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# FIJI-AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIA-FIJI BUSINESS COUNCILS JOINT FORUM: VUVALE - THE NEW PARADIGM

INTERCONTINENTAL FIJI GOLF RESORT & SPA, NATADOLA, FIJI | 1 - 3 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Fiji Australia Business Council and the Australia Fiji Business Council are pleased to announce their 2022 Joint Business Forum to be held at the Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa, Natadola, Fiji, on September 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. The Forum theme is “Vuvale - The New Paradigm”. **You are invited to register and attend.**

Fijian Prime Minister Bainimarama and Australian Prime Minister Albanese are invited to speak to the Forum. Due to COVID this normally annual bilateral business meeting between Fijian and Australian business and government is the first such Forum since 2019. Participants enjoy the unparalleled opportunity to network with senior Fijian and Australian based policy makers and senior business people plus learn about business challenges and opportunities in bilateral trade from outstanding presenters.

The program includes speeches by senior members of both governments, industry and investment experts, with special focus on the prevailing Fijian / Australian bilateral business and economic environment.

The planned outcomes of the Forum are for delegates to improve their understanding of the opportunities and challenges of business between the countries and to enhance the bilateral business and investment relationship between both countries. It is anticipated that both governments will improve their understanding of the issues which businesses in each country face and what they could do to improve bilateral trade in goods and services.

Fiji offers a range of opportunities for Australian businesses, for example in Business Process Outsourcing, building and construction, agribusiness, capital works / infrastructure including roads and bridges, power, water and sewerage, ports and airports, food and beverage and ICT products and services including back office and remote services.

The provisional program and booking forms are attached. Register early for this conference as space is limited and demand is heavy. Please note all rooms at the Intercontinental, outside of our 100 room booking block, are near to sold out so room bookings are crucial to be done as soon as possible in order to secure your room and rooms not taken by July 20 may be handed back to the resort for general sales. **There are presently (as at June 17<sup>th</sup>) 100 rooms available to FABC registrants at this special rate.** These will go quickly. Once these rooms are taken Forum registrants will need to make their own arrangements at prevailing rates at other resorts.

There are still opportunities for sponsorship of two sessions at the conference. Please contact Mr Himen Chandra, Conference Chairperson, on telephone [+679 992 3259](tel:+6799923259) or by e-mail [himen@comforthomefurnishing.com](mailto:himen@comforthomefurnishing.com) to discuss your interest.

Enquiries about the event can be directed to our event managers at The Greenhouse Studio:

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## HOW TO REGISTER TO ATTEND THE FORUM

You can either [CLICK HERE to fill up the form online](#) OR

You can fill in the form on page 4 and return the form to [events@greenhousefiji.com](mailto:events@greenhousefiji.com)

## PROGRAM (Provisional)

Note: This is an invited speaker program and some speakers are still to be confirmed at the time of publication.

### 1 September 2022 Thursday

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| 3:00 - 8:00 PM | Registration Desk open at hotel lobby   |
| 6:00 PM        | Welcome Reception and Dinner and “table top” exhibition of goods and services |

### 2 September 2022 Friday

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| 7:30 AM | Registration Desk open at Conference Centre. (All day espresso and other beverages bar sponsored by VaiWai Natural Artesian Water) |
| 8:30 AM | Welcome by FABC President, Warwick Pleass  |
| 8:40 AM | Remarks by AFBC President, Allison Haworth-West  |

### SESSION 1 Vuvale, What Is It Really?

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| 9:00 AM  | Paul Wilson, Charge D'affairs (Australian Perspective)                        |
| 9:30 AM  | Yogesh Karan, Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office (Fiji Perspective) |
| 10:00 AM | Morning Refreshments  |
| 10:30 AM | Clinton Pobke, Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade              |
| 11:00 AM | Senior Economist  |
| 11:30 AM | Q & A Full Panel  |

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### 2 September 2022 Friday (Continued from previous page)

#### SESSION 2 Fiji Economy and Business

12:00 PM	Arrif Ali, Governor, Reserve Bank of Fiji
12:30 PM	Saud Minam, CEO, Fiji Development Bank
1:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK
2:00 PM	Telstra
2:30 PM	Viliame Vodonaivalu, CEO, Fiji National Provident Fund

#### SESSION 3 Business Opportunities in Sport

3:00 PM	Atma Maharaj, Brisbane Olympics Sports Consultant
3:30 PM	Brian Thorburn, Fiji Drua

#### SESSION 4 Next Generation Green Investing

4:00 PM	Katerina Syngellakis, Pacific Regional Advisor, Global Green Growth Institute
4:20 PM	Pene Baleinabula, Ministry of Forestry
4:40 PM	Karen Mapusua, Director, Land Resources Division, The Pacific Community
5:00 PM	FABC AGM
6:00 PM	Pre-dinner drinks
7:00 PM	Forum Dinner - After Dinner Speaker

### 3 September 2022 Saturday

7:30 AM	Registration Desk open at Conference Centre. (Half day espresso and other beverages bar sponsored by Comfort Home Furnishing)
8:30 AM	Welcome to Day 2 with a recap of Day 1 by FABC President, Warwick Pleass

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### 3 September 2022 Saturday (Continued from previous page)

8:40 AM	TBC
9:00 AM	TBC
9:20 AM	Group Photo (Please wear your official bula shirt/blouse to the Forum)
9:30 AM	Morning Refreshments
<b>SESSION 5</b>	<b>Opportunities in Bilateral Trade</b>
10:00 AM	Andrew Ozga, Partner, Ernst & Young
10:30 AM	Craig Kirkland, Director Digital Technology, Mastercard
11:00 AM	Kamal Chetty, CEO, Investment Fiji
11:30 AM	Panel Discussion Wrap-up
12:00 PM	Emcee Wrap-up of the Forum
12:20 PM	Invitation from AFBC President Allison Haworth-West to the AFBC Forum
12:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK

# DELEGATE BOOKING FORM

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TO REGISTER, please complete and return this booking form for each delegate to [events@greenhousefiji.com](mailto:events@greenhousefiji.com) along with your cheque or confirmation of your payment OR directly [fill in this online registration form by clicking here](#). Bookings will be accepted subject to space availability and payment of registration fee. Registrations will be acknowledged within 7 days from receipt.

**DELEGATE BOOKING FEES DO NOT INCLUDE ACCOMMODATION WHICH MUST BE BOOKED AND PAID DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL. REFER SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS**

TIN: 60-01278-0-6

## DELEGATE DETAILS

Membership: FABC AFBC Non-member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State & Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt size (Male) \_\_\_\_\_ Over 6XL pls specify: \_\_\_\_\_ Blouse size (Female) \_\_\_\_\_ Over 24 pls specify: \_\_\_\_\_

## DELEGATE BOOKING FEE (FJD VAT Inclusive)

	Early Bird Rate (until July 9)		Full Rate (Jul 9 to Aug 6)		Late Rate (From Aug 7 to Aug 25)	
	Delegate	Partner	Delegate	Partner	Delegate	Partner
FABC/AFBC MEMBER	750	650	850	750	950	850
Non-Member	850	750	950	850	1050	950

Payment of Delegate Booking Fee entitles the delegate to attend the Welcome Dinner (including drinks) on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September, all conference plenary sessions, 2 refreshment breaks and lunch, the Forum Dinner (including pre-dinner drinks) on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Morning refreshment break and lunch on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Payment of partner booking fee entitles the partner to attend all of the same events as the Delegate.

## GOLF - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (THE URWIN GAVIDI TROPHY)

Golf may be an optional activity on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please indicate your interest in the event and the organizer will contact you separately.

YES NO

Number of potential players: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT SUMMARY Note: All costs are FJD VAT Inclusive.

Delegate Booking Fee		Please tick to indicate intended attendance to networking functions below.
Spouse Booking Fee		
Plus financial fees if applicable (3.5% credit card or \$15 o/seas transfer)		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September - Welcome Reception and Dinner	Included	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September - Forum Dinner (including pre-dinner drinks)	Included	
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	<b>FJD</b>	

## PAYMENT METHOD (A receipt will be sent to you on the email provided once payment is processed.)

Credit card Visa Mastercard Card no. \_\_\_\_\_ Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVV: **Please send your CVV on Whatsapp or Viber to +679 9084464 or +679 7888400** Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### From Fiji a cheque payable to Fiji Australia Business Council (in Fijian dollars)

Direct deposit to Fiji Australia Business Council: Westpac Banking Corporation, Thomson St, Suva.

Account: 21627200 BSB: 039-001 Swift Code: WPACFJFX. Please include delegate name and company on deposit documents to match againsts registration form. (Please add FJD15.00 to cover International bank fees if transferring from outside Fiji). Rate is applied at date payment is received with booking.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** 50% of registration fee refundable for cancellation by Aug 8, 2022, 20% by Aug 15 2022, nil after Aug 2022. Substitution permitted any time.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Contact the hotel reservations on [+679 673 3300](tel:+6796733300) OR email the attached accommodation form to access the special Forum room rate. After blocked rooms taken, best available rate applies at time of booking.