

Asia and the Pacific Policy Society Conference 2014: Confronting the Pacific's health challenges

17 –18 September 2014

Barton Theatre Level 1, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU

Day 1 Wednesday 17 September 2014 8.30am-5pm

8.30am Registration

9am **Opening address**

Chair: Tom Kompas, President, Asia and the Pacific Policy Society; and Director, Crawford School, ANU

Speakers:

Mat Kimberley, Assistant Secretary, PNG Development and Solomon Islands Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Tikki Pangestu, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

9.45am **Session: Social and economic impacts of disease in the Pacific**

Chair: Peter Annear, Associate Professor, Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne

The post 2015 health development agenda and the Pacific

Bill Costello, Assistant Secretary, Health and Environmental Safeguards Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The economic impact of non-communicable diseases in the Pacific

Paula Vivili, Acting Director, Public Health Division, Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Economic costs of disease in the Pacific: the example of tuberculosis

Hoa Nguyen, Research Fellow, Crawford School, ANU

Dealing with non-communicable diseases related disability

Sally Baker, Senior Technical Advisor – Disability Inclusive Development, Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne

11am **Morning tea**

11.30am **Session: Regulatory, institutional and behavioural change challenges of dealing with non-communicable diseases in the Pacific**

Chair: Robert Warner, Director Pacific Research Partnerships, Crawford School, ANU

The institutional consequences of dealing with non-communicable diseases

Adrian Kay, Professor of Government, Crawford School, ANU

Health Law and non-communicable diseases

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Roger Magnusson, Professor of Health Law & Governance, Sydney Law School, The University of Sydney

The challenges of behavioural change in the Pacific

Xiaohui Hou, Senior Economist, World Bank

12.45pm **Lunch**

1.45pm **Session: Water borne disease: increasing access to improved water and sanitation**

Chair: Bill Costello, Assistant Secretary, Health and Environmental Safeguards Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The bridge between health and water and sanitation policies

Dr Aidan Cronin, Chief Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), UNICEF Jakarta

Developing a water and sanitation policy for PNG

Joel Kolam, Manager, Environmental Health Branch, PNG Department of Health

WASH for health: reframing water and sanitation policies to address malnutrition in the Pacific

Yolande Robertson, Research Assistant (Health), WaterAID Australia

3pm **Afternoon tea**

3.30pm **Session: Global and regional responses and the Pacific**

Chair: Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School, ANU

Pacific regionalism and service delivery

Tess Newton Cain, Non-Resident Fellow, Lowy Institute for International Policy

The forum compact – supporting improvements in health service delivery

Charmina Saili, Regional Planning Adviser, Strategic Partnerships and Coordination Programme, Pacific Island Forum Secretariat

Regional support for improving health delivery: a national perspective

Tenneth Dalipanda, Acting Permanent Secretary for Health; Under-Secretary Health Improvement, Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Solomon Islands

5pm **Close**

8.30am **Registration**

9am **Session: Structuring national health systems to deliver better services**

Chair: Jane Thomason, Chief Executive Officer, AbtJTA

Health system strengthening to address challenges

Peter Annear, Associate Professor, Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne

Strengthening Pacific health systems

Sione Hufanga, Division Head, Health Planning and Information, Ministry of Health, Tonga

10.15am **Morning Tea**

10.45am **Session: Reforming Public Financial Management to address non-communicable diseases and water borne diseases**

Chair: Richard Bontjer, Director, Public Financial Management, Pacific Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Financing better health outcomes in the Pacific

Susan Ivatts, Senior Health Specialist, World Bank

Public Financial Management systems and health service delivery – a Pacific perspective

Anthony Higgins, Senior PFM Specialist

Public Financial Management systems and health service delivery in PNG

John A. Piel, Lead Finance Adviser to Provincial & Local Level Government Program PNG; Adviser with Coffey International Development

Tracking health expenditures in PNG

Colin Wiltshire, Program Manager, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School, ANU

Turning policy into spending: planning, budgeting and expenditure management

Beth Slatyer, Honorary Fellow, Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne

12.30pm **Summary of findings and conclusions**

Chair: Tikki Pangestu, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

1pm **Close**
