

## **Growth prospects in the Pacific:**

## Four challenges driving longer-term prospects

Friday 4 April 2014 2.30 – 3.30pm

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Seminar Room 9 Level 2, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU



The latest issue of the *Asian Development Outlook*, the Asian Development Bank's flagship publication on economic developments in the Asia and Pacific region, predicts modestly stronger performance in Pacific island economies in 2014 and 2015.

Factors behind this growth will be briefly discussed before highlighting four trends seen as shaping growth across the diverse economies in the region: (i) trends in resource exports and resource depletion, (ii) efforts in public financial management, public service reform, and state owned enterprise reform, (iii) tourism and service sector growth, and (iv) evolving aid relationships. The seminar will conclude with a discussion of results and future plans for ongoing research on the external economic links of Pacific island economies.

The presenters will also be available afterwards to answer questions about ADB operations in the Pacific region and to outline internship and research/consulting opportunities with ADB.

Speakers include:

Emma Veve is the Principal Economist, Pacific Department, Asian Development Bank.

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This public seminar is presented by the Development Policy Centre at Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University.

The Asian Development Outlook publication will be presented as part of a separate event earlier in the day (12.30pm – 1.30pm, Weston Theatre)



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