



SPCB19

SOUTH PACIFIC CENTRAL BANKING
RESEARCH CONFERENCE AND
REGIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE

PORT VILA, VANUATU

PROGRAM

13-14 November 2019
Warwick Resort, Port Vila



Motivation

The Griffith-SPCB annual regional **conference** brings together South Pacific central bank researchers to share with academics, policy makers, regulators, multilateral organisations, business leaders, civil society, from the South Pacific, Australasia and the wider Asia-Pacific region current research on the region and to explore vital links between research and policy relating to central banking issues, including financial and private sectors and economic growth and development.

The purpose of the high level regional **policy dialogue** is to create an atmosphere that promotes spirited interaction among the participants and helps policy makers fine-tune their own approaches as they apply the lessons and details of SPCCB-supported economic policy research on the region. Besides this specific immediate outcome, the dialogues is designed to improve the prospects for cooperative policy research between policy makers and researchers.

Conference Convenors

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DAY 1 Wednesday 13 November Venue:		
7:30am		Registration / networking
9:45am		Welcome: Parmendra Sharma and Peter Tari , conference convenors
10:00am	KEYNOTE	Opening Remarks: Clinton Pobke , Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Joint Keynote Address: Simeon Athy , Governor, Reserve Bank of Vanuatu (Plus a Govt. Minister—TBC)
10:45am	MORNING TEA / NETWORKING/ PHOTO SESSION	
11:15am	SPECIAL SESSION	Panel: Enhancing SPCB's "research for policy" aspirations in the region Special speaker: Lotte Schou-Zibell , Regional Director-Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office (PLCO), ADB-Sydney Panellists: Loi Bakani , Governor, Bank of PNG Ariff Ali , Governor, Reserve Bank of Fiji Lotte Schou-Zibell , ADB Moderator: Rebecca Williams , Manager, Policy Analysis, RBNZ
12:30pm	LUNCH	
1:30pm	PLENARY SESSION I	Financial development and stability I Moderator: TBC CB Presenters: TBC
3:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA / NETWORKING	

3:30pm	PLENARY SESSION II	Financial development and stability II (affordable housing) Moderator: Deva De Silva, IFC-World Bank CB Presenters: TBC
5:00pm	ADJOURNMENT	
5.:30pm	Conference Reception (cocktail)	
8:30pm	End of day's program	
DAY 2	Thursday 14 November	
	Venue:	
8:00am	Registration / networking	
8:30am	SPECIAL SESSION	2020 JWPs Dialogue Moderator: TBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To confirm topics and co-authors for 2020; regional topics and co-authorships encouraged • Participants: central bankers only—researchers and Governors
10:15am	MORNING TEA / NETWORKING	
10:45am	PLENARY SESSION III	Macroeconomics Moderator: TBC Kim, E: <i>Public debt sustainability in small Pacific island countries – issues and policy implications</i> [World Bank] Williams, R: <i>The future of cash in a digitalised global economy: the case of NZ</i> [RBNZ] TBC: ADB, IMF, RBA
12:15pm	Closing remarks: Governor Rarawa	
12.30pm	LUNCH	
1:30pm to 4:00pm	PLENARY SESSION IV	High Level Regional Policy Dialogue Moderator: TBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation by invitation only • Presentations by IFC-WB, ADB, SPCBs; others TBC
6:30pm	Conference Dinner [Keynote: TBC] Venue: Warwick Le Lagon	