

# FSM team with heart pulls out astounding performance at FIBA Oceania Tournament

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**FSM**—For the second time in as many months, victorious young FSM citizens received a water salute at the Pohnpei International Airport today. This time it was the 12 young men returning from a stunning performance in the FIBA U15 Oceania Basketball Championship in Guam, a competition for athletes aged 15 and under.

Pohnpei's Governor Reed Oliver and FSM President David Panuelo welcomed the returning team.

Team FSM faced what, to a team with less heart, might have seemed to be insurmountable odds. At an average height of 5'6", they were the shortest



team at the competition, which included teams from Australia, New Zealand, Guam, Northern Marianas Islands, Papua New Guinea, and Samoa. It was also the FSM's very first time to compete in such

a large tournament. A FIBA reporter described the team as a "wildcard". Those factors alone might've affected the minds and performance of a lesser team, but when the tournament was over,

Team FSM had won three of its four games at the competition, winning them fifth overall, and first place in their pool.

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# FSM Congress proposes 45 percent salary increase for FSM Public Service System employees

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**FSM**—This week, the FSM Congress passed on second reading, a bill (CB 22-263) to increase the bi-weekly base salary rate of FSM government employees serving as public service employees by

45 percent. The pay increase would apply only to those employees serving under the public service system and not to contracted employees or political appointees such as cabinet members.

The last salary increase for public service employees, the first in 24 years, was at the beginning of fiscal year, 2022 which began

on October 1, 2021. At that time employees at pay level steps one to 14 received a 15 percent salary increase. Steps 15 to 28 received a 10 percent increase, and employees at steps 29 and above received a 5 percent increase.

FSM President David Panuelo didn't sign the fiscal year 2022 salary increase into law until March 1, 2021, the day before the 2021 mid-term election. Congress had

passed the Act on January 29, 2021.

The salary increase that Congress proposed this week through passage of its Act would go into effect on January 1, 2023, in plenty of time for March elections, but only if President Panuelo signs it by that time.

Most of the seats in Congress are up for grabs on March 7, though some incumbents are running unopposed.



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# President Panuelo signs emergency regulation and proposed permanent regulation implementing Public Law 22-139; Pohnpei residents' cashpower bill to be reduced by 29 cents per kilowatt hour

*FSM Information Services*

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—On November 28th, 2022, His Excellency David W. Panuelo—President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)—signed an emergency regulation, and proposed permanent regulation, implementing Public Law 22-139. Public Law 22-139 for the States of Chuuk and Kosrae, for example, remits 20% of tax revenue directly to the States for their respective Legislative Branches' appropriation, but for the State of Pohnpei the law describes that—for Fiscal Year 2023—that the taxes “shall be remitted to fuel wholesalers for the purpose of providing a fuel subsidy on gasoline, diesel, and

kerosene to Pohnpei residents.”

The practical effect of the regulation the President signed is that the FSM Petroleum Corporation shall apply the subsidy to discount the fuel purchases of the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, which shall in turn pass the subsidy on to its residential customers in the form of discounted cash power (or electricity bills for postpaid accounts). This was determined to be the most accountable means of ensuring that the fuel subsidy has the widest and most transparently positive impact on residents of Pohnpei State, as there are significantly more households than cars and trucks.

“We’re looking at a subsidy of \$1.54 per gallon,” President Panuelo said in a statement, “and so—if the current rate of power in Pohnpei is 61 cents per kilowatt hour, residents will save 29 cents, resulting in a price of about 32 cents per kilowatt hour. In other words, if your power bill today is \$100 for the month, you are going to be looking at paying about \$50 for the same amount of power, thus allowing you to put more money towards gas for your car, groceries for your family, Christmas presents for your kids, and just to help each other during this rough economic period.”

The subsidy takes effect immediately, and shall be in place for the remainder

of Fiscal Year 2023 i.e. September 30th, 2023.

“I extend my deepest appreciation to the Honorable Wesley W. Simina, Speaker of the 22nd FSM Congress, and the rest of the Congress, with special thanks to the Pohnpei delegation—the Honorable Peter M. Christian, the Honorable Ferny S. Perman, the Honorable Dion G. Neth, and the Honorable Esmond B. Moses—for their leadership in easing some of the burdens our citizens are facing.”

The regulation may be found here: [https://gov.fm/files/November\\_28\\_2022\\_-\\_Fuel\\_Subsidy.pdf](https://gov.fm/files/November_28_2022_-_Fuel_Subsidy.pdf)

# Challenger Erick Paul claims Esmond Moses is not an FSM citizen and should not be seated in Congress

*By Bill Jaynes  
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**FSM**—On November 25, 2022, Erick Paul filed a civil action at the FSM Supreme Court claiming that Esmond Moses is not an FSM citizen and therefore was never qualified to serve as a Senator of the FSM Congress, nor is he qualified to run in the upcoming election. Esmond Moses is currently the Vice Speaker of the FSM Congress.

Paul based his allegations on the fact that Moses was born in Saipan to a U.S. citizen mother and Pohnpeian father, and that no documentation could be found to verify that Moses had renounced United States citizenship before his 21st birthday.

He is asking the court to issue declaratory relief saying that Moses is merely an FSM National and not an FSM citizen and therefore, not qualified for FSM office. He also asked for injunctive relief to keep the National Election Office from including Moses on the ballot.

On September 29, the day before a preliminary hearing on the matter, Paul’s attorney made an official request for Ausen Lambert, FSM National Election Director for the documents his office used to determine that Moses is a citizen of the FSM. He has also asked Moses to produce a copy of his birth certificate, copies of all FSM passports issued to him, copies of all US passports issued to him, a copy of documentation renouncing US citizenship, and a copy of any oath taken

to become a citizen of the FSM. He also requested the FSM Congress to provide any documents its credentials committees relied upon during the 22nd, 21st, and 20th Congresses in determining that Moses is an FSM citizen and not merely an FSM national. Paul also asked the FSM Division of Immigration for similar documentation.

Paul is the lone contender for Moses’ seat.

A preliminary hearing was held at the Supreme Court on November 30. Moses asked the court for an enlargement of time so that he could retain counsel in the matter.

The Court set December 9 as the date

that Moses and other named parties would be required to respond to the petition, discovery responses should be filed, and the response to the motion for a preliminary injunction filed with the Court. Hearing on the motion for preliminary injunction and “probable consolidation with a trial on the merits” will be held on December 12.

Moses says that the topic of his citizenship comes up frequently and that he has the required documentation. He said that he elected FSM citizenship on January 6, 1995, as did his sister, and utilized the correct forms to do so. He said that he is in the process of filing a motion for dismissal and is anxious to put the matter behind him once and for all.

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# 19 boats compete in Catch-6 formatted, 19th annual Budweiser Tournament

## Pohnpei Fishing Club

November 12, 2022

**Pohnpei**—19 boats registered for the 19th Annual Budweiser Tournament on Saturday, November 12. Sponsored by Budweiser and Ambros, Inc., all of the anglers received great-looking t-shirts, and every boat received free beer.

The tournament was a Catch-6 format with prizes for the boats catching the most species of fish, as well as a prize for the largest fish of each species.

The anglers aboard Marvey Spencer's boat "Dolphin" earned the top prize of \$400 with four species of fish caught during the day—a yellowfin tuna, a skipjack tuna, a barracuda, and a wahoo.

The second prize went to the anglers aboard Mauricio Joseph's boat, "Marlin". Catching a yellowfin tuna, a skipjack tuna, and a barracuda earned the captain \$300 as the second place.

The last prize of \$150 for number of species caught went to the anglers aboard Mark Panuelo's boat, "Amyles". Those anglers caught a sailfish and a skipjack tuna.

\$100 cash prizes were also awarded for the largest exemplars of each species of

fish caught during the day.

Australia's Ambassador Jo Cowley aboard "Miss Layleen" landed the largest yellowfin tuna at 39.8 pounds. Mauricio Joseph, aboard his own boat, "Marlin" had the largest skipjack tuna at 15.2 pounds. Jesse Solomon, aboard "Miss Meseirong" had a 29.4-pound wahoo for the first place for that species. The inimitable Dave Spencer aboard his Dad's boat, "Dolphin" had the largest barracuda at 11 pounds. Mark Panuelo's sailfish, caught aboard his own boat "Amyles", landed the largest sailfish at 58.6 pounds.

The weigh-in and awards ceremony was well attended at Mangrove Bay, and everyone seemed to have a good time.

We held a free raffle for 12 chairs donated by Budweiser, and there were some happy winners there. The U.S. Embassy donated an EPIRB, which was won by Phillip Ioanis for his boat A.S.

A local organization Kidi Oangoang sold hot dogs to raise money for veterinary services. Good job by them, and we hope they received a lot of support.

All in all, we think everyone had a great time. Thanks to our many volunteers and all the participants, along with Mangrove Bay for the venue, and our sponsors, Ambros, Inc., and Budweiser.

No one has won our jackpot marlin prize yet, and it is now up to \$9,400.00. That would be a nice Christmas present.



## ...FIBA FSM

*Continued from front page*

“This is a huge opportunity for our FSM to come here and compete for the first time.” Head Coach Ryan Yamada told a FIBA reporter before the tournament began. “We have been preparing for three months and with the support of lots of families, we are here and grateful that the boys have this opportunity to be exposed to a high level of basketball.”

The Assistant Coach was Randy Helgenberger.

On November 21, Team FSM was pitted against Team CNMI. They won that game, 89 to 68. J. Iehsi-Panuelo was the point and rebound leader for team FSM in that match with 28 and 11 respectively. K. Akinaga had four assists.

The next match was against Papua New Guinea on November 23, which team FSM won 85 to 75. J. Iehsi-Panuelo was the Team FSM point leader with 35 points. D. Amor brought down 21 rebounds, and Y. Nakasone had six assists.

Pools were organized by average height, and the game for the quarter-finals match on November 24 against Samoa was the first match outside of Team FSM's pool. The Samoans had an average of half a foot on the Micronesians, and the final score of that match was Samoa 99 – FSM 41, ending hopes that FSM might make the finals against the really tall boys, most notably, tournament winners, Australia, with an average height of 6 foot 5 inches.

On November 25, Team FSM again faced off against Team CNMI. Again defeating Team CNMI, this time 77 to 68, earned Team FSM fifth place in the tournament behind fourth-place finishers, Samoa. J. Iehsi-Panuelo put up 26 points in that game, and D. Amor brought down 13 rebounds and provided 3 assists.

Individual players racked up some impressive statistics. Joshua Iehsi-Panuelo not only had the second highest points per game of any player in the tournament at 24.5, but he also had the highest total number of points of any player in the tournament—a total of 98 points. He was ranked second in overall standings.

Daniel Amor amassed a total of 51 points for an average of 12.8 points per game. He was ranked 11 in overall standings. Kody Akinaga had a total of 45 points for an average of 11.3 points per game. Yu Nakasone had a total of 37 points for 9.3 per game. Kody was ranked 18th. At 23rd in overall standings, Yu Nakasone scored a total of 37 points for 9.3 per game.

Team FSM is:

Joshua Iehsi-Panuelo - forward  
Kekoa Ligoer - Point Guard  
Kody Akinaga - Guard  
Aikichy Erra - Forward  
Ryu Nak-one - Shoot Guard  
Yu Nak-one - Shooting Guard  
Youser Ladore - Forward  
Ardyon Linny - Forward  
Wilburt Kilmete - Shooting

Guard

Tayshawn Erwin - Forward  
Jumong Ehsa - Forward  
Daniel Amor - Center

Though the tryouts were open for anyone in the FSM, as a matter of practicality, the fact that the team practiced five days a week for three months during the school year meant that the team consisted of young Pohnpeians.

“We are here to win,” Coach Yamada told the FIBA reporter before the tournament began. “It will also be great to get to know others, increase that sportsmanship and see how we can better ourselves

going back after this competition to improve and develop basketball back on our islands. We want to continue to grow and develop basketball in the region so we can keep coming to these events.”



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This position is located in the Fund's subregional office in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia which coordinates Fund activities in FSM, Palau, RMI, and Kiribati.

**Responsibilities**

- Managing grants and monitoring grantees in assigned region
- Providing outreach to Civil Society Organizations to raise awareness of the project
- Monitoring the ongoing implementation of activities funded by the project
- Coordinating stakeholder participation from US Embassy and other relevant stakeholders
- Other duties as assigned

**Qualifications**

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# Congress passes Act to require FSMPC to pursue delivery of renewable energy sources

By Bill Jaynes  
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**FSM**—Last week, the FSM Congress passed C.B. 22-254, an Act to change the code regarding the mandate for the FSM Petroleum Corporation (FSMPC). The Act, if President Panuelo signs it into law would require FSMPC to “create and execute strategic plans to transition into an energy company, to expand its business activities into renewable sources of energy, and to provide for changing the Corporation’s name to reflect its expanded business activities.”

The Act says that the corporation, after developing five- and ten-year strategic plans, would need to enter into agreements with public utilities and other energy distributors to provide energy solutions to areas of the FSM that are unserved or underserved.

“In recognition of the Government’s commitment made during the 23rd Annual Conference of the Parties to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bonn, Germany (COP 23) to increase use of alternative energy sources, and in an effort to gain accreditation for grant funding, the Corporation’s strategic plans shall prioritize the use and expansion of renewable energy sources.”

Once renewable energy comprises at least 25 percent of the Corporation’s business activities, it would be required to report to Congress so that the legal name of the Corporation could then be changed to reflect the expanded business activities of the Corporation.

The Act has been sent to the desk of FSM President David Panuelo. Since the President has been urging Congress to make this move for several years, it is expected that the President will sign the Act into law.

# FSM Swimmers head to Australia in hopes of qualifying for Paris event

## FSM Swimming

December 6, 2022

**FSM--**The road to Paris 2024 Olympics takes Team FSM Swimming to Australia this month as four of FSM's top swimmers take to the pool in Melbourne for the FINA World Swimming Championships.

FSM swimmers Tasi Limtiaco, Taeyanna Adams, Kestra Kihleng, and Kyler Kihleng depart for Melbourne this week in their trek for new FSM National Records and a chance to qualify for Paris 2024. The competition will be a short course event, meaning the pool is 25 meters long rather than the 50 meter pool seen in long course competitions such as the World Aquatics Championships and the Olympics.

FSM Olympian Tasi Limtiaco has been training in San Diego, California for the past few months in preparation for Melbourne, focusing on his two events, the 50 Meter Breaststroke and 100 Meter Breaststroke. Limtiaco is the current FSM national record holding in both events.

Taeyanna Adams, also an Olympic swimmer, has been training this season at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. She will be competing in the 50 Meter Breaststroke and the 50 Meter Freestyle. Adams currently holds the FSM National Record in the 50 Meter Breaststroke and is aiming at setting a new FSM record in the Freestyle.

Kestra Kihleng, who competed earlier this year in Budapest at the World Aquatics Championships, will be competing in the 50 Meter Butterfly and the 100 Meter Individual Medley. While currently the long course 50 Meter Butterfly FSM record holder, Kihleng is aiming at setting a new short course record at this meet in both of her events.

Kyler Kihleng, coming off a busy season of competing in Budapest as well as both Junior Pan Pacs in Hawaii and Junior World Championships in Peru earlier this year, will be swimming the 50 Meter Freestyle and the 100 Meter Freestyle events. Both Kihlengs trained in Guam with Guam Swimming through the summer and then in Pohnpei in preparation for this competition.

All four swimmers will team up for the 4x50 Meter Mixed Medley Relay and the 4x50 Meter Mixed Freestyle Relay.

FSM Swimming Head Coach Derick Daniel will be accompanying the team to Melbourne. FSM Swimming General Secretary Susan Kihleng will also be accompanying the team and will be representing the FSM at the FINA General Congress meeting while there.

Follow the FSM Swimming Facebook page for live updates and videos of each swim as the competition gets underway December 13 through 18. The Pohnpei-based portion of the team will be returning to Pohnpei on December 20, while Limtiaco will return to California to continue his training there.



## Yapese graduate student sets academic record in Tokyo

### APIC

A Yapese who recently graduated with her MA in Environmental Studies was one of the top academic students who represented Sophia University's Graduate School of Environmental Studies at the recent main graduation ceremonies in Tokyo. Darla Yatilman, whose family is Yapese but was raised on Pohnpei, also had the second highest grade point average of all 2022 graduates of the Graduate School of Environmental Studies.

Yatilman is one of three students from the Micronesia region who are studying at Sophia's Graduate School of Environmental Studies. They are recipients of scholarships funded by Sophia University, the Association for the Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC), a private foundation based in Tokyo; and, the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), with additional support from MCT's Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund. Seven Micronesians have been recipients of this competitive scholarship.

"It has been quite the journey," noted Prof. Anne MacDonald, a senior Sophia University faculty member who worked closely with Yatilman and

other Micronesians on the graduate school scholarship program. "I am so impressed with your commitment to higher learning, tenacity amidst all kinds of adversity – COVID-19, not being able to get to Japan, among other challenges – and your constant smile and positive spirit."

Yatilman's research centered on Marine Protected Areas (MPA) in Pohnpei. Together with her host institution, the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, she collected data on fishing, agriculture, and agroforestry activities to understand current practices and how a Ridge to Reef Approach might enhance the planning and management of these MPAs in the future.

Darla is the daughter of Andrew Yatilman, FSM Secretary of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management, and Gerethy Yatilman, originally from Yap and now living in Pohnpei. She graduated from Xavier High School in Chuuk, FSM, and earned an undergraduate degree from Wheeling Jesuit University in the United States.

Darla has returned to Pohnpei and will be working as a fellow with the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, for at least a year. The fellowship

program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Interior, is an initiative by MCT and its partners to help bring back young conservation graduates/champions to Micronesia. These fellowships are offered to allow the host institution time to find ways to permanently fund the graduate students when they complete their studies. It is MCT's hope that Darla, with her gained knowledge and expertise, will help the Conservation Society of Pohnpei with its work to improve Pohnpei's protected areas network.





# COM-FSM Board of Regents Names Dr. Theresa Koroivulaono as New COM-FSM President

The College of Micronesia-FSM Board of Regents announced today the successful completion of the presidential search process and unanimous selection of Dr. Theresa Koroivulaono as the college's 6th President. Dr. Koroivulaono will begin her tenure at COM-FSM in February 2023. She succeeds Dr. Joseph M. Daisy, who stepped down as President in January 2020 after serving since 2012.

The Presidential Search process invited broad participation from the college community via a Search Committee, which comprised faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community representatives. The Committee considered many applicants from a deep and diverse pool of highly accomplished leaders over a nine-month intensive international search process before recommending three candidates for the Board's consideration.

The position profile sought a leader with exceptional executive leadership, communication ability, personnel management skills and

strategic planning experience, all of which Dr. Koroivulaono possesses. Dr. Koroivulaono holds a bachelor's degree, master's degree and PhD in English from the University of Auckland in New Zealand and is the former President/CEO of the College of the Marshall Islands from 2015 to 2020. Dr. Koroivulaono has the proven leadership commitment, educational qualifications, values and ethics and multidimensional networks, with more than 20 years of experience in higher education and a long-standing commitment to student achievement and success.

After the unanimous vote at the Board of Regents meeting on November 21, 2022, Chair Suzanne L. Gallen stated, "Dr. Koroivulaono's career has demonstrated quality in her deep commitment to the success of higher education. She possesses leadership of impressive strategic initiatives across a wide range of priorities. Dr. Koroivulaono assumes the role of the next COM-FSM President with confidence and experience, and with the strength

needed to lead the college forward on its path as a learner-centered institution characterized by continuous improvement and best practices.

"The Board is confident that at this point in the history of COM-FSM, what we do to prepare our students in this complex, rapidly changing world has become more urgent and critical than ever and Dr. Koroivulaono brings both stability and ingenuity to that mission. The Board looks forward to working with her in our commitment to the success of the FSM by providing programs of higher learning. Her contagious enthusiasm for the work ahead will make COM-FSM an even greater college under her leadership."

The Board owes tremendous thanks to members of the first Search Committee (2020-21) and the second Search Committee (2022) and supporting staff for their expertise, guidance, collaboration, patience and full commitment to the long and rigorous search over the past two years. The Board is also sincerely appreciative to the college community, including faculty, staff, students,



Dr. Theresa Koroivulaono

parents and alumni, who were an integral part of the search process by contributing to various surveys, polls, interviews, evaluations and summits that invaluable aided the Search Committee's work. And finally, the Board also thanks former Interim President Mrs. Karen Simion and current Interim President Manny Mori, for their leadership, dedication and professionalism in leading the college while the search was ongoing.

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# U.S. Coast Guard conducts medical evacuation of fisherman in FSM

By Chief Warrant Officer Sara Muir  
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/ Sector Guam

November 29, 2022

**Pohnpei, FSM**—The crew of the USCGC Frederick Hatch (WPC 1143) medically evacuated a 31-year-old Vietnamese fisherman to a higher level of medical care in Pohnpei on Nov. 20.

The Frederick Hatch boarding team learned of the fisherman's injuries while conducting a bilateral fisheries boarding with an FSM Marine Police Officer aboard the fishing vessel Ocean Galaxy 195 nautical miles (224 statute miles) south of Pohnpei. The ship is a 69.4-meter (227-foot) purse seiner flagged out of Nauru.

"It was an absolute team effort by every member of Frederick Hatch to medevac the injured crewmember from the Ocean Galaxy successfully. Witnessing each crewmember perform at the highest level after completing two boardings earlier the same day to help a fellow mariner



*The crew of the USCGC Frederick Hatch (WPC 1143) approach the Ocean Galaxy to conduct a fisheries boarding 195 nautical miles south of Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, on Nov. 20, 2022. The ship is a 69.4-meter (227-foot) purse seiner flagged out of Nauru. The boarding became a medical evacuation of an injured fisherman.*

was awesome to watch," said Lt. Patrick Dreiss, commanding officer of Frederick Hatch.

The fisherman reportedly fell 12 feet earlier the same day, sustaining a head and possible spinal injury. He was

conscious and talking but lost feeling and motion in his right arm and both legs, exhibiting severe concussion symptoms.

The Frederick Hatch crew consulted the duty flight surgeon remotely through the U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia Joint Rescue Sub-Center, who recommended the medical evacuation. The boarding team, augmented by an embarked U.S. Coast Guard hospital corpsman and linguist, stabilized the fisherman with a cervical collar and secured him onto a miller board. He was safely transferred to the

small boat and then onto the Frederick Hatch. The crew converted one of the dining tables in the galley into a sick bay to continue monitoring the patient and administering oxygen.

"HS2 Jefferson's actions immediately diagnosing the situation and providing the highest level of care possible in a difficult environment is the pinnacle of what can go right when medical professionals are aboard Fast Response Cutters in this region. Many of us joined the Coast Guard to help others at sea and do exactly what we did in this case," said Dreiss.

The Frederick Hatch completed the transit to Pohnpei in about eight hours to arrive around midnight and transferred the injured fisherman to awaiting emergency medical services, who took him to the local hospital. The hospital corpsman and linguist accompanied the fisherman to pass on relevant medical details and ensure hospital staff could communicate with him.

"Every crewmember volunteered to assist in any way. I specifically want to call out the boarding team's creativity in overcoming the challenging distance from the purse seiner's deck to the small boat, where BMC Peternel's skill as a coxswain was vital to maintaining a stable platform in pitching seas during the difficult lowering of the fisherman on a backboard. Our translator, Lt. Wong, stayed by the fisherman's side for 10 hours to translate and comfort him through the whole evolution, and EM3

Edwards, a junior petty officer, stepped up to oversee and direct the multitude of deck operations throughout the day. This crew rose to the occasion and truly was at their best in someone's worst hour. I could not be more proud of them," said Dreiss.

The Frederick Hatch crew initially boarded the vessel with an FSM shiprider for potentially fishing in FSM exclusive economic zone without a license. The master produced an FSM-Nauru bilateral fisheries license, meeting the requirement, and noted their primary target species was tuna.

The Frederick Hatch is on an expeditionary patrol in Oceania in support of Operation Rematau and Operation Blue Pacific to promote security, safety, sovereignty, and economic prosperity in Oceania. In Micronesia, Rematau means people of the deep sea. It highlights the connection between mariners and honors the shared understanding in the Pacific that securing the future requires long-term vision and a carefully considered regional strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

"Incredible work by our team on this evolution, overcoming challenges in difficult environments with creativity and skill to aid a fellow mariner," said Capt. Nick Simmons, commander of U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam. "While our focus is on regional security through the protection of food security and sovereignty, search and rescue is no less important, and ensuring the safety of life at sea is who we are as a Service, and a big part of how we contribute to the Pacific community."

The Frederick Hatch is the 43rd 154-foot Sentinel-class fast response cutter named for a surfman and lighthouse keeper who was a two-time Gold Life Saving Medal recipient. The Service commissioned the ship along with its sister ships, Myrtle Hazard (WPC 1139) and Oliver Henry (WPC 1140), in Guam in July 2021. These cutters are a vital part of the U.S. Coast Guard's enduring regional presence serving the people of the Pacific by conducting 10 of the Service's 11 statutory missions with a focus on search and rescue, defense readiness, living marine resources protection, and ensuring commerce through marine safety and ports, waterways, and coastal security.

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# Official list of candidates for the March 7th, 2023, General Election

## FSM Information Services

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—The Division of Public Information of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has received from the FSM National Election Director the Official List of Candidates for the March 7th, 2023, General Election.

The General Election on March 7th, 2023, will determine the fourteen (14) Senators who comprise the 23rd Congress of the FSM. Four (4) of the Senators will represent the States of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae in an "At-Large" capacity, serving for a four-year term. Ten (10) of the Senators will represent individual election districts within the States of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae, serving for a two-year term.

Citizens may recall that when the 23rd Congress of the FSM sits on May 11th, 2023, the Congress will elect the President and Vice President from amongst the four "At-Large" Senators. The President and Vice President then immediately vacate their seats in Congress, leaving the two At-Large seats they were elected from empty until a Special Election later in the year (typically early July).

For the State of Chuuk's At-Large Seat, the candidates are Gillian N. Doone, Nakama Sana, and Wesley W. Simina. The incumbent is Wesley W. Simina.

For the State of Chuuk's Election District 1, the candidates are Florencio Singkoro Harper and Juan K. Martin. The incumbent is Florencio Singkoro Harper.

For the State of Chuuk's Election District 2, the candidates are Tainiro K. Killion and Victor Vicky Gouland. The incumbent is Victor Vicky Gouland.

For the State of Chuuk's Election District 3, the candidates are Myron S. Hasiguchi and Perpetua S. Konman. The incumbent is Perpetua S. Konman.

For the State of Chuuk's Election District 4, there is only one candidate who is thus running unopposed: Tiwiter H. Aritos, who is also the incumbent.

For the State of Chuuk's Election District 5, the candidates are Robson U. Romolow, Ruphin Micky, and Zander Refilong. The incumbent is Robson U. Romolow.

For the State of Kosrae's At-Large Seat, the candidates are Aren B. Palik and Yoslyn G. Sighrah. The incumbent, Rolinson Neth, will not be on the ballot.

For the State of Kosrae's two-year seat, there is only one candidate who is thus running unopposed: Paliknoa K. Welly, who is also the incumbent.

For the State of Pohnpei's At-Large Seat, the candidates are David W. Panuelo, Peter M. Christian, Welson Panuel, and William N. Kostka. The incumbent is Peter M. Christian.

For the State of Pohnpei's Election District 1, the candidates are Ferny S. Perman and Merlynn A. Alfonso. The incumbent is Ferny S. Perman.

For the State of Pohnpei's Election District 2, the candidates are Dion G. Neth and Quincy Lawrence. The incumbent is Dion G. Neth.

For the State of Pohnpei's Election District 3, the candidates are Erick Paul and Esmond B. Moses. The incumbent is Esmond B. Moses.

For the State of Yap's At-Large Seat, the candidates are Fidelis Thiyer Fanoway and Joseph Urusemal. The incumbent is Joseph Urusemal.

For the State of Yap's two-year seat, there is only one candidate who is thus running unopposed: Isaac V. Figir, who is also the incumbent.

The list of candidates above has been screened by the Office of the National Election Director, who received background checks per their request to the FSM Supreme Court, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Health & Social Affairs. The official candidates have been determined to meet the criteria and qualifications as enumerated in the National Election Law and the Constitution of the FSM.

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for

*Federated States of Micronesia, Professional Consulting Service for Construction Management of the Teaching Clinic, College of Micronesia, Pohnpei Campus*

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Further information on this ITB may be obtained by submitting a written request for details to Mr. Shankarah Lessey, Contract Specialist, DTC&I, P.O. Box PS-2, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941 at email [shankarah.lessey@gmail.com](mailto:shankarah.lessey@gmail.com) with the subject heading:

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The bidding documents, including the instructions to bidders, scope of work and conditions of contract may also be directly obtained from the Department's website: <https://www.tci.gov.fm/> in its PMU section.

The closing date for the submission of bids is **Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4pm local Pohnpei Time.**



Carlson D. Apis

Secretary, DTC&I

Date: 11/17/22

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## New Customs IT System for the FSM to boost international trade, accelerate clearance of imports & exports

Joint Press Release

25 November 2022

**Pohnpei** - The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is to modernize its customs procedures through the upcoming launch of ASYCUDAWorld - a cutting-edge customs management system developed by the UN Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to speed up customs clearance and facilitate international trade.

Funded by the European Union through the Improving Pacific Island Customs & Trade (IMPACT) Project, the practical effect of implementing ASYCUDAWorld for the FSM is that the Nation will see the strengthening of borders and customs procedures and the boosting of the FSM's economy.

ASYCUDAWorld—also known as the Automated System for Customs Data—was developed by UNCTAD's ASYCUDA program, and is being implemented in fifteen (15) Pacific Island countries, including the Nation's Micronesian brothers and sisters in the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Nauru, and the Republic of Kiribati.

More than 100 countries worldwide have adopted ASYCUDA, attributed in part to the system's capacity to increase customs revenue yield, the availability of reliable trade statistics, the reduction in average clearance time, and the less measurable but still highly valuable benefits of having a system known to the FSM's friends, allies, and development partners, including economic partners.

His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, said "what excites me the most about ASYCUDAWorld and its adoption by the FSM, thanks to generous support from the European Union, is that this digital platform allows our Customs & Tax Administration under the Department of Finance & Administration to simplify and harmonize manifests and customs declarations, along with accounting, transit, and suspense procedures. This should make life easier for citizens, including private sector organizations, as well as enhancing our government's capacity to fulfill its mandate in a transparent manner. In this regard, I extend, on behalf of the People and Government of the FSM, our deepest and sincerest appreciation to the European Union, and to our officials at our

Customs & Tax Administration for their commitment to seeing this through for the benefit of our country."

A mobilization seminar for ASYCUDAWorld was held in the FSM from November 24th to 25th, 2022, to raise awareness among government agencies, traders, and other key stakeholders on how the system will work in practice, explaining the new clearance processes and the need to improve trade facilitation and customs procedures.

Opening the two-day seminar, the FSM's Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the Honorable Kandhi A. Elieisar, expressed the FSM Government's gratitude to the European Union and UNCTAD for their support in reforming and modernizing the FSM's customs administration.

The Secretary added that this step will drive the country's customs to the next level of excellence and form the basis of a stronger and trusted partnership between the European Union, UNCTAD, and the FSM. "Since ASYCUDAWorld has been implemented in many Pacific countries, the system will help to harmonize us with the region and the world with our national and international trading activities," the Secretary said.

The European Union's IMPACT project is itself part of the Pacific Regional Integration Support (PRISE) program, which aims to increase the quality and the volume of goods traded intra-regionally between Pacific Island countries and internationally, including with the European Union's 27-member States. FSM citizens may recall that another initiative of the PRISE program includes the FSM's hosting of a subregional Trade Adviser.

The European Union's Trade Correspondent for the Pacific, Mr. Massimo Diomedi Camassei, said, "In the Pacific, the European Union is more than a development partner; it is also an economic partner, in particular for fisheries products, as the European Union is the top global buyer of tuna from the Pacific. The main instruments to allow Pacific Island countries to make the most of the export opportunities offered on the European Union market are the Economic Partnership Agreements."

However, Mr. Camassei pointed out that

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Which is used in connection with the following:

Class	Goods
9	Downloadable and recorded computer software for processing electronic payments and for transferring funds to and from others; downloadable computer software for creating, preparing, managing, sending, processing, tracking, and reconciling invoices; downloadable computer software for issuing receipts regarding mobile payment transactions; downloadable mobile application software for processing electronic payments and for transferring funds to and from others; downloadable authentication software for controlling access to and communications with computers and computer networks; computer hardware for making, authenticating, facilitating, operating, managing, and processing payment transactions with credit cards, debit cards, prepaid cards, payment cards, gift cards, and other payment forms; electronic devices, namely point of sale terminals, chip card readers, credit card readers, payment card readers, mobile card readers, charging stands for chip card readers, credit card readers, payment card readers, and mobile card readers; magnetic encoded and coded card readers; electronic card readers for payment and credit cards; magnetically encoded credit cards; magnetically encoded payment cards being debit cards, gift cards, prepaid gift cards, prepaid cash cards, and prepaid debit cards; downloadable software for sending, receiving, accepting, buying, selling, storing, transmitting, trading and exchanging digital currency, virtual currency, cryptocurrency, stablecoins, digital and blockchain assets, digitized assets, digital tokens, crypto tokens and utility tokens; downloadable software for managing and validating digital currency, virtual currency, cryptocurrency, stablecoin, digital asset, blockchain asset, digitized asset, digital token, crypto token and utility token transactions; downloadable software for use as a digital currency, virtual currency, cryptocurrency, stablecoin, digital asset, digital token, crypto token, and utility token wallet; downloadable software for transfers of digital currency, virtual currency, cryptocurrency, stablecoins, digital and blockchain assets, digitized assets, digital tokens, crypto tokens and utility tokens between parties; downloadable computer software and downloadable mobile application software for facilitating electronic commerce transactions; downloadable computer software, namely, internet browser extensions, plug-ins, and applications for use with electronic commerce transactions and product price monitoring; downloadable computer software and downloadable mobile application software featuring offers, deals, coupons, rebates, rewards, vouchers, price tracking, price notifications, price-comparison information, links to the retail websites of others, promotional materials, and discount information; downloadable software development kits (SDK); downloadable and recorded computer software for creating and managing a business and an online store, namely, inventory management, order processing, order tracking, fulfillment of orders, sales tracking, collection of sales data, and sales analytics; downloadable and recorded computer software used for point of sale transactions; downloadable and recorded computer software used to train and manage employees, record employee hours worked, and generate payroll processing; charging stands adapted for use with handheld digital electronic devices namely, cell phones, MP3 players, personal digital assistants, point of sale terminals, chip card readers, credit card readers, payment card readers, and mobile card readers

Class	Goods
35	Promoting the goods of others, namely, providing information regarding discounts, coupons, rebates, vouchers and special offers for the goods of others; promoting the goods and services of others by providing hypertext links to the web sites of others; promoting the goods and services of others by providing a web site featuring links to the online retail web sites of others; business consulting services in the field of online payments; managing and tracking credit card, debit card, ACH, prepaid cards, payment cards, and other forms of payment transactions via electronic communications networks for business purposes; business information management, namely, electronic reporting of business analytics relating to payment processing, authentication, tracking, and invoicing; business management, namely, optimization of payments for businesses; promoting the sale of goods and services of others by providing a website featuring offers, deals, coupons, rebates, rewards, vouchers, price tracking, price notifications, price-comparison information, links to the retail websites of others, promotional materials, and discount information; promoting the sale of goods and services of others by providing interactive online applications featuring offers, deals, coupons, rebates, rewards, vouchers, price tracking, price notifications, price-comparison information, links to the retail websites of others, promotional materials, and discount information; providing incentive award programs through issuance and processing of loyalty points for purchase of the goods and services of others; customer loyalty services for commercial, promotional and/or advertising purposes, namely, administration of a program that allows participants to obtain and redeem points or awards for goods and/or services
36	Financial services, namely, electronic funds transfer; clearing and reconciling financial transactions via a global computer network and wireless networks; providing a wide variety of payment and financial services, namely, credit card payment processing services, issuing credit cards and providing personal and business lines of credit, electronic payment services involving electronic processing and subsequent transmission of bill payment data, bill payment services with guaranteed payment delivery, all conducted via a global communications network; credit card and debit card transaction processing services; reimbursement of payment processing for fraudulent transactions, transaction errors, and disputed transactions, namely, transactions concerning lost, damaged, misrepresented, or incorrect products or services, all in the field of electronic payment purchases; providing purchase protection services for goods and services purchased by others via a global computer network and wireless networks, namely, fraud reimbursement services in the field of credit card purchases and electronic payment purchases, secure commercial transactions for credit card purchases and electronic payment purchases, and dispute resolution services and reimbursement services for disputed transactions in the field of electronic payment purchases; credit card transaction processing services; credit services, namely, providing revolving credit account services; bill payments services; providing electronic mobile payment services for others in the nature of providing secure commercial transactions and payment options using a mobile device at a point of sale; credit card transaction processing services and payment processing services in the field of credit card payments and electronic payments; electronic foreign exchange payment processing; payment processing services, namely, providing virtual currency transaction processing services for others; financial services, namely, providing stablecoin currency, virtual currency, digital currency, digital tokens, and cryptocurrency for use by others; financial services, namely, virtual currency, digital currency, stablecoin, and cryptocurrency transfer, trading, exchange, and payment processing services; electronic transfer of cryptocurrency, digital currency, stablecoins, digital and blockchain assets, digitized assets, digital tokens, crypto tokens and utility tokens; electronic wallet services for trading, storing, sending, receiving, validating, verifying, accepting, tracking, transferring, and transmitting virtual currency, and managing virtual currency payment and exchange transactions

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Class	Goods
42	Providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for processing electronic payments; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for creating, preparing, managing, sending, processing, tracking, and reconciling invoices; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for issuing receipts regarding mobile payment transactions; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable authentication software for controlling access to and communications with computers and computer networks; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for electronic funds transfer; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for sending, receiving, accepting, buying, selling, storing, transmitting, validating, verifying, tracking, transferring, trading and exchanging digital currency, virtual currency, cryptocurrency, stablecoins, digital and blockchain assets, digitized assets, digital tokens, crypto tokens and utility tokens; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for digital currency payment and exchange transactions; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for use in issuing digital currency, virtual currency, cryptocurrency, stablecoins, digital and blockchain assets, digitized assets, digital tokens, crypto tokens and utility tokens; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for managing digital currency, virtual currency, cryptocurrency, stablecoin, digital and blockchain asset, digitized asset, digital token, crypto token and utility token payments, money transfers, and commodity transfers; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for use with digital currency wallet and storage services; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for use as an electronic wallet; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for facilitating electronic commerce transactions; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software featuring offers, deals, coupons, rebates, rewards, vouchers, price tracking, price notifications, price-comparison information, links to the retail websites of others, promotional materials, and discount information; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for fraud detection, fraud prevention, and fraud analytics; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable computer software for tracking and analyzing payment activity; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software to prevent fraud, facilitate integration with loyalty and reward platforms to allow tracking of purchases and accrual of rewards, and enable merchants to embed checkouts in third party sites and applications to sell and take payments on third party platforms; Application Service Provider (ASP) featuring Application Programming Interface (API) software for payment collection, payment transactions, forwarding data and information processing; data mining services; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software for creating and managing a business and an online store, namely, inventory management, order processing, order tracking, fulfillment of orders, sales tracking, collection of sales data, and sales analytics; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software used for point of sale transactions; providing temporary use of online non-downloadable software used to train and manage employees, record employee hours worked, and generate payroll processing

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 230 Commerce Drive, Suite 185  
 Irvine, California 92602  
 United States of America  
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# The FSM's Compact Trust Fund decreases to \$911,236,499

## FSM Information Services

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—The Trust Fund Committee of the Trust Fund for the People of the Federated States of Micronesia —also known as the Compact Trust Fund so as to distinguish it from the separate FSM Trust Fund—recently conducted its Fiscal Year 2022 fourth quarter meeting. As of September 30th, 2022, the Compact Trust Fund had a net value of \$911,236,499. The Compact Trust Fund was down 11.5%, net of fees, compared to the previous Fiscal Year.

The Compact Trust Fund ended Fiscal Year 2021 with a final audited value of \$999,763,600 with a weighted annual return of 22.7%. For Fiscal Year 2022, the preliminary and unaudited value was \$911,236,499—approximately \$88,527,101 less than the previous year—with a performance rate loss of 11.5%, net of fees, performing above the benchmark of -12.0%. The loss was due to market volatility and weak economic performance occurring globally since early 2021, resulting from the increase of inflation, central bank response to

tighten monetary policy, supply chain issues, continued COVID-19-related recovery, and Russia's brutal and unjustified war against the People of Ukraine.

It is noteworthy that the net value as of September 30th does not reflect that, on October 4th, 2022, and as consistent with the Compact of Free Association, as Amended, the U.S. contribution in the amount of \$39,504,160 was received by the Compact Trust Fund and invested per the Investment Policy Statement.

The Compact Trust Fund is invested in a diversified set of assets including: U.S. domestic equity (21.5% of total assets); non-U.S. equity (19.8% of total assets); global equity (9.1% of total assets); fixed income (17.8% of total assets); hedge funds (5.8% of total assets); real estate (13.0% of total assets); and private equity (13.0% of total assets).

Citizens, residents, and stakeholders interested in the Compact Trust Fund are encouraged to visit the Compact Trust Fund's website at: <https://fsmcfatf.com/>

# All FSM States begin Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR) Integrated Vaccination Campaign

## FSM Information Services

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—Beginning November 21st, 2022, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) will begin a massive campaign to roll-out Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR) vaccines for children aged between 1 to 3 years old, in addition to other routine vaccines for children aged between 2 to 59 months, and COVID-19 vaccines for children aged between 6 months and 4 years. The campaign will occur across all four of the Nations' States—Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae.

Of the many unfortunate impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, one of them is that the FSM's routine and essential public health program activities suffered; while the FSM has historically had relatively decent coverage against MMR, the coverage as of November 21st, 2022, is the lowest in the Nation's history. The second-dose coverage for

the Measles vaccination is at 21.3%, with Kosrae's coverage at 46%, Yap's coverage at 34%, Chuuk's coverage at 19%, and Pohnpei's coverage at 16%.

The practical effect of this low vaccination coverage is that the Nation is vulnerable to a Measles outbreak. Intensifying the FSM's efforts to administrate MMR vaccines, and other routine vaccines, is necessary in order to prevent such an outbreak. The FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs, in partnership with the State Governments of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae, is implementing the MMR vaccine at local public health clinics.

Parents and/or legal guardians are encouraged to bring their children to their local public health clinic at the nearest opportunity.



## Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia

### Notice of Inactive Bank Accounts

Bank of the FSM currently maintains accounts for the following individuals & groups:

Alokoa H Palsis	P.O. Box 382	Tofol	KOS
Golaid P Johannes	P.O. Box 195	Tofol	KOS
Donald C Post	P.O. Box 790	Tofol	KOS
Donald C Post	255 Gst. No. 564/SD	Rockland	CA
Pius Setik	Lekinioch Rewou Village	Chuuk State	CHK
Mr. MORGANA M CHANTAGIT	P.O. BOX 790	Weno	CHK
Marumina Soyon	No Address From Source	Weno Chuuk State FM	CHK
Antolino Buliche	P.O. Box 1007	Weno	CHK
Inosencia Nittu	P.O. Box 734	Weno, Chuuk State FM	CHK
Riomy K Tataichy	Sapotiw Village Fonno Island	Weno	CHK
Hernista Jim	P. O. Box 1515	Weno, Chuuk FM	CHK
Masaichy Daunny	P. O. 1272	Weno Chuuk State FM	CHK
Kalisto Patis	Leinaku Village	Weno	CHK
Tobias Louis	Ettal Island	Chuuk State FM	CHK
Namiko Defang	P.O. Box 544	Weno Chuuk State FM	CHK
Clara Fahoichog	P. O. Box 402	Colonia,	YAP
Maria G Mireg	P.O. Box 549	Colonia	YAP
Elizabeth Adams	PO BOX K-2934	Kolonia	PNI
Ray & Dor's	P.O. Box 617	Kolonia	PNI
Micronesia Red Cross Society	P.O. Box 2405	Kolonia	PNI
Young Sun International Trading Company	P.O. Box K-3108	Kolonia	PNI
Manuelita Musrasrik	P.O BOX 724	Sokehs	PNI
Pohnpei Boxing Club	PO BOX 1480	Kolonia	PNI
Caroline Adams	P.O. Box 1527	Kolonia	PNI
Sennie Phillip	P.O. Box 478	Weno	CHK
Lynner Lihpai	PO Box 1712	Kolonia	PNI
Layleen Oliver	P.O. Box 2189	Kolonia	PNI
Resleen Neth	P.O. BOX 1043	Kolonia	PNI
Julia Thomas	P.O. Box 12	Kolonia	PNI
Mrs. Julia Thomas	1202 Amthor Ave.	Copper Cove	TX
C E En Nan Daku	PO Box PS 24	Palikir Pohnpei FSM	PNI
Jenson J Santos	P.O.BOX 1466	Kolonia	PNI
Hanifa M Rajas	P.O. Box 2201	Kolonia	PNI
Keiko Fuketa	P.O. Box 1831	Kolonia	PNI
Lachhu T. Asnani DBA Murex International	C/O Murex Internation	Hong Kong	

As required by FSM law, the Bank wishes to inform customers that accounts will be closed and the funds transferred to the FSM Secretary of Finance in January 2023. If your account appears on this list, you can avoid having your funds turned over to the Secretary of Finance by making a deposit or withdrawal to the account before December 31, 2022.

#### Yapese:

Tan e Motochiyal nu FSM, Bank e badag ni nge yog ko pi customer rok ney ni rayan I January 2023, maran close nag e pi account ney, man pii e salpiy riy ko FSM Secretary ko Finance. Fa'an ra be mug e account rom ko re list ney, ma rayog ni dabni pii e salpiy rom ko Secretary ko Finance faanra ngamub mu deposit fa mub mu withdraw nag e salpiy ko account rom u m'on ko December 31, 2022.

#### Pohnpeian:

E kosonndier sang ni ruwes en kosonned en FSM me FSM Bank udahn pahn pakairkiheng aramas oh pwihn en aramas me sansalehr powe, me epwelpen amwail tungol de sawwellimomwail nekinek nan Bank en FSM pahn katoktokidi nan sounpwong en January pahr 2023. Mwoni koaros me patpato nan nekinek pwukat pahn kesepwillang FSM Secretary en Finance. Ma mwaromwi iang sansal powe ah komwi kak pwaredo de ketido oh kapidohi de kasauwada omwi tungol de sawwellimomwi nekinek sang nan FSM Bank mwohn December 31, 2022 ma komw sohte kupwuriki omwi tungol de sawwellimomwi nekinek en kepideklang FSM Secretary en Finance.

#### Kosraean:

In fwal nuke pusren Masap lun FSM, Bank FSM inge akkalemye nusin Customers nukewa ma e akkalemyeyuk lung inge la account lowos ma akkalemyeyuk inge e tufwa kauli a money ka an ac tuhfeh itukyan nusin Secretary lun Finance ke FSM National Government ke January 2023. In oralla account se lom an tia putatyan nuke oakwuk ku oiya se inge, kom enenu in tuku nu Bank FSM oralla sie deposit ku withdrawal nuke account san meet liki December 31, 2022.

#### Chuukese:

Sia awora ei esinesin ngeni ami kei aramas, mwicheichen aramas, ika sopai mi affat itemi assan pun faan pungun annukun FSM, masowan ami kei accounts epuene lo ngeni ach ewe FSM Finance lon January 2023, ika pwe ese wor mwokutukutun uttut (withdrawal) ika isonanong (deposit) lon me mwon December 31, 2022 Ach anean pwe kopwe chuuto rech ach sipue annisfengen won om kei account.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: Project Assistant – Special Services Agreement

### Providing general administrative assistance for the Country Office in the Northern Pacific (FSM, RMI and Palau)

The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking a qualified individual to serve as the Project Assistant (Special Services Agreement) for WHO/CLO-FSM office. The duration of the contract for this position is one (1) year with possibility for extension.

**The Project Assistant (SSA)** will be posted in WHO/CLO for Northern Micronesia located in Palikir, FSM, and will be supporting the general administration related to national and subnational programmes to the three fore-mentioned countries in the office of WHO/CLO for Northern Micronesia.

#### Description of duties:

Under the guidance and supervision of the Country Liaison Officer (CLO), the incumbent will act as an administrative support on technical programmes performing the roles on the following function areas:

- **COMMUNICATION:** Drafting official correspondences related to technical programme and monitoring correspondences/reports for CLO signature/clearance. Maintaining close liaison/coordination with the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, International Partners, and other government agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on administrative matters to facilitate the implementation of programme activities. Establish an effective follow-up and monitoring system. In collaboration with supervisor, monitor deadlines, reminding concerned staff of such and ensuring that correspondence and queries are responded in a timely manner.
- **CLERICAL:** Respond to and acts on telephone enquiries and requests for information. Assesses the critical nature of technical enquiries and refers them to appropriate staff for reply. Coordinates appointments for supervisor(s) and organizes programmes for visitors.
- **RECRUITMENT:** Assist on recruitment of Consultants, Special Services Agreement (SSAs) and Staff, as well as Agreements for Performance of Work (APW) and other types of contractual arrangements.
- **PROCUREMENT:** Assist on logistics and procurement of goods and services managed by country office. Assist on obtaining supplier creation/modification forms and other relevant documents from suppliers/contractors for GSM supplier registration (new and for update). Assist the Associate to source providers and estimates (quotations) of the requested goods/services not included in the WHO catalogue. Assist on uploading approved documentation for procurement goods/services in ECM.
- **TRAVEL:** Assisting on administrative arrangements for the CLO and CO staff for all WCO meetings and official missions and travel plans such as obtaining itineraries from WHO authorized travel agencies and coordinate with Associate on ticketing deadlines. Draft request letters for government clearances and supporting documents for CO staff, as well as visiting WHO staff and experts who have official missions in FSM, MHL and PLW.
- **WHO MEETINGS & EVENTS:** Assisting HQ and other regional office's meetings, seminars and workshop events including obtaining itinerary from WHO authorized travel agencies, support to participants on travel enquiries, agenda and meeting logistics and any other meeting requirements. Closely follow-up and monitor the nominations from the government, ensuring they will submit required nomination forms and supporting documents before the set deadline of registration to comply travel requirements set by WHO meetings.
- **BUDGET & FINANCE:** Assist Associate on managing country office Imprest account by collecting receipts and invoices from office expenditures. Obtain quotations from local suppliers for procurement of goods and services for office use.
- **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT:** Maintaining an effective filing system to store documents and through SharePoint/Shared Folders. Attend IT concerns and issues and liaise with IT WPRO team for further assistance.
- **OFFICE SPACE and VEHICLE:** Monitoring office building/facility

requirements such as supplies and equipment, as well as keeping up to date the security requirements of office premises based on UNDSS requirements. Monitor fuel and maintenance of office vehicle. Overseeing the fixed assets inventory for annual reporting.

- Performs other duties as may be required.

#### Required Qualifications:

##### Education:

**Essential:** Associate Degree in Liberal Arts or in Science in a community college or Bachelor Degree in Liberal Arts or in Science is preferable) or college graduate with secretarial/administrative training or other relevant areas.

##### Experience:

**Essential:** Two (2) year experience in secretarial/administrative posts or other relevant areas, including familiarity to use basic Microsoft applications. **Desirable:** Experience in administrative support positions in the UN, NGOs or development agencies an asset.

##### Skills:

Good communication and interpersonal skills; Ability to act with tact, diplomacy, discretion and respect for confidentiality; Ability to prepare correspondence, summary of meetings, documentation and notes for the record, etc; Ability to discern routine from non-routine; Good computer skills and ability to adapt to various software applications; Ability to work harmoniously as a member of a team, adapt to diverse educational and cultural backgrounds, and maintain a high standard of professional and personal conduct.

#### Required Competencies:

- Communicating in a credible and effective way
- Ensuring the effective use of resources
- Fostering integration and teamwork
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences

#### Timeline/Duration of assignment:

One (1) year at Pohnpei, FSM country office, subject for contract extension.

Interested applicants should complete the WHO Vacancy Application Form (WHO-PHF) together with a letter of interest and resume/CV in-person, by mail, or via email by **16 December 2022** to the following address:

In-person or E-mail to:

Dr Momoe Takeuchi  
Country Liaison Officer for Northern Micronesia  
Room 201, Capitol Suites and Offices  
Department of Health and Social Affairs  
Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM  
takeuchim@who.int

Mail to:

Dr Momoe Takeuchi  
Country Liaison Officer for Northern Micronesia  
PO BOX PS70  
Department of Health and Social Affairs  
Mogethin Building, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941

WHO Application Form (WHO-PHF) and Full Terms of Reference (ToR) can be obtained from WHO/CLO-FSM office in Palikir, Pohnpei or call (691) 320-8804 for further questions.

*And now these three will endure  
faith hope love  
but the greatest of these is*

**Love**

*- 1 Corinthians 13:13 -*

*May Joy be your gift this Christmas Season  
and may Faith, Hope and Love  
be your treasures the New Year through*

**Wesley W. Simina**  
Speaker  
Twenty Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

November 14, 2022  
**BID INVITATION**  
for  
RFP No. 2022-003 YSPSC  
*Design and Construction of New  
Wastewater Treatment Plant*  
And  
RFP No. 2022-004 YSPSC  
*Design and Construction of New  
Water Treatment Plant*

State of Yap  
Federated State of Micronesia  
Yap State Public Service Corporation

**NOTICE**

The Office and Planning and Budget (OPB / Project Management Office (PMO) of the State of Yap, Federated State of Micronesia is hereby issuing this Bid Invitation Notice to qualified contractors for the **Design and Construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant and Water Treatment Plant**. The Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit is scheduled for **Friday, November 18, 2022 at 10:00 am** at the PMO Office Conference Room, Second Floor, YCA Complex, Colonia, Yap (Zoom Link Online).

Further information on this ITB may be obtained by submitting a written request for details to Mr. William Domingo, Resident Engineer, YCA Complex, P.O. Box 970 Colonia, Yap FM 96943 at email [pmovapstate@gmail.com](mailto:pmovapstate@gmail.com) with the subject heading:

**RFP No. 2022-003 YSPSC**  
*Design and Construction of  
Wastewater Treatment Plant*  
and  
**RFP No. 2022-004 YSPSC**  
*Design and Construction of  
Water Treatment Plant*

The bidding documents, including the instructions to bidders, scope of work, bills of quantities, technical specifications and conditions of contract may also be directly obtained from the Department's website: <https://www.tci.gov.fm> in its PMU section.

All proposals are to be submitted electronically through E-mail in PDF format to PMO Office Email: [pmovapstate@gmail.com](mailto:pmovapstate@gmail.com).

The closing date for the submission of bids is **Tuesday, December 7, 2022 at 3:00 pm (Yap local time)**.

Proposals thus received will be publicly opened on **Wednesday, December 8, 2022 at 10:00 am (Yap local time)**.

**Victor Bamog**  
Director, OPB

### ...Customs IT System

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Economic Partnership Agreements are not enough. "This is the reason why the European Union is also committed to regional economic integration in the Pacific, through a support project implemented in partnership with regional and international organizations such as the Pacific Islands Forum, the Pacific Community, and UNCTAD."

When implemented, the ASYCUDAWorld system will benefit businesses in FSM and those looking to do business with them by facilitating faster, easier, and more affordable cross-border trade. By ensuring that all processes are harmonized and simplified, items can be declared, and the proper duties collected online, ASYCUDAWorld will help the FSM optimize its customs processes and increase government revenue.

UN Resident Coordinator for Micronesia, Mr. Jaap Van Hierden, said, "ASYCUDAWorld envisions simplification of the customs regime, elimination of unnecessary bottlenecks,

paperless procedures, and the use of digital technology for online service delivery, necessary for government and businesses alike to transform trade in FSM."

"It is very reassuring to know that government programs like these are being devised that actively involve all stakeholders and incorporate their feedback."

Regional Coordinator for the ASYCUDA program in the Pacific, Mr. Jayvee Santos, stated that UNCTAD's mission is to provide the latest technology to customs organizations in the Pacific.

"The private sector is well advanced in terms of adopting modern technology and tools. The ASYCUDA program ensures that customs administration is able to keep up to using the latest technology available so that they are able to carry out their work efficiently," Mr. Santos added.

The PRISE program supports Pacific Island states to trade more effectively and efficiently, by increasing their capacity to access and benefit from international markets. The \$27.25 million USD (€26.25 million) program is funded by the European Union and implemented by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the Pacific Community, and UNCTAD.

25<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
BID INVITATION

for

**Construction of the Palikir Elementary School, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia**

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# The FSM Signs Pacific UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027

United Nations Micronesia  
FSM Information Services  
Joint Press Release

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—In a recent ceremony attended by the Honorable Kandhi A. Elieisar, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and Mr. Jaap van Hierden, Resident Coordinator for United Nations Micronesia, the Government of the FSM has signed the new Pacific UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027.

Aimed at supporting the Pacific nations to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the regional-level UN Framework was developed after months of consultations with key partners, including Government agencies, development partners, Civil Society Organizations, and the Council of Regional Organizations of the Pacific (CROP) agencies. The UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027 charts the work of the United Nations across fourteen (14) Pacific Island Countries and Territories over the next five years, ensuring UN efforts align with national and regional development plans and aspirations, including the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

The UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027 will be actioned at the country-level in the FSM through two-year Country Implementation Plans, aligning UN engagements with FSM National development priorities.

During the signing ceremony, Secretary Elieisar thanked the United Nations’ team in Micronesia, noting the importance and timeliness of the cooperation framework.

“This instrument will enable us to leverage all the programs, funding, and expertise of the UN agencies in Micronesia,” Secretary Elieisar said. “We are so delighted to be entering a new phase to enable us to achieve the [SDGs].”

Resident Coordinator for United Nations Micronesia, Mr. Jaap van Hierden, congratulated and thanked the FSM Government for their continued support to the United Nations, and reaffirmed the UN’s continued commitment to the FSM and its People.

“I wish to thank the Government of the FSM for their unwavering confidence and support to the UN. Among the ambitions stated, the one that stands out is to leave no one behind. To enable current and future generations to lead prosperous and peaceful lives,” Mr. van Hierden said.

In a statement following the signing ceremony, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, said “The People and Government of this Paradise in Our Backyards, the FSM, appreciate, beyond that which words can express, the United Nations’ support to our country and to our Micronesian subregion. The United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027, in particular, is a profoundly useful tool, as it strengthens partnerships to support countries in four interlinked areas: Planet, People, Prosperity, and Peace, as to ensure that no one is left behind, that people are equal and free to exercise their fundamental rights, to promote gender equality and peace, and to enable nations and their communities to become resilient to existential threats, such as Climate Change, allowing them to live in harmony within our beautiful Blue Pacific Continent.”

“The FSM is grateful to our Micronesian brothers and sisters in Kiribati, Nauru, the Marshall Islands, and Palau, to be able to host the United Nations Micronesia Multi-Country Office, and we look forward to the forthcoming work to complete the One UN House in our Capitol, Palikir.”

The UNSDCF 2023-2027 focuses on strengthening partnerships to support countries in four interlinked areas of Planet, People, Prosperity and Peace, to ensure that no one is left behind, that people are equal and free to exercise their fundamental rights, to promote gender equality and peace, and to enable nations and their communities to become resilient to existential threats allowing them to live in harmony within the blue continent.



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# During Committee to Wait on the President, H.E. David W. Panuelo advocates for key legacy legislation

## FSM Information Services

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—On November 28th, 2022, the 22nd Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) began its 6th Special Session, and the first to be held in-person since the COVID-19 Pandemic. After the opening session, His Excellency David W. Panuelo received the Committee to Wait on the President. Chaired by the Honorable Esmond B. Moses, Vice Speaker of the FSM Congress, committee members included the Honorable Rolinson Neth, the Honorable Isaac V. Figir, and the Honorable Perpetua Konman.

Among the multitude of items on the President agenda for the meeting included advocacy for legislation that are essential for the Nation's development, such as the Marine Spatial Planning bill, the Freedom of Information Act, the Cybercrimes bill, the proposed Civil Liability Fund, and several priority tax bills that would enable the Government to issue Tax Identification Numbers and implement usage of the new Revenue Management System. Additionally, the President solicited Congress' support for passing resolutions for various grants, such as on the Skills & Employability Enhancement Project (SEEP), which would see World Bank funding injected into the Nation's education sector, and a grant from the Asian Development Bank to support the Nation's renewable energy initiatives.

Beyond advocating for legislation, the President also briefed the Congress on several items of import, such as the agreement between the FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC) and the Open Access Entity (OAE) that there will be no objection or interference in allowing the East Micronesia Cable Project to access the HANTRU-1 fiber optic cable.

Additionally, the President described the FSM Executive Branch's supplemental budget request. Significant items included multi-million-dollar requests for a new FSM Embassy in Washington, D.C., as well as the construction of a new structure for the FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs and the Department of Education. Regarding the former, the current FSM Embassy in Washington,

D.C., is classified as a historic building, and so altering it to meet the expanding needs of the Nation ranges from difficult to impossible; regarding the latter, there is a deep recognition amongst the Executive Branch that the Department of Health & Social Affairs needs expanded offices, that the Department of Education needs a structure dedicated to its functionality, and that its current state of inhabiting the residence developed for the Vice President of the FSM is unsustainable.

Another item in the President's supplemental budget request is the proposed reinstatement of a significant portion of pre-COVID-Pandemic travel funding for each of the Government's departments, agencies, and offices. In this regard, reinstating this funding is essential on the premise that certain types of official travel funding—such as the Department of Justice's Litigation Division, or the Department of Foreign Affairs' Office of the Secretary—are unavoidable if the intention is for the Executive Branch to successfully execute its mandate e.g. in litigating cases or in representing the FSM at a high-level in bilateral and multilateral settings with the Nation's friends, allies, and development partners.

One item not included in the President's supplemental budget request was funding for the \$6,000,000 owed from the FSM to Pacific International, Inc. (PII). The President advised the Congress that it is his hope that the funding be appropriated in three instances of \$2,000,000 each, for the months of January, May, and September, in part on the premise that there will be no pre or post judgment interest on the amount, and in part so that the funding disseminated will be in the line with the proposed Civil Liabilities Fund (Congressional Bill 22-245), which is proposed legislation that will not only serve how the Government addresses the PII liability but any potential future liabilities as well.

The meeting ended on a positive note, with the Committee to Wait on the President describing their appreciation for the President's briefings and describing that Congress has much it intends to accomplish during this 10-day Special Session.

## Team Leader Climate Change & Resilience



### About the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

PIFS is based in Suva, Fiji and is an Employer of Choice in the region. We aim to recruit and employ staff based on merit and organisational needs while ensuring that selection upholds our values and commitment to Forum membership, gender balance and building a diverse and inclusive organisation. PIFS is committed to achieving gender balance and being fully representative of our member countries. Our workforce is currently over 50% female and we have representatives from twelve of the eighteen Forum member countries.

### About the Opportunity

The Forum Secretariat invites suitably experienced and qualified individuals to apply for the position of the Team Leader Climate Change & Resilience is to provide high level policy advice to the Senior Management Team and representatives of Member States on climate change financing and build effective relationships and coordination with key actors working on climate change financing. Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Provide analysis and relevant reporting for member countries and partners to support their decisions and agendas, particularly Forum Leaders and Economic Ministers Meeting mandates on climate change financing either directly or indirectly through consultants, development partners or other counterparts.
- Coordinate and/or develop practical and high-quality information and reports on improving Forum Island Countries access to, and management of, climate change finance.
- Provide and facilitate support to member countries' requests for developing improved approaches or strengthening existing country systems to accessing and managing climate change resources.
- Provide the necessary high-quality, targeted, and responsive briefings and logistical support from PIFS to the CROP Executive Sub-Committee on Climate Change and Resilient Development (CES-CCCRD) and its Working Arm on Resilient Development (WARD).
- Work with relevant agencies, SPREP and SPC to provide high-quality, targeted briefing for CROP CEOs and officials attending relevant regional and international meetings, workshops and other fora (in particular, supporting FICs in gaining long term access to financing and ongoing support to the Pacific representative in the Green Climate Fund Board).

Applicants should have an advanced degree (preferably postgraduate level or equivalent experience) in Marine Science, Environmental Management, Climate Change, Natural Resources, Economics, Finance, or related fields with at least 8 years' experience in supporting Pacific Island Countries on climate change financing.

Applicants with significant experience and contextual understanding of the challenges of Small Island Developing States and partners in the Pacific region related to climate change financing, including the Green Climate Fund.

### About the Benefits

The position is based in Fiji and carries an attractive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance; education and housing allowance. The position is placed at Band 12 of our scale with a starting base salary range from SDR 43,143 to 48,535 (equivalent to FJD126,593 to FJD142,415 on 1 October 2022 foreign exchange rate). Your final salary amount will vary based on foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply through our website: [www.forumsec.org](http://www.forumsec.org) where an information package containing the position description and full remuneration details is available. Candidates must include in either their application or Curriculum Vitae the full contact details of three referees. To be eligible for this position, the applicant must be a national of a Forum member country\*. Applicants must be willing to travel periodically via economy class.

**Deadline for applications is at 5pm (Fiji time), 30 December 2022.**

\* Member States of the Pacific Islands Forum: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

# The FSM congratulates the United States of America & the People's Republic of China for the resumption of climate change cooperation talks

## “Dialogue essential for peace,” President Panuelo says

*FSM Information Services*

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—On November 15th, 2022, His Excellency David W. Panuelo—President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)—released the following statement regarding the recent meeting between His Excellency Joseph R. Biden Jr., President of the United States of America, and His Excellency Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China (China), on the margins of the Group of Twenty (G20) meeting held in Bali, Indonesia. The President's statement, in full, is below.

“The Federated States of Micronesia and I, in my capacity as its President, recognizes, appreciates, and applauds the United States and China for the recent meeting of their Heads of State on the margins of the G20 in Indonesia. The expansion of direct and in-person communication between the U.S. and Chinese Governments is central towards the responsible pursuit of strategic competition in a way that greatly reduces the likelihood of outright conflict.”

“It is worth emphasizing why the meeting between President Biden and President Xi is significant to the Government and People of Micronesia. Limited connectivity between our Nation's closest allies and friends poses the very real risk of dehumanization of the other side, the loss of hope that problems can be tackled, and a fatalistic attitude about the relationship's trajectory, which can plausibly lead to intensified planning for worst-case scenarios and a continued escalation of tensions. Having an honest peer-to-peer conversation, by contrast, humanizes the other side; engenders hope that problems can be tackled; and reverses attitudes about a relationship's trajectory, including the development of opportunities to de-escalate tensions, and pathways for solving truly global challenges, such as Climate Change.”

“The Federated States of Micronesia recognizes, appreciates, and applauds that both President Biden and President Xi have agreed to empower their key senior officials to maintain communication, and to deepen constructive efforts on tackling Climate Change, global macroeconomic stability, health security, and food security. It is certainly the case that the

Federated States of Micronesia, and I would humbly suggest that this is also true for every island in our Blue Pacific Continent, views Climate Change as an existential security threat, and sees an intertwined relationship between combatting Climate Change with ensuring economic, health, and food security. It is positive for Micronesia, and it is positive for the Pacific, that the Americans and the Chinese partner together on these important issues for the good of the Planet, and so the resumption of cooperation in these areas is both noteworthy and significant.”

“The Federated States of Micronesia further recognizes, appreciates, and applauds President Biden's and President Xi's agreement that a nuclear war should never be fought and can never be won. Our Nation's brothers and sisters in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and our Japanese friends with whom we share a special bond or Kizuna, still deal with the effects of such weapons seventy years after their use. In this regard, the Federated States of Micronesia calls on both the United States and China to reiterate their agreement that a nuclear war should never be fought, and can never be won, to the Russian Federation and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), who both continue to irresponsibly threaten the use of nuclear weapons.”

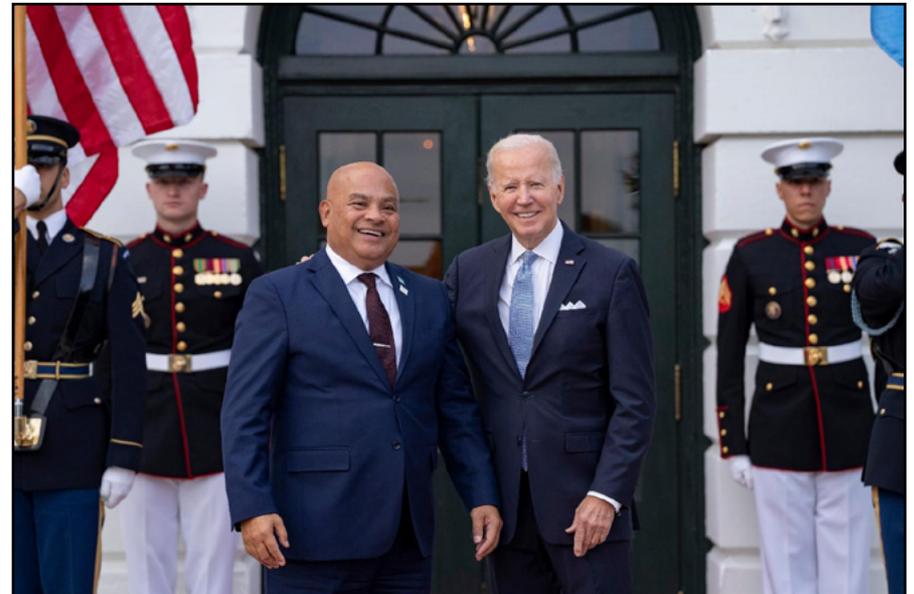
“The Federated States of Micronesia recognizes, appreciates, and applauds President Biden's and President Xi's honest discussions regarding peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. In this regard, I will note that the U.S. White House's readout of the meeting says that ‘the United States opposes any unilateral changes to the status quo by either side, and the world has an interest in the maintenance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait.’ I also note that China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs' readout of the meeting says that ‘[China] hopes to see, and are all along committed to, peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.’

“It is the view of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia that dialogue is essential for peace. In this regard, the Federated States of Micronesia solicits the United States and China to also consider enhancing their People-to-People ties. It is to the

knowledge of our Government that, in 2018, approximately 11,000 American students were studying in China and that, as of 2022, that number is now less than 300. As the President of a country that has benefited tremendously from genuine People-to-People engagement with the United States and China, such as through the U.S. Peace Corps, and that has led to our People's positive view of both the Americans and the Chinese, I believe that it is in the interest of peace and stability, in the Indo-Pacific at large and the Blue Pacific Continent specifically, for more Americans to experience and know that China is not a monolith, and that the Chinese People are adept at demonstrating peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity, as well as for more Chinese to experience and know that the United States is not a monolith, and that the American People are equally adept

at demonstrating peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity.”

“Finally, the Federated States of Micronesia recognizes, appreciates, and applauds that President Biden and President Xi have agreed that the U.S. Secretary of State, Antony J. Blinken, will visit China at some to-be-determined date to follow-up on the recent discussions. It is the hope of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia that U.S-China relations will continue to improve, as the only way for this Paradise in Our Backyards, as well as our Blue Pacific Continent, to escape the possibility of collapse due to anthropogenic Climate Change is for our Enduring Partners and Great Friends to work together for the benefit of each other, our collective humanity, and our Planet.”



## Boards of FSMTC & OAE give support to the East Micronesia Cable Project

### FSM Information Services

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—Recently, His Excellency David W. Panuelo—President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)—virtually received the Board of Directors of both the FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC) and the FSM Telecommunications Cable Corporation, frequently referred to as the Open Access Entity (OAE). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with the Boards the FSM Government's position regarding the importance of the East Micronesia Cable (EMC) Project funded by the Governments of Australia, Japan, and the United States of America that, when completed, would see secure, stable, and highly efficient internet access in the State of Kosrae, the Republic of Nauru, and the Republic of Kiribati. The primary outcome of the meeting was the full assurance of both the Board of Directors of FSMTC, and the Board of Directors for the OAE, that there will not be any denial of access to the HANTRU-1 fiber optic cable.

The meeting began with President Panuelo briefing the two Boards of Directors on the EMC Project, including its importance to the FSM's national security, and how the ongoing FSM Supreme Court Case 2021-010 (FSMTC vs OAE) presents risks to the FSM's connectivity, security, and diplomacy efforts. The President's 20-minute briefing was consistent with a Press Release on the same topic, and readers unfamiliar with the extensive background and context to this meeting are encouraged to read that release in full here: <https://gov.fm/index.php/component/content/article/35-pio-articles/news-and-updates/675-though-fsm-supreme-court-confirms-irudeed-between-fsmtc-oae-is-legally-valid-enforceable-fsm-still-faces-connectivity-security-diplomacy-challenges?Itemid=177>

During the meeting, the Chair of the FSMTC Board, Leonard Isotoff, said "FSMTC's position has always been aligned with the [FSM] National Government and we maintain that we want to see fiber optics to all [of the

FSM's] States...so the grant funding is welcome and will benefit everybody. I can commit to you, on this call, and as discussed with the team...that you have FSMTC's full support on the EMC Cable Project, and we will not deny access to the HANTRU-1 in any way. So you have the full support of the FSMTC Board and Management Team.... We support the EMC Project in its current form, and we agree that it's an opportunity that we cannot miss."

Chair of the OAE Board, Redley Killion, said "The [EMC] Project is very important—our OAE Board treasures that very much and we appreciate the efforts to resolve this so that nothing stands in the way of moving forward on that very important project, so we can bring our remaining State of Kosrae to being connected.... We have instructed our management staff and our attorney to work with FSMTC and the [FSM] Attorney General to come up with whatever is appropriate to resolve this issue, the [FSM Supreme Court] case...something has to be worked out in writing, and we are ready to move on that."

Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communications, & Infrastructure, T.H. Carlson D. Apis, said "What is important [from this meeting] is the strong support from FSMTC and the OAE regarding the EMC so that we can move forward with the donors to progress it further forward. We all agree that the FSMTC and OAE will benefit from this cable."

It is the understanding of the FSM National Government that both FSMTC and the OAE have committed to resolving their legal disputes with one another, including the dispute as it relates to the EMC Project and the ownership and use of the HANTRU-1 cable. With such a resolution and on-the-record commentary from the two Boards of Directors, the FSM Government has relayed to the Governments of Australia, Japan, and the United States of America that the EMC Project that will connect Kosrae, Nauru, and Tarawa with the existing HANTRU-1 cable in Pohnpei can move forward without further delay or hindrance.

## Secretary Akinaga & Blue Prosperity Micronesia conduct outreach & consultations on Marine Spatial Planning Bill

### FSM Information Services

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—Recently, the Honorable Elina Akinaga, Secretary of the Department of Resources & Development, and the Blue Prosperity Micronesia team and partners, visited the State of Kosrae to hold consultations on the Marine Spatial Planning bill presently with the 22nd Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) for their consideration.

The proposed legislation—C.B. 22-246—seeks to provide the legal framework necessary to enable the FSM to have a process in place that would allow for Marine Spatial Planning, a purpose-agnostic and public process of analyzing, and allocating, the spatial and temporal distribution of human activities in marine areas so as to achieve economic, ecological, and social objectives. Whether one is invested in ensuring that their conservation efforts and environmental protection initiatives have the most impact, or whether one wishes to exploit marine resources to their fullest extent for the benefit of the People, Marine Spatial Planning is the conduit for informed decision-making.

The public consultations in Kosrae brought together a cross-section of Government leadership, Community leadership, and members of Civil Society Organizations to discuss Marine Spatial Planning, as well as Blue Prosperity Micronesia's programming, such as its emphasis on the Blue Economy and Sustainable Fisheries. Secretary Akinaga was accompanied by the Honorable Mitaro Simina, Senator in the Pohnpei State Legislature, the latter whom, along with the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), recently endorsed the FSM Government's intentions to enable Marine Spatial Planning for the benefit of the Nation and its citizenry.

As a result of the public consultations, the Executive and Legislative branches of the Kosrae State Government committed their support to C.B. 22-246 and Blue Prosperity Micronesia as a whole.

Blue Prosperity Micronesia's work includes the development of a Marine Spatial Plan and a Blue Economy Plan, as well as conducting scientific assessments, and relevant proposed legislation for the FSM Congress' endorsement.



Secretary Akinaga and representatives of Blue Prosperity Micronesia pose with Governor Sigrah, other elected and appointed officials of Kosrae State Government, and Senator Simina

# Vice President Aren B. Palik heads delegation of the FSM to the Thematic Session of the 12th Conference of Leaders (C12) of the Pacific Community

## FSM Information Services

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—From the week of November 21st to 25th, 2022, the Honorable Aren B. Palik—Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)—engaged in a series of meetings and events in the Republic of Vanuatu, including representing the FSM in the Thematic Session of the 12th Conference of Leaders (C12) of the Pacific Community, a member of the Council of Regional Organizations of the Pacific (CROP) currently celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Amongst the issues of importance to FSM regarding the Pacific Community, there were discussions such as an initiative for an independent institutional review of the organization taking into consideration changing dynamics of the region. Additionally, there were updates on ongoing efforts to establish a Polynesia Regional Office which, when established, will see each of the three sub-regions of the Pacific represented equitably, as well as the Pacific Community’s Strategic Plan to govern the work of the Secretariat from 2022 to 2031.

While in Vanuatu, Vice President Palik undertook a variety of engagements with the Nation’s friends, allies, and development partners.

One such engagement included a bilateral with Her Excellency Mary Seet-Cheng, Ambassador of Singapore to the Pacific Islands Forum. During the meeting, the Vice President and the Ambassador discussed respective national development challenges, as well as mutual support for more integrated bilateral cooperation on training opportunities for human capacity-building. Previous engagements with Singapore during the Panuelo-Palik administration have included requests from the FSM for Singapore to consider assistance in vocational education curricula design and/or review. The meeting concluded on a positive note, with the Ambassador describing her intention to visit the FSM during the latter part of 2023.

On another engagement, Vice President Palik met with the Pacific Community’s Director General, Stuart Minchin, and other senior management of the organization. The Vice President highlighted the FSM’s appreciation for the presence of the Pacific Community’s

Micronesia Regional Office in Pohnpei and the Nation’s interests for program expansion, and consideration of the Pacific Community’s assistance and support for the FSM’s development of a new Strategic Development Plan. Another fruitful engagement was a meeting between Vice President Palik and the Honorable Henry Puna, Secretary-General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. The Vice President and the Secretary-General discussed the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, as well as the recently concluded 27th Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Regarding the latter, it is the view of the FSM Government that while the development of a Loss & Damage Fund is a significant accomplishment, the Government remains concerned about tipping points, such as the heating of the Amazon and its transformation from a carbon sink to a carbon source.

On another special occasion, Vice President Palik met with students of the FSM who are currently studying in Vanuatu’s Emalus School of Law. The Vice President shared key activities and events with the students, and encouraged them to finish their education and then to come back and contribute to the FSM’s nation-building process.

Vice President Palik also met with the Honorable Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Minister Delegate of Development, Francophonie, and International Partnerships of the French Republic. The Vice President conveyed the FSM’s appreciation for technical support provided to the Nation which, among others, included the successful inscription of Nan Madol as a United Nations Educational, Scientific, & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site. With mutual interest in cultural and historic preservation, the Vice President and the Minister Delegate discussed the FSM’s interest to realize a National Historical Museum. Additionally, the Minister Delegate conveyed France’s interest to co-host the 2025 United Nations Ocean’s Conference with Costa Rica. In this regard, and in tackling Climate Change more broadly, the Vice President conveyed gratitude to France for their leadership role in regional and international fora.

Joining Vice President Palik to Vanuatu included the Honorable McGarry Miguel, Vice Speaker of the Pohnpei State Legislature; the Honorable Ricky F. Cantero, Deputy Secretary of the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs; Charge’d’ Affaires Wilson Waguk, of the FSM Embassy in Fiji; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Pacific Affairs, Kenmore Salvador; and Executive Officer Francisco Celestine of Pohnpei State Environmental Protection Agency.



Vice President Aren B. Palik meets with Secretary-General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Henry Puna



Vice President Aren B. Palik meets with FSM students in Vanuatu

### BID INVITATION

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**Repair and Maintenance of Department of International Investments and Finance, National Complex, Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia**

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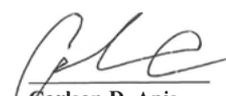
The Program Management Unit (PMU) of the Department of Transportation, Communications & Infrastructure (DTC&I), National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby issuing this Bid Invitation Notice to qualified contractors for the **Repair and Maintenance of the Department of International Investments and Finance, National Complex in Palikir, Pohnpei**. The Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit is scheduled for **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 at 10am** at the PMU Offices in the Kaselehlie Building, First Floor, Palikir, Pohnpei and online.

Further information on this ITB may be obtained by submitting a written request for details to Mr. Shankarah Lessey, Contract Specialist, DTC&I, P.O. Box PS-2, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941 at email [shankarah.lessey@gmail.com](mailto:shankarah.lessey@gmail.com) with the subject heading:

**“Repair and Maintenance of Department International Investments and Finance, National Complex, Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia”**

The bidding documents, including the instructions to bidders, scope of work, bills of quantities, technical specifications and conditions of contract may also be directly obtained from the Department’s website: <https://www.tci.gov.fm/> in its PMU section.

The closing date for the submission of bids is **January 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 4.00pm**

  
Carlson D. Apis  
Secretary, DTC&I

Date: 11/7/22

## Secretary Yatilman advocates for urgent global action on methane

*FSM Information Services*

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—During the 27th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, the Honorable Andrew R. Yatilman—Secretary of the Department Environment, Climate Change, & Emergency Management—spoke at a high-level panel on methane mitigation. Joined by the U.S. Special Presidential Envoy on Climate, John Kerry, as well as T.H. Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment & Climate Change for Canada, T.H. Djafer-Cherif Mohamed, Minister of Energy & Mineral Resources for Algeria, and T.H. Gabriel Tanimu Aduda, Permanent Secretary of Petroleum Resources for Nigeria, Secretary Yatilman called for urgent

global action on tackling methane.

“Reducing methane emissions is a lifeboat for us all. Nearly half of current net global warming comes from methane emissions. So, cutting these emissions is critically needed to avoid the dangers of surpassing 1.5°C,” Secretary Yatilman said in his statement.

Secretary Yatilman highlighted the FSM’s own initiatives to address methane, such as including methane reduction in the Nation’s updated Nationally Determined Contribution, and the development of a National Methane Action Plan. Then, the Secretary urged developed countries to step up their efforts on tackling methane. “In order to protect our survival - we need the major methane emitting countries to do more too. We invite all G20 countries

to rise to this challenge. In fact, we hope all countries will join this movement to reduce methane and keep 1.5 alive,” Secretary Yatilman said.

The FSM is one of 130 countries to have signed the Global Methane Pledge. Launched by the United States of America and the European Union, signatories commit to cutting at least 30% of their methane emissions by 2030.

Methane is 80 times more potent than carbon and accounts for nearly half of the net warming experienced at present. Cutting methane emissions, and other super pollutants, is



*T.H. Andrew R. Yatilman poses with the other attending panelists*

widely seen as one of the World’s best hopes at limiting the worst impacts of Climate Change.

## APAFS celebrates 2 decades of fiduciary excellence in Manila, PH

**MANILA, Philippines** – From November 14-18th, the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies (APAFS) celebrated 22 years of bringing corporate governance and institutional investment education to the Asia Pacific region.

To celebrate this institutional milestone, APAFS hosted its first in person meeting at the New World Hotel, Makati City, Philippines by beginning the week with 3 full days of leadership and investment governance courses after a 2-year pandemic forced hiatus. On Thursday, the highly anticipated Annual Investment Conference began.

“22 years ago, APAFS created an organization that would be a resource for trustees and other institutional investors throughout the region. Since then, our commitment has remained clear: we want close the knowledge gap between regional trustees and global investment professionals. With this in mind, APAFS has also partnered with like-minded institutions such as the CFA Society, United Nations Principles of Investing (PRI), f360 Pacific, 3ethos, and many others to fulfil our mission. To this day, we remain steadfast carrying the same passion to equip and educate others fiduciary at a time,” says Gerry Cruz, AIFA®, Chief Operating Officer of the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies.

Packed with over 250 fund managers, policymakers, portfolio specialists, and financial educators, the PRI Conference has been well-received by its attendees. Various field experts led a series of



sessions that provided a greater knowledge on how investors can attain their financial goals while building a sustainable world. With topics about ESG Investing, global market reviews, alternative strategies and investment solutions, retirement plans, and navigating through the risks in a post-pandemic bond market, the event in itself has become a melting pot of knowledge and dialogues on current industry situations and challenges of the ones involved.

According to Executive Director Dan Roland, “our success and longevity is a reflection of our regional trustees’ passion for their jurisdiction. From the early days of our association, trustees have come and gone, but the resolve to do the right thing has never wavered, and because of that, APAFS’s commitment has never wavered.”

Prior to the 20th Annual Pacific Region Investment Conference, APAFS has hosted a series of trainings for fiduciaries and trustees such as the Fiduciary Essentials® (FE®) Training; the Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®) Training —both by



360 Pacific; and the newest offering for this year, the Global Fiduciary Strategist (GFS®) Training led by 3Ethos.

For more information about APAFS, visit their website at [www.apafs.org](http://www.apafs.org).

# Asia North Area leaders tour Micronesia

## The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

It has been nearly three years since the Federated States of Micronesia closed its borders and we removed our missionaries.

With the FSM finally opening their borders, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is making a concerted effort to let the island members know that the virus is over, and we can start attending our meetings as usual.

Elder John A. McCune, second councilor of the Asia North Area presidency, Elder William H.K. Davis, area seventy, and Micronesia Guam Mission President Masaru Okuda, along with their wives, traveled to the FSM islands of Pohnpei, Kosrae and Chuuk to visit the members and let them know the church is alive and well.

They visited with government officials, visited humanitarian projects the Church has provided donations to, inspected LDS church meetinghouses, missionary apartments, and made ministering visits to members.

Stake and District conferences were held, spending Saturdays and Sundays teaching the members on each island during their two-day conference. Leadership meetings and interviews were conducted.

The members enjoyed special musical numbers, Youth Choirs, a youth session, language translators, and talks in their own language.

The Stake and District conferences were a highlight for all the members that attended. Members came from all over the islands to hear their area leaders speak and give inspirational messages in person for the first time in nearly three years. Topics of the inspirational messages included branch councils, small and simple things, daily scripture study, plan of salvation, covenants and the covenant path, family history, temple work, learning to listen to the spirit, gaining a change of heart, if you qualify for a temple recommend you qualify for a mission, and becoming truly converted. All who attended were edified.

One example is President Okuda's talk where he told the story of the lad with a few small fish but willingly he gave

Christ all he had, and how it was enough, teaching members even if they don't have much to give, if they give Christ their all it is enough.

Elder William H.K. Davis, at the Chuuk conference, spoke of how he came under the direction of the acting president of the quorum of the twelve, bringing love from President Nelson. He told how the children are the rising generation, and they should be prepared to receive temple recommends. If they qualify for a recommend, they qualify to go on a mission. He stated that covid is over! It's time for all to come back to church, go on missions, and teach the children to worship Jesus Christ.

Namoneas Chuuk District is unique with the lagoon islands where traveling to the islands can only be done by boat which is how the area leaders were able to visit those meetinghouses and members. Chuuk's conference brought many members by boat to attend with box lunches and gasoline provided as they needed to stay the day before departing for home by boat, only to turn around and travel by boat the next day to attend. Individual box meals and waters were distributed to all in attendance. Some ate inside, some out in their boats, others outside in the shade. Happy children were heard and much socializing amongst the members.

Church members from the lagoon islands of Tonowas, Uman, Udot, & Romanum came by boat to attend. Other members on the main island of Weno came from Sapuk, Mwan, Mechitiw, and Wichap. Flatbed trucks were hired to bring members to the chapel that live a distance away.

Elder Davis made the following remarks. "We just finished with the Sunday Session of conference for the Panasang Pohnpei Stake. It was so nice to be with our members after nearly 3 years of not being able to go due to COVID restrictions. We had some visitors show up including Herman Semes, Jr who is the President of the Veterans Association Office in Pohnpei. We made a donation to them earlier this week. After Stake Conference, we held a devotional with the youth and YSA. We had wonderful meetings with our members!"

Debbie McCune spoke from St John how Christ is the true vine, and the way to find true joy is to abide in Jesus Christ, that His joy may abide in us and that our joy may be full.

Elder McCune concluded the Chuuk conference Sunday citing Mosiah 5:7. He referred to 4 Ne 1:12 teaching how there was no contention in the land, and they were one, the children of God, no-one above the other. He taught how we are all the same in God's eyes, and how God may be waiting for his people to have more love, become united, and live the higher law. He quoted the prophet, President Nelson, of how the Church is preparing a people who are willing and ready to choose Jesus Christ over the world and called upon members to become this righteous people. In closing he stated "We are not objects. We can Choose!" The meeting closed with his testimony.

Elder and Sister Green, living in Chuuk observed during the conference, "These are such happy and patient people. The children occupy themselves and help care

for siblings as parents prepare for their trips, hold interviews after the meetings, and never did we hear a negative or cross word or complaint of having to wait in the hot sun, never knowing when their parent or spouse may be done with the important work of moving the kingdom forward."

The members in the Micronesian islands are great examples of Jesus Christ. Church leaders can now teach and edify in person more frequently, giving support and sharing of their love for the people in the isles of the sea.



# Drought Problem Solved in Mechitiw, Chuuk

## Mechitiw village, Chuuk, receives Church donation of water tanks to relieve summer drought

*The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

A formal donation was made to Mechitiw's Traditional chief and clan leaders November 11, 2022, in Mechitiw, a village community in the beautiful northern jungle of Chuuk on the main island of Weno.

In the Winter season there is plenty of rain for their water catchment systems that stocks rainwater in large tanks for the community's use. When the dryer summer comes, there are times the rain is not sufficient to fill the tanks, which creates a drought situation for the village. They have had issues with drought in the past and so the village leaders got together to try to alleviate this issue.

Isuwen Lukas, secretary for the Mechitiw community, reached out to William H. K. Davis at the Guam Humanitarian Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with a proposal requesting fourteen water tanks to solve

the drought problem.

The Church was happy to partner with the community to alleviate the drought conditions in Mechitiw. Elder Green handled the details of ordering the water tanks and assisting the community in getting the water tanks delivered.

These tanks will provide the community with a clean source of water for drinking and cooking. The community does not have direct access to city water and can only obtain water delivered to each household through a request from the local water company for a charge, or by rainwater catchment.

The tanks will be installed by the community and will be filled with water the first time as part of the project. Where possible, there will be rain gutters installed to catch rainwater as well.

The project has taken several months to get to where the tanks have been delivered and placed strategically throughout the



community.

Asia North Area Church leaders Elder John A. McCune and Elder William H. K. Davis visiting Chuuk with their wives, presented the donation on behalf of the Church to Traditional Chief Sitango Dawe, who presided over the formal presentation of fourteen water tanks, filters, and 5-gallon bottles of filtered water. After the presentation, food was provided for the visiting guests and the community members in attendance.

Clan leaders and representatives in attendance were Clan Raak leader Maxwel sellem; Clan Masane leader KS Sana; Clan Fanime leader Micheal Singa; Clan Anengeitaw leaders Sanches Salle & Abre Marcus; Clan Sapunupi leaders Atson Nakayama Fanantino, Gibson Jessy, and Tinson Jessy; Clan Wiitò leader Paun Akis; Clan Rongeu leader Isuwen Lukas; and Representative Willy Weita.

Isuwen Lukas expressed his appreciation saying, "The group presence in our community today is an historical moment.

This is the communities first humanitarian assistance through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I'm very appreciative for today."

Micronesia Guam Mission President Masaru Okuda with wife Megumi, and senior missionary couple Elder & Sister Green, living in Chuuk since August 1st, also attended the presentation. The Church believes in the two great commandments, first to love God and second to love your neighbor. By serving our fellow beings, we are also serving God, and He is pleased when we do all we can to assist others in need.

### EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

EA NO: FSM-103-22  
OPENING DATE: 12/02/2022  
CLOSING DATE: 01/02/2023



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FSM National Government

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FSM National Government  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

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## Opinion Editorial

### Statement by Henry Puna, Secretary General of the Pacific Island Forum on the 16 days of activism to end violence against women and girls

By Mr Henry Puna  
Pacific Ocean Commissioner and Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum

This time last week, our Pacific nations were part of a global momentum for the recognition of the loss and damage to small islands developing nations caused by a global crisis they did not create- climate change. This historic moment of global recognition was built over more than three decades of activism and intention. It calls those who have brought the planet to this point, to account for the damage, the loss, for a climate crisis which has literally set our world on fire.

The recognition of the loss and damage wreaked by climate change is

connected in many ways to another global crisis suffered disproportionately by the most vulnerable— the crisis of violence affecting two out of every three Pacific women and girls. November 25 marked the International Day to end violence against women. It was also the starting date for 16 days of activism and an opportunity to energize the ongoing work of decades in another crisis affecting our Pacific world.

The Loss and Damage of the scourge of Violence against women is a true threat to Pacific futures. The impacts across health sectors, law and Justice systems, economic and human development are devastating. From our homes to our Houses of Parliament across the Pacific, the crisis of

gender inequality and violence speaks to the very heart of who we are as one blue Pacific continent. If we wish to achieve the peace we are named for, we must all actively do all we can to stop this epidemic. To end the violence. To speak out with and in support of survivors.

I especially note the activism theme behind the 2022 16 days campaign. It's a call to action which is timely for our region. In 2012, as Prime minister of the Cook Islands and host of the Forum Leaders, I embraced the introduction of a Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration. In 2022, Leaders are looking at a major review of this commitment— and as Secretary General of the Forum I pledge to do all I can to ensure this pledge from our Leaders more than a

decade ago, can move from words to action, and make a lasting impact to lives and our collective Pacific future.

In 2022, our Leaders have also delivered another commitment at the heart of our Pacific future— the 2050 strategy builds on regional commitments such as the Pacific Platform for Action and the Forum declaration of 2012.

But days like today are reminders that words and promises are nothing without action, and action for a safer, equal world for all relies on people— all of us, taking action as individuals, families, communities and nations. In our homes, schools, churches, workplaces, we can and we must —do more to end violence against women and girls.

### In a sea of climate disappointment, the ocean must take center stage in all future climate discussions

By Mr Henry Puna  
Pacific Ocean Commissioner and Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum

This year, our Leaders endorsed the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, setting out our collective approach to achieving sustained security, development, and prosperity for all peoples in the Pacific.

In charting this ambitious course, our Leaders are well aware that climate change remains the single greatest threat to our livelihoods, sovereignty, and existence, and is therefore the greatest obstacle to the achievement of our ambitions and aspirations as set out in the 2050 Strategy.

It is for these reasons that we the Pacific turned up in numbers to COP 27 in the desert surrounds of Sharm El Sheikh this year, a world away from the oceanscape that we call home. It is why we continued to urge for global warming to be maintained at 1.5 degrees with a strategy increasingly focused on seeking the urgent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, including through the transition away from fossil fuel usage and production.

It is why we continued to push for climate change finance— so that our vulnerable island environments and our infrastructure can adapt to climate change impacts that are not of our doing.

And it is why we are now cautiously optimistic about the landmark hard-fought deal to create a fund on 'loss and damage' in the COP27 outcomes, though we know that there is much work left to do.

But beyond these more widely reported issues to emerge from COP27, there is one matter that I am particularly interested in, a matter that gives me some cause for hope amidst the mixed results and progress that we are all too familiar with in regard to the UNFCCC process. That matter is the ocean.

As an African COP hosted by Egypt, one may have thought that land-based issues may have dominated the discussion; however, there was a significant emphasis on the ocean this year. For instance, there was for the first time a standalone ocean pavilion; countless ocean side events from across the world – including an event convened by my own Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in which US Senator and Climate Envoy John Kerry took part; and of course, the ocean was progressively recognized in the COP27 outcomes.

These developments indicate that the global policymaking community in the climate space now sees what we in the Pacific have long known and fought for: that our climate and our ocean are inseparable and one cannot be considered without the other. Sheer facts bear this out: The ocean covers 70% of the planet; absorbs 30% of global CO2 emissions, and takes up over 90% of the heat from global warming; while also producing over 70% of the earth's oxygen.

If we take stock of these numbers alone it is crucial that we look at global climate change and ocean policy holistically – as those in the scientific community have done so for years. And in this respect, and from my vantage point as Secretary General to the Pacific Islands Forum and Pacific Ocean Commissioner, I am advocating to further relevant focus on the ocean within the global climate discourse as we head into COP28., as I did in discussions with the COP27 Presidency, and representatives from the incoming COP28 Chair while in Egypt.

Ocean and the UNFCCC process  
In fact, the Pacific has called for the inclusion of the ocean in climate discussions for years, but only recently have these calls progressed with the inclusion of the ocean in UNFCCC discussions at COP26 last year, and subsequently, a more progressive decision on the ocean at COP27 this year. But more

is required, in particular, how the region can continue to demonstrate leadership through the co-facilitation of the ocean-climate dialogue each year.

But there is scope to better define the oceans-climate nexus, and to understand what measures need to be taken to protect the ocean so that it provides critical environmental services, including to regulate our climate. There is also opportunity to better embed the climate-oceans nexus, including by ensuring an annual dialogue on the issue to be tangibly taken forward on to the COP agenda each year, with reports of the ocean and climate dialogue considered by the COP on an annual basis as decided by COP27.

These inclusions will require united and refined advocacy from our Members at a political and officials level, particularly if we are to ensure oceans is considered at COP28.

The Continued Potential of the Ocean  
At the heart of the 2050 Strategy is recognition that our ocean geography, ocean resources, and ocean identity are central to our future wellbeing and security. This is partially based on the fact that the ocean contributes \$1.5 trillion annually to the global economy – a figure which is expected to double to 3 trillion by 2030.

And now we can add to this the role of the ocean in regulating our climate. In this respect, integrated ocean planning approaches now take on an increased level of importance in the climate context.

As our member countries continue to advance their integrated oceans management plans, some are including quantifiable measurements for marine carbon sequestration, because a stronger focus on the nexus between climate and ocean remains essential to harness the potential of the Blue Economy.

At the same time, there is growing recognition of the role of nature and ocean-based solutions. For the Pacific, the very concept and recognition of our Blue Pacific Continent draws from "nature and ocean-based solutions", as the largest ocean in the world.

And in a broader sense, a key strategic and policy question for us remains: what is the

full value proposition of the Blue Pacific Continent? And how do we then convert the significant ecosystem service that our Blue Pacific collectively provides to the world into tangible benefit for the stewards and protectors of this very ocean?

Looking Forward: A Climate-Ocean Agenda  
Pacific conservation initiatives demonstrate that our region is carrying the burden of maintaining oceans health on the world's behalf. In many ways, the actions of our Pacific Island Countries on oceans go unnoticed at global level, while investment opportunities and flows seem to pass over us for the African, Latin American and Caribbean regions.

Developed countries from the north must be reminded that they need to also do their part and step up and resource oceans conservation – particularly in light of the ocean's function in regulating the sorts of climate impacts that many developed countries are historically responsible for.

Resourcing and financing, if provided at scale, could be used to support other ocean-based climate actions that the Pacific could take up collectively as region wide initiatives such as renewable energy, decarbonizing ocean industries and protecting coastal ecosystems. On marine conservation, we are advocating what we are doing nationally but not presenting ourselves collectively to provide the global audience context as to the tremendous amount of effort our countries have put into conserve parts of the total 42million square kilometers of the Blue Pacific Continent.

As we move forward under the 2050 Strategy, we must continue to push for a greater oceans focus in the UNFCCC process, starting with creating a unified regional ocean-climate action agenda that our countries can collectively pursue to address climate change. And in that context, it is important that we receive due recognition for the contribution that we make towards the mitigation of the causes and impacts of climate change.

Otherwise, our considerations and discussions in regards to, climate change will remain as they do today: short sighted and frustrating.

# The end of Public Safety Week – Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

*Pohnpei Enginkehlap News*

*December 1, 2022*

**Pohnpei-** After a parade from the Spanish Wall, signaling the end of Public Safety week, First Lady of Pohnpei, Mrs. Estle G. Oliver assisted by U.S. Embassy Chargé d'affaires Alissa Bibb, Mrs. Jaap Van Hierden, wife of the UN Resident Coordinator and Ms. Inomata Maho, Researcher/Adviser for the Japan Embassy, lit up the 2022 Pohnpei State Christmas Tree.

Youth groups, Government organizations, non-Government organizations and community groups marched from the Spanish Wall under the theme of "Resilient to Cyber Crime through Education" to raise awareness of cybercrimes. After reaching the Governor's Office, a short program was held before the lowering of the Pohnpei State flag and the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

In his remarks, Director of the Department of Public Safety, Mr. Patrick Carl, related the history of the Department of Public Safety (DPS), separating from the Department of Justice in October of 1999 and eventually having four divisions (Police & Security, Fire & Rescue, Corrections and Rehabilitations and Fish and Wildlife) under DPS. He gave an overview of the week's events, explaining the importance of awareness efforts to prevent cybercrime. He noted that anyone with a device is prone to committing or being a victim of cybercrimes, and that one of the unfortunate crimes is identity theft. He wanted the public and especially the youth and parents of the dangers of cybercrimes.

Special awards were also given to winners of the health and wellness event that was part of Public Safety week and a special lifesaving award was presented to Firefighter Mike Lucas for actions performed while off duty that resulted in saving the life of a child.

Governor Oliver echoed and acknowledged the need to raise awareness of cyber crimes. He praised the efforts of Director Carl and the Department of Public Safety. He noted that with technology advances, it is important to be careful online. He shared the three virtues of respect, responsibility and honesty that can also be applied when online as well. Governor Oliver also acknowledged the presence of the UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Jaap Van Hierden, US Embassy Charge' d'Affaires Alissa Bibb and Ms. Inomata Maho, Researcher/Adviser for the Japan Embassy. He thanked everyone who helped with the Christmas Tree: PUC, PTA and Mr. Strickson Anson from the Facilities/Maintenance crew of the Office of the Governor. Governor Oliver closed his remarks recognizing the participants and winners of the Christmas Tree contest, whose Christmas trees were also part of the Christmas Lighting Ceremony.

Thank to all who supported and participated in this year's Public Safety Week and Christmas Tree Lighting.

A full list of donors and participants can be found at <https://pohnpeistate.gov.fm/2022/12/01/the-end-of-public-safety-week-christmas-tree-lighting-ceremony/>



# Church's Cash Donation Assists Salvation Army Chuuk

## The Church makes cash donation to assist with Christmas aid to less fortunate

Nestled in the jungle amidst palm and banana trees is found the Salvation Army Chuuk Corps Community Worship Center. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints made a cash donation to the Salvation Army Chuuk Corps on November 9, 2022, to assist with their ministry during the Christmas holiday.

Senior missionary couple Elder and Sister Green, living in Chuuk, located the Salvation Army Chuuk Corps in Weno, Chuuk, and paid them a visit, meeting Lt. Colonel Leopoldo and Lt. Colonel Evelyn Posadas who direct the affairs of this Salvation Army Corps.

Evelyn told how she sews cloth face masks to fund raise for their center and how they donate Christmas Baskets during the month of December for the Christmas holiday. Leopoldo shared how they minister aid to the Chuuk State Hospital, the local prison, and those in the community by offering aid from their Community Center. They expressed how they receive some cash donations and how much it helps with their ministry.

Asia North Area Leaders of the Church John A. McCune with wife Debbra, William H.K. Davis with wife Wanda, Chuuk Namoneas District President Rodolfo Gacayan, and Micronesia Guam Mission President Masaru Okuda with wife Megumi, came to visit Chuuk for a Church Conference.

They took time from their busy schedule to present a cash donation by check to the Posadas at their Community Worship Center.

The Church, having partnered with the Salvation Army Guam Corps many times in the past, is happy to support the Chuuk Corps in their ministry.

In response to the donation Evelyn states, "We, The Salvation Army, express our gratitude of your financial support to help others in the community. Through this donation, we can continue doing the most good for God and for our fellowmen. Somehow, you found us. We rejoice with you for God's goodness in our lives while the joy in our hearts overflow with thankfulness."

The Church believes in the two great commandments. The first, to love the lord they God with all thy heart, and second, to love thy neighbor as thyself. Church members not only offer tithes but also offerings, making this donation possible. One hundred percent of this donation goes to aid those in need this Christmas holiday season and will bless the lives of some of the less fortunate in the community.

The Salvation Army cannot successfully help others without generous donations. We feel this is a good partnership, where we can support what they do best.



# -Police Blotter-

This Police Blotter covers November 20 through December 4, 2022. Though in all cases, arrests were made all those arrested have merely been charged. All are considered to be innocent unless proven to be otherwise in court.

## Nov 20, 2022

- Dion Phillip, 20yrs of age from Dolonier, Nett arrested for disorderly conduct.
- Dwayne Kehpas, 24yrs of age from Peilapalap, Kolonia arrested for Driving under the influence of alcohol, careless driving & not authorized to operate vehicle.
- Jay Nehior, 40yrs of age from Nandaku, Sokehs arrested for disorderly conduct.
- Albert Salomon, 46yrs of age from Ohmine, Kolonia arrested for disorderly conduct.

## Nov 21, 2022

- Ainstain Welly, 20yrs of age from Mapwusi, Kolonia arrested for disorderly conduct.
- Jay Nehior, 40yrs of age from Nanpohnmal, Nett arrested for assault & battery.
- James Peter, 53yrs of age from Pohnrakied, Kolonia arrested for Disorderly Conduct.
- Kaster Jack, 28yrs of age from Awak, U arrested for Driving under the influence of alcohol and have no authorization to operate vehicle.
- Reagan Johna, 41yrs of age from Oaumoar, Sokehs arrested for open container.

## Nov 22, 2022

- Jay Nehior, 40yrs of age from Nandaku, Sokehs arrested for careless driving and no possession of valid driver's license.
- Farron John M., 35yrs of age arrested Cliff Rainbow for careless driving.
- Tajieron John, 35yrs of age

- arrested Cliff Rainbow for appearance in public while under the influence.
- Jason Hadley, 39yrs of age from Rohi, Kitti arrested for disorderly conduct.
- Paula Donre, 39yrs of age from Eirke, Nett arrested for Assault & Battery & Trespass.
- Marselino Padahk, 40yrs of age from Eirke, Nett arrested for Assault & Battery & Trespass.

## Nov 23, 2022

- Eliwino Pillimen, 41yrs of age arrested for Assault & Battery.

## Nov 24, 2022

- Andreas Moses, 53yrs of age from Metik, Nett arrested for careless driving.
- Vimga Chiiehii, 32yrs of age from Eirke, Nett arrested for careless driving.
- Ester E. John, 54yrs of age from Tamworohi, Kitti arrested careless driving without a valid driver's license.

## Nov 25, 2022

- Travis Alfonso, 22yrs of age from Rongopwung, Kitti arrested for appearance in public under the influence of alcohol.
- Perly Ioanis, 21yrs of age from Pwudoi, Kitti arrested for appearance in public under the influence of alcohol.
- Josephina Isaac, 48yrs of age from Mwalok, Sokehs arrested for careless driving.
- Kelson Lengsi, 21yrs of age from Eirike Nett, arrested for appearance in public under the influence of alcohol.

- Copen Haver, 42yrs of age from Awak Pah, U arrested for disorderly conduct.
- Jason Alfons, 23yrs of age from Dolonier, Nett arrested for disorderly conduct.
- Ignasio Rodriquez, 60yrs of age from Nett arrested for appearance in public under the influence of alcohol.

## Nov 26, 2022

- Reagan Johna, 41yrs of age from Oaumoar, Sokehs arrested for disorderly conduct.
- Just Wesly Ringlen, 18yrs of age from Pohnlangas, Madolenihmw arrested for Driving under the influence of alcohol, careless driving and no authorization to operate vehicle.
- Geronimo Victor, 18yrs of age from Pohnlangas, Madolenihmw arrested for consume alcohol under the age of 21.
- Nadya Ilon, 30yrs of age from Dolonier, Nett arrested for careless driving.

## Nov 27, 2022

- Kurt Moses, 24yrs of age from Awak, U arrested for careless driving.
- Alfred Hallens, 47yrs of age from Awak, U arrested for disorderly conduct.

## Nov 28, 2022

- Myles Yaramal, 21yrs of age from Paies, Kitti arrested for careless disorderly conduct.
- Ignacio Rodriquez, 60yrs of age from Dewenou, Kolonia arrested for open container & appearance in

- public while under the influence of alcohol.
- Ridianne Wolpahgen, 18yrs of age from Kolonia arrested for careless driving.

## Nov 29, 2022

- Agnes Siwilly, 21yrs of age from Sokehs arrested for careless driving.
- Ricky Loyola, 49yrs of age from Palipowe, Nett arrested for disorderly conduct.

## Nov 30, 2022

- Albert Salomon, 46yrs of age from Ohmine, Kolonia arrested for disorderly conduct.

## Dec 01, 2022

- Maycleen Mauricio, 38yrs of age from Alokaw, Madolenihmw arrested for selling Tobacco to minor.
- Mcron Peter, 23yrs of age from Kepinle, Kolonia arrested careless driving.
- Noel Sicut, 50yrs of age from Kahmar, Nett arrested for careless driving.

## Dec 02, 2022

- Mackleen Edward, 31yrs of age from Pali powe, Nett arrested for Careless Driving.

## Dec 03, 2022

- Thome Joel, 54yrs of age from Nan Ohmine, Kolonia U arrested for disorderly conduct.
- Berny Else, 24yrs of age from Mapwusi, Kolonia arrested for Possession of Marijuana & Trafficking.

# 15 Pacific Island countries join hands to improve inclusive education

Suva, Fiji 24 November 2022 – 15 Pacific Island countries have launched the new Pacific Regional Inclusive Education Review yesterday to ensure all children, including those living with disability and out-of-school children, have equal access to quality learning.

The Review was designed to advance understanding of the situation of inclusive education in the Pacific, foster cross-country learning and sharing, as well as strengthen partnerships, planning, decision-making and action at both regional- and country-levels.

This was achieved by taking stock of policies, plans, investments and practices in inclusive education, as well as gaps, positive

practices and recommendations for making education fully inclusive.

“Inclusive education is part of all our cultures where we nurture our children to grow up to be intelligent and wise young people,” said the Minister for Social Services in Niue, Hon. Sauni Tongatule, who is also the Chair of the Pacific Inclusive Education Taskforce and launched the review. “Let’s all work together to make it happen.”

The Review also enabled education systems to identify key priorities to adapt to the needs of all children so that they can participate in education, learning and be treated equally. This reflects an opportunity for Pacific-Pacific learning and sharing of practices in inclusive

education.

“Whilst education can unlock students’ potential and open different opportunities, I see inclusive education as a real game-changer and great leveler for persons or learners with disabilities,” said the Pacific Disability Forum’s Chief Executive Officer, Setareki Macanawai. “A key challenge facing inclusive education is not our impairments or conditions that prevent us from participating, but the failure of the education system to recognize and address those barriers that keep us excluded and marginalized.”

This collaboration across 15 countries, regional partners, and the Pacific Inclusive Education Taskforce, supports efforts

to meet Sustainable Development Goal 4 to achieve quality education for all and to build a pathway for all children to a productive and healthy adulthood.

“UNICEF is committed to ensure that all children of our Pacific shores are able to enjoy their right to inclusive, and of course quality, education,” said UNICEF Pacific’s Deputy Representative, Roshni Basu. “I urge all countries to maximize effort and commitment to translate the Review findings into concrete investments for inclusive education. Let’s work together to drive education systems that include all students, welcome and support them to learn, whoever they are and whatever their abilities or requirements.”

# Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds annual Fun Run

Rotary Club of Pohnpei

November 26, 2022

**Pohnpei--**The Rotary Club had its annual fun run on November 26. We had a nice turnout and for once the weather cooperated.

The Rotary Club holds an annual 5K run/walk to promote fitness and to raise money to support our projects, including scholarships for local students, safety projects, medical projects, and our latest project is a hygiene project we are working on in conjunction with UNICEF.

The winner of the fun run was Andrew Dana. However, we were not keeping times we just wanted everyone to have fun.

The top ten finishers received caps from Moylans Insurance. All participants received shirts donate by Ambros, Inc./ Budweiser.

We also want to thank everyone who helped out; Palm Terrace for the venue, Bank of the FSM for cups and water donations, the FSM NOC, the Kolonia

Town and State Police for security, Ambros/Budweiser for the t-shirts, Moylans Insurance, and the rain that did not make an appearance until after we completed the run.

Also, many thanks to all the Rotary members and friends who helped out. It was a good community effort.

It was a successful event, and we couldn't do it without community support.



25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## BID INVITATION

for

### *Construction of the Primary Healthcare Facility, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia*

#### NOTICE

The Project Management Office (PMO) of the Office of Transportation and Infrastructure, Pohnpei State Government of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby issuing this Bid Invitation Notice to qualified contractors for the:

### *Construction of the Primary Healthcare Facility, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia*

Further information on this ITB may be obtained by submitting a written request for details to Mr. Farhad Khan, Program Manager, Project Management Office, Pohnpei State Government P.O. Box 2246, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM at email [pohnpeipmoprojects@gmail.com](mailto:pohnpeipmoprojects@gmail.com) and copy [info@pnipmo.gov.fm](mailto:info@pnipmo.gov.fm) with the subject heading:

### *“ Construction of the Primary Healthcare Facility, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia ”*

The bidding documents, including the instructions to bidders, scope of work and conditions of contract may also be directly obtained from the Pohnpei State PMO website.

<https://pnipmo.gov.fm/projects.html>

The closing date for the submission of bids is **Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 1:00PM (Pohnpei Time)**. Public opening of tenders will be held at the PMO Office the next day at the same time.

**John Adolph**  
Administrator / Contracting Officer  
OT&I, Pohnpei State Government, Kolonia  
Pohnpei, FM 96941



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# New Digital FSM Office launched “Creating a Digital Transformation” November 30 2022

Digital FSM Office

The Government of FSM announced that the new Digital FSM Office will be established within the Department of Transport, Communications and Infrastructure (TC&I) in December 2022.

The Digital FSM Office will lead the way for the new FSM Digital strategy, a wide-ranging plan to transform FSM’s government services into a digital framework.

His Excellency President David Panuelo called for support of this new initiative in order for it to benefit everyone in FSM.

“I am reiterating and re-affirming the policy directions for this Administration and direct all Departments, Offices, and Agencies to proactively work together on all FSM’s Digital initiatives through the FSM Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure Digital FSM Office (DFO),” President Panuelo said in his directive to all Government departments this month.

The Digital FSM Office’s mandate will be to:

- Centralize leadership of the FSM Digital Strategy and its policy and legal frameworks;
- Set the standards for cyber security;
- Coordinate, prioritize, develop and implement the FSM Digital Strategy and ICT requirements across all Government programs of work;
- Develop roadmaps to lift digital literacy in the country;
- Coordinate all government frameworks with federal agencies, state governments and the private sector; and
- Centralize coordination and engagement for the FSM government’s future needs from international donor and aid communities.

President Panuelo also announced the appointment of Assistant Secretary Edward Albert as the head of the Digital FSM Office, as FSM’s Chief Digital Information Officer.

The newly established office will start to build up with the immediate recruitment of six local project officers to join the team. The DFO, with the support of the World Bank, is also embarking on sourcing international subject-matter specialists across

areas such as technology, data, legal and policy. Combined, the DFO will have the right balance of expertise and local talent to drive the transformation initiatives.

According to the President’s directive, the government’s goal is to have all FSM digital and ICT projects fully functional by July 2023. This includes the establishment of the FSM Digital project management office to coordinate and direct these activities. The Government also intends to transfer all ICT-related roles across the federal agencies to the DFO by June 2023. The goal is to complete a transition of the FSM national government to a single Microsoft information domain, email and collaboration services environment by December 2023.

The Digital FSM Project began with the World Bank-funded installation of undersea fiber optic cable to provide reliable high speed connection between FSM and the rest of the world. The second phase of the Project is the digital transformation of FSM’s government services to better provide for the needs of the people of FSM and offer them the most modern, most advanced digital systems possible.

For more information please contact Assistant Secretary Edward Albert at [communications@tci.gov.fm](mailto:communications@tci.gov.fm) or (691) 320-2865.

# Lazarus Meyar receives PICRC’s 2022 Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. Environmental Award

PICRC

The Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) was delighted to present Lazarus Meyar with the 2022 Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. Environmental Award for his lifelong commitment to conservation and management of Kayangel’s precious marine resources, for his support and promotion of ecotourism, and for showcasing the power of an individual to make a difference.

Presented every other year, the Environmental Award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to conservation and management efforts in Palau. Nominations are made by the public.

There were seven judges—three from the government, two from non-governmental organizations, one from PICRC, and one working in a private industry. Nominations were open from November 2021. There were nine nominees and the judges had made their decision by December 2021. The ceremony was delayed due to the ongoing restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Finally, in November 2022, there was the chance to have an award ceremony.

Mr. Meyar is a community-based conservationist in Kayangel—an

isolated, small atoll, which is famous for its beautiful beach and ocean. For many years, he worked as a Kayangel State Conservation Officer and, during his free time, he has been involved with eco-tourism. While most tourism companies and guides in Palau are from foreign countries, Mr. Meyar is one of only a few Palauan who run tourism operations and showcase the beauty of their own home.

As a conservationist, he uses the tourism industry to teach people conservation ethics, through taking them snorkelling over his clam farm, showing them how to sustainably trap coconut crabs, and talking to them about the problems of poaching. Recently, he started collecting plastic trash to make art work on Kayangel beach.

“Community work is very important in Palau but it is not often recognized,” said PICRC Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Yimnang Golbuu, “On his own, Lazarus Meyar has contributed a lot. It’s great to see a community member presented with this award.”

In 2018, Direngerkiu Carol O. Emaurois accepted the award for her contributions to research and science education. In 2020, Ann Singeo received the award for work in conservation in Palau through her efforts with Ebiil Society.



## Pohnpei Attorney Marstella E. Jack named PIANGO's new Board Chair

### PIANGO

The Pacific Islands Association of Non-governmental Organisations (PIANGO) has announced the appointment of Pohnpei-based attorney Marstella E. Jack to the chairmanship of its governing body during the 9th PIANGO Council held at the Tokatoka Resort in Nadi, Fiji on November 24, 2022.

Twenty of the 24-member country representatives of the PIANGO network attended the meeting of the Council, the organisation's supreme governing body, that is held every three years.

"I see my new role as a commitment to strengthening the role of our members across the region to ensure inclusive, equal and effective participation from a wide range of development actors," Jack said.

Jack will lead PIANGO for the next three years, taking over from Inia Barry of Development Services Exchange (DSE), the national NGO umbrella body in the Solomon Islands.

Jack brings 20 years of experience in trial advocacy work, legal drafting, legal research and community awareness legal advocacy work to her position and has served in various capacities in both the public and civil society sectors in the Federal States of Micronesia.

Her prior experience includes working in the foreign service for seven years and served three years as head of the FSM Division for Information and Research where she analyzed current global events for foreign policy advice and national foreign policy formulation. Jack also has extensive knowledge of international legal instruments and processes.

As a government attorney for more than ten years, Jack provided legal advice on international legal instruments and their impact on

domestic policies and practices, as well as legal opinions on domestic legislation. She also has experience as a trial attorney.

Jack, who is a Board Member of the FSM Alliance of NGOs (FANGO), a member of PIANGO's network, plans "to build the network and promote collaboration among CSOs and other development partners," she added.

"I am deeply humbled with the show of confidence to chair the PIANGO Board for the next three years," Jack said, "and am looking forward to leading this Board that has a solid representation of women and men, a good foundation for diverse perspectives to guide the oversight role of the organisation."

In addition to guiding the strategic direction of PIANGO, her responsibilities include the welfare of the organisation's staff, taking into account that their performance is the reflection of her leadership, and seeking and securing funding opportunities to better position PIANGO and its members.

The Board also elected Drew Havea of the Civil Society Forum of Tonga (CSFT) as the new Deputy Chair; Kiribati Association of NGOs (KANGO) President Tereao Teingia Ratite as the Board Secretary; and Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS) President Sepesa Rasili as the Treasurer. The other Board members are Alson Kelen of Republic of Marshall Islands Association of NGOs (MICNGOs), Shirley Abraham from Vanuatu Association of NGOs (VANGO), and Sioneheke Leolahi of Niue Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (NIUANGO).

After congratulating Jack and her Board members, Barry reminded them to lead with an open mind, have confidence in the Secretariat team, but most importantly focus on the PIANGO Kainga and values of regionalism.

## United States-Australia-Japan Joint Statement on Cooperation on Telecommunications Financing

The White House

November 15, 2022

Washington D.C.-- We, President Biden, Prime Minister Albanese, and Prime Minister Kishida, today reaffirmed our commitment to work together with Indo-Pacific partners to meet their needs for high-quality, sustainable infrastructure.

At the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) event at the G20 Summit, we announced that the United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) will, subject to final approvals, provide USD50 million each in credit guarantees for Export Finance Australia's (EFA) financing package, which was provided to support Telstra's acquisition of Digicel Pacific.

This project reflects our commitment to help build a stronger Pacific region through investment in infrastructure, in line with the PGII and the Partners of the Blue Pacific initiative, both established this year.

Digicel Pacific is the leading telecommunications operator in the Pacific, with over 2.5 million subscribers in Papua New Guinea,

Fiji, Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga and Nauru.

Reliable and high-quality telecommunications networks are critical to support the prosperity of our digital economies. This investment will improve security and performance and deliver affordable mobile voice and data services in the Pacific.

Telstra finalized the USD1.6 billion acquisition on 13 July 2022 with USD1.33 billion in financing provided by the Australian Government through EFA.

Our support to this project builds on our shared commitment to address the infrastructure needs of the region through the Trilateral Infrastructure Partnership (TIP). We have already announced support for important infrastructure in the region, including the East Micronesia Cable and an undersea cable for Palau.

The project is a practical demonstration of the G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment – including the promotion of socially inclusive, resilient, and environmentally friendly infrastructure – and provides a foundation for expanding the development impact of telecommunications for the Pacific.

"You now have a big role to play serving not only one but 24 members across the region where dialogue on key development, knowledge-sharing and networking is important," Barry said.

PIANGO has its origins in the growing movement towards increased networking among Pacific Island NGOs which began in the late 1970s. The first PIANGO Council was held in August 1991 in Pago Pago, American Samoa and was attended by more than 60 NGO delegates from 22 Pacific countries. The idea of forming an NGO network

to facilitate regional programs and action received unanimous support for the formal establishment of PIANGO. Since then, PIANGO has taken significant steps to establish itself as an effective support organisation to NGOs throughout the Pacific. Activities in past years have come under the following programme areas; Information Sharing, Capacity Building, Strengthening Key Relationships, and Ensuring Quality Performance.

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