and tea break	
ECD and Resilience: Unpacking the forum theme		
11:15-11:20	Video Presentation: <i>Most Vulnerable and Most Valuable - Young Children and Climate Change</i>	
11:20-11:50	Special Session: <i>Climate Youth for ECD</i>	Facilitated by Pacific 350 Climate Warriors Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pelepesite Matangi, Pacific Climate Warrior - Sydney, Australia Okalani Mariner, Pacific Climate Warrior - Samoa Sera Saini, Pacific Climate Warrior – Fiji
11:50-12:20	Pasifika Call to Action: Endorsing Action Point #10 on ECD and Resilience <i>10. Prioritize ECD as a pathway to increase the resilience and adaptive capacity of communities to the effects of climate change and other emergencies, and promote close collaboration between the areas of ECD and natural resources, environment and sustainable development.</i>	Presentation: Dr Adrian Cerezo, ECD and Climate Change Adviser PRC4ECD/Yale University Endorsement: Hon. Muliopola Anarosa Ale Molioo, Samoa Minister for Finance/PRC4ECD Co-Chair
12:20-13:20	Lunch	
13:20-13:30	Special Remarks: <i>Elevating Young Children in the Global Discourse on Climate Action</i>	Hon Fiamē Naomi Mata’afa, Prime Minister Samoa/Chair of Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)
13:30-14:00	Plenary Presentation: <i>Most Vulnerable to Most Valuable: Putting Young Children at the Heart of Environmental and Climate Change Actions</i> * Followed by Q&A	Dr Marc de Rosnay, Professor and Academic Head of Early Start, University of Wollongong
14:00 –14:45	Groupwork (per country): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can ECD investments and programmes be elevated as an integral component of post-COVID, climate change and emergency response? What are 1-2 priority steps for PRC4ECD and the region to support the implementation of Action Point #10? What are 1-2 priority steps for your country to support the implementation of Action Point #10? 	
14:45-15:45	Plenary sharing by groups: Share results of groupwork and country priority actions	
15:45-16:00	Wrap up and announcements	Master-of-Ceremonies
16:00-17:30	2ND Steering Committee Meeting of the Pacific Regional Council for ECD (separate agenda) (Only Secretaries and CEOs appointed as members of PRC4ECD Steering Committee join this meeting)	
18:00-20:30	Welcome Dinner (Co-hosted by UNCEF and Fiji Government), with special remarks by Mr Dan Carter (Outdoor location, evening/cocktail attire)	

23 February 2023, Thursday

<p>Day 2 Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share progress on implementation of Pasifika Call to Action on ECD and identify ways forward • Deepen understanding of how ECD policies and programmes build resilience, with a view to mobilizing concrete action in countries and collectively as a region 		
<p>Implementing Pasifika Call to Action on ECD</p>		
8:30-08:45	Welcome and Announcements Recap of Day 1	Master-of-Ceremony
08:45-09:00	Special Remarks: <i>Our Future is our Past: Building on what we know to strengthen our resilience</i>	Hon. Esa Mona Faitala AINU'U, Minister for Natural Resources, Niue/Pacific Political Climate Champion for Gender and Social Inclusion
09:00-09:05	Video: Pacific progress on ECD	
09:05-09:20	PRC4ECD Remarks: <i>Accelerating Progress on Pasifika Call to Action on ECD: Where are we 5 years on?</i>	Hon Lynda Tabuya, Fiji Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation/Acting Minister of Health/PRC4ECD Co-Chair
<p>Pasifika Call to Action: Enabling environments for ECD</p>		
09:20-10:00	<p>Panel: <i>National ECD policies and action plans: Reflections and next steps</i></p> <p>* Followed by Q&A</p>	<p>Moderator: Dr Erinna Dia, UNICEF Associate Director of ECD</p> <p>Country Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Lynda Tabuya, Fiji Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation/Acting Minister of Health/PRC4ECD Co-Chair • Hon Rick Tchamako Mahe, Minister of Health Vanuatu • Hon Ota Kisino, Minister of Culture and Internal Affairs RMI • Hon. Lanelle Olandrea Tanangada, Minister of Education Solomon Islands
10:00-10:15	Coffee and tea break	
<p>Pasifika Call to Action: Public financing on ECD</p>		
10:15-11:00	<p>Panel: <i>Effective ECD Financing</i></p> <p>* Followed by Q&A</p>	<p>Moderator: Dr Michael Samson, Director of Research, Economic Policy Research Institute</p> <p>Country Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Minister Alexander Teabo, Minister of Education, Kiribati • Hon Mulipola Anarosa Ale Molioo, Minister of Finance Samoa • Dr Thomas Walker, Program Leader, Human Development, World Bank
11:00 -11:40	<p>Groupwork (per country):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we translate multi-sectoral policies into better coordinated and higher quality services for young children and families? • How do we mobilize better financing of quality services for young children and families and tap into climate financing for ECD? 	
11:40-12:30	Plenary sharing by groups: Share results of groupwork and country commitments	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
<p>Pasifika Call to Action: Parents and Communities for ECD</p>		
13:30-14:15	Plenary: <i>Ingredients of a Good Parenting Programme</i>	Dr Erinna Dia, UNICEF Associate Director of ECD

	* Followed by Q&A	
14:15-15:00	Parallel Panels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Faith and culture in raising young children</i> 	Moderator: Ms Mereia Carling, MFAT Senior Advisor Inclusive Development Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Neaki Letia, Director, Ministry of Education Tuvalu Ms Gaylene Tasmania, Director-General Ministry of Education Niue Dr Jemesa Tadravu, Chief Medical Advisor, Ministry of Health Fiji Rev Dr Tavita Nawadra, Pacific Council of Churches Lead Adviser on Child Protection
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Support systems for early intervention of children with disabilities</i> 	Moderator: Ms Melinia Nawadra, PIFS Social Inclusion Adviser, Special Remarks: Hon Richard Hyde Menke, Minister of Education, Nauru Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Doreen Mandari, Director Education Policy, PNG Mr Setareki S. Macanawai, CEO, Pacific Disability Forum
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Childcare and the Workplace: How government and businesses are leading the way to support working parents and improve economic outcomes</i> 	Moderator: Ms Liliwaimanu Vuiyasawa, Gender and Economic Inclusion Group, International Finance Corporation, Fiji Special Remarks: Hon Lynda Tabuya, Minister of Women and Children, Fiji Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Shaenaz Voss, Executive Manager Corporate Affairs and Customer Experience & CEO Fiji Link, Fiji Airways, Fiji Ms Nikita Patel, Chief Financial Officer, Vinod Patel Group, Fiji Ms Ellen Maynes, Gender and Economic Inclusion Group, International Finance Corporation, Pacific
15:00-15:15	Coffee and tea break	
15:15-16:00	Groupwork (per country) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How can we scale-up programmes on parenting support and community engagement on ECD? How can we design services and interventions for young children that are more supportive of children with disabilities, acknowledge the role of faith and culture, and leverage public-private partnerships? 	
16:00-17:00	Plenary sharing by groups: Share results of groupwork and country priority actions	
17:00-17:15	Wrap up and announcements	Master-of-Ceremonies

*** Ministers are invited to the Pacific Leaders Retreat: Traditional Welcome and Dinner**
Sheraton Hotel (bus leaves at 5:15pm)

24 February 2023, Friday

Day 3 objectives:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene 3rd full meeting of PRC4ECD (Ministers and Secretaries/CEOs) to discuss workplan implementation and council priorities • Determine strategic priorities for ECD in 2023-2025, as per PRC4ECD meeting and forum outcomes 		
08:30-08:35	Welcome and announcements Recap of Day 2	Master-of-Ceremonies
08:35-08:40	Special Remarks: <i>The Climate Crisis is a Child Rights Crisis</i>	Mr. Myo Zin Nunt, UNICEF Deputy Regional Director (video-recorded)
08:40-09:30	Special Session: <i>Addressing Triple Burden of Malnutrition in the Pacific: Time to Act Now</i> *Followed by Q&A	Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Pradiumna Dahal, Nutrition Specialist, UNICEF Pacific • Ms Shelley Wallace, Project Officer, Nutrition, WHO South Pacific • Ms Elisiva Na'ati, NCD Adviser, SPC • Ms Yuki Suehiro, Chief of Health and Nutrition, UNICEF Pacific
09:30-10:00	Coffee and tea break Launch of Regional Report on Nutrition Policy and Program Review, with country briefs	
PRC4ECD Ministerial Roundtable (for Ministers and Secretaries/CEOs)		Concurrent Session (for Countries)
10:00-12:00	Ministerial Roundtable: <i>ECD, Climate Change and the Blue Pacific Strategy</i> Separate agenda, inclusive of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Ministerial Chairs • Status of PRC4ECD workplan implementation • Sustainability of PRC4ECD and mobilization of resources • Priorities for 2023-2025 	Deliberation of 2023 Pacific ECD Forum Outcomes/Action Points
12:00-1:00	Lunch	
Closing Ceremony		
1:00-1:20	Plenary: <i>Outcomes of Ministerial Roundtable and Outcomes of 2023 Pacific ECD Forum</i>	PRC4ECD Secretariat or Ministerial/SC Co-Chairs
1:20- 1:40	<i>Children of the Blue Pacific Ocean Performance</i>	
1:40-1:55	Closing Address	H.E. Wiliame Katonivere, President, Republic of Fiji
1:55-2:00	Farewell and thank you	Mr. Jonathan Veitch, Representative, UNICEF Pacific
3:00-4:30	PARTNERS ROUNDTABLE MEETING (separate agenda)	

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Sheraton Hotel (bus leaves at 5:00 pm)