



**DATE: 10 May 2018, 08:30 – 12:30 am**  
**VENUE: Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva, Fiji**

## Background

Innovation is needed in all spheres of agricultural and related economic activities; from farm to table, as well as the enabling policy and regulatory framework, access to and use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and insurance, finance and business services. The regional forum, from 7 - 10 May 2018 in Suva, Fiji has been convened to address the key innovations and critical success factors needed to pave the way forward for value chain and agri-enterprise development for improved food and nutrition outcomes, livelihoods, incomes and sustainable resource management. Multi-stakeholder consultations were held to build consensus on the way forward. The results of the deliberations will be validate during the Official Closing Ceremony. 80% of the Pacific population depend on agriculture. Urgent actions is needed.

## Expected outputs

- Shared understanding of the constraints and opportunities for upscaling local food crops and fisheries value chains at national and regional level;
- Good practices, innovations and critical success factors with high learning potential and relevance at national and regional level endorsed;
- Agreement and commitment reached among stakeholders on key actions and draft national and regional roadmaps for upgrading priority local value chains.



### Key Note Speaker

Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service & Communications (tbc)

## Official Closing Ceremony

- 08:30 – 09:00** Welcome coffee/tea
- 09:00 – 10:30** **Chairperson** – Alisi Tuqa, Acting Chief Executive Officer, PIPSO, Fiji
- Remarks:**  
Michael Hailu, Director, CTA  
Howard Politini, Chair PIPSO
- Catalyst Speaker** – Myriam Malao, President, Vanuatu Market Vendors Association, Vanuatu
- Panel Discussion - The Way Forward for Value Chain and Agribusiness Development in the Pacific – View from Key Stakeholders**
- Ione deBrum, Honorable Mayor of Ebon Atoll, Republic of Marshall the Islands
  - Lavinia Kaumaitotoya, Project Manager, Pacific Island Farmers Organisation Network (PIFON), Fiji
  - Kaboua John, Young Farmer & Entrepreneur, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development, Kiribati
  - Votausi Mackensie-Reur, Managing Director, Lapita Café Limited, Vanuatu
- Keynote Address:** *Enabling Innovation in Pacific Agri-Value Chains – The Way Forward* - Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Attorney- General and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service & Communications
- 10:30 – 11:00** **Coffee/Tea Break**
- 11:00 – 11:50** **Chairperson** – Sakiusa Tubuna, Regional Coordinator, International Fund for Agricultural Development, Fiji
- Collective Priority Actions for Value Chain and Agribusiness Development in the Pacific – Key Elements and The Next Steps**
- Finance & Business - Tukana Bovero, Finance and Agri-Business Consultant, Fiji
  - Climate Resilience & Agricultural Risk Insurance - Simon Cole, Chairman, Fiji Crop and Livestock Council, Fiji
  - Agriculture-Nutrition-Income - Judith Ann Francis, Senior Programme Coordinator, Science & Technology Policy, CTA, The Netherlands
  - ICT4Ag Innovations & Launch of Pacific Agrihack Lab - Bibhya Nand Sharma, Associate Professor, University of the South Pacific, Fiji
- Q&A**
- 11:50 – 12:00** **Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks** – Judith Ann Francis, Senior Programme Coordinator, Science and Technology Policy, CTA & Project Leader, Promoting Nutritious Food Systems in the Pacific Island States
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Lunch break**
- 13:00** **Depart on Field Trip**  
Kaiming's Crystalline Ginger Processing Factory, Navua  
Bens Trading Export Facility, Navua  
Agricultural Marketing Authority Packhouse, Nausori