

**2015 Meeting of the Pacific Legislative Drafters' Technical Forum**  
Samoa Conference Centre, Apia, Samoa  
29 September – 2 October 2015

*The overall objective of the Drafters' Forum is to improve Forum Island Countries' ready access to high quality legislative drafting services, and in turn strengthen the rule of law in the Pacific region.*

**AGENDA**

**Part One: Discussion of institutional and technical legislative development and drafting issues**

- Session one – country reports: (a) report on institutional developments, including training undertaken and legislation drafted; and (b) report of and discussion with the group on one or two specific technical legislative drafting issues/challenges and discuss solutions.
- Session two – discussion, with the input of expert legislative drafters in the Pacific, of legislative drafting techniques and best practices for addressing technical legislative drafting issues.
- Session three – regional action plan and meeting outcomes.

<b>Tuesday 29 September 2015</b>	
8:30 – 9:00am	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 – 9:30am	<b>Opening</b>  Prayer – <i>Pastor Ma'anaima Aloalii</i>  Keynote address – <i>Honourable Fonotoe Pierre Lauofo, Acting Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister</i>
9:30 – 10:00am	<i>Photo session and tea break</i>
10:00 – 10:30am	<b>Housekeeping matters</b>  <b>Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2014 meeting outcomes</li> <li>• 2015 meeting objectives</li> <li>• Expected outcomes</li> </ul>
10:30 – 12:30pm	<b>Session One: Country reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australia</li> <li>• Cook Islands</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fiji</li> <li>• Kiribati</li> <li>• Nauru</li> <li>• New Zealand</li> </ul> <p>Facilitator: Aumua Ming Leung Wai, Attorney-General, Samoa</p>
12:30 – 1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 – 3:00pm	<p>(Session One continues)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palau</li> <li>• Papua New Guinea</li> <li>• Republic of Marshall Islands</li> <li>• Solomon Islands</li> </ul> <p>Facilitator: Mr Natan Brechtefeld, Attorney-General, Republic of the Marshall Islands</p>
3:00 – 3:30pm	<i>Afternoon tea break</i>
3:30 – 5:00pm	<p>(Session One continues)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tonga</li> <li>• Tuvalu</li> <li>• Vanuatu</li> <li>• Samoa</li> </ul> <p>Facilitator: Mr Johnny Bogombari, Second Legislative Counsel, Office of the Legislative Counsel, Department of Prime Minister and NEC, Papua New Guinea</p>
5:30 – 7:30pm	<b>Opening cocktail function hosted by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat</b>
<b>Wednesday 30 September 2015</b>	
9:00 – 10:30am	<p><b>Session Two: Techniques and best practices for addressing technical drafting issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Rupeni Nawaqakuta, Legislative Drafting Advisor, Attorney General’s Office, Samoa</li> <li>• Ms Fiona Leonard, Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel, Parliamentary Counsel Office, New Zealand</li> </ul> <p>Facilitator: Ms Loretta Teueli, Chief Legislative Drafter, Samoa</p>
10:30 – 11:00am	<i>Morning tea break</i>

11:00 – 12:30pm	<p>(Session Two continues)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Johnny Bogombari, Second Legislative Counsel, Office of the Legislative Counsel, Department of Prime Minister and NEC, Papua New Guinea</li> <li>• Teleiai Dr. Lalotoa S. Mulitalo, Parliamentary Counsel, Parliament of Samoa</li> </ul> <p>Facilitator: Ms Fiona Leonard, Deputy Chief Parliamentary Counsel, Parliamentary Counsel Office, New Zealand</p>
12:30 – 1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 – 3:00pm	<p>(Session Two continues)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Luke Muffett, Legal Officer, Pacific Crime and Policing Section, International Crime Cooperation Division, Australian Government Attorney-General's Department</li> <li>• Mr Yoli Tom'tavala, Economic Development Division, Secretariat of the Pacific Community</li> <li>• Ms Nola Faasau, Legislative Drafting Office, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat</li> </ul> <p>Facilitator: Mr Rupeni Nawaqakuta, Legislative Drafting Adviser, Samoa</p>
3:00 – 3:30pm	<i>Afternoon tea break</i>
3:30 – 5:00pm	<p><b>Session Three: Regional action plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-depth group discussion on issues/challenges and solutions – each country to identify goals to achieve and report at the next annual Drafter's Forum</li> <li>• Group reports</li> <li>• Regional action plan and draft meeting outcomes</li> </ul>

**Part Two: Interactive training on the legislative implementation of the  
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

The objective of this part is to develop participants' skills and experience in relation to the legislative implementation of an international human rights treaty – the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

<b>Thursday 1 October 2015</b>	
9:00 – 9:10am	Overview of the training  Why the need for CRPD compliant legislation?
9:10 – 9:40am	Country updates on law reforms relating to disability rights
9:40 – 10:30am	CRPD – General Overview
10:30 – 10:45am	<i>Morning tea break</i>
10:45 – 11:30am	Module One: Articles 5 – 9 (equality and non-discrimination, women with disabilities, children with disabilities, awareness-raising, accessibility)
11:30 – 12:30pm	Drafting Exercise One
12:30 – 1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 – 2:15pm	Module Two: Articles 10 – 16 (right to life, situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies, equal recognition before the law, access to justice, liberty and security of person, freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, and freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse)
2:15 – 3:15pm	Drafting Exercise Two
3:15 – 3:30pm	<i>Afternoon tea break</i>
3:30 – 4:15pm	Module Three: Articles 17 – 23 (protecting the integrity of the person, liberty of movement and nationality, living independently and being included in the community, personal mobility, freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information, respect for privacy, and respect for home and the family)
4:15 – 5:15pm	Drafting Exercise Three
<b>Friday 2 October 2015</b>	
9:00 – 9:45am	Module Four: Articles 24 – 30 (education, health, habilitation and rehabilitation, work and employment, adequate standard of living and social protection, participation in political and public life, participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport)

9:45 – 10:45am	Drafting Exercise Four
10:45 – 11:00am	<i>Morning tea break</i>
11:00 – 11:45am	Module Five: Article 33 (National implementation and monitoring)
11:45 – 12:30pm	Drafting Exercise Five
12:30 – 1:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 – 2:30pm	<p>Pacific experiences in developing CRPD compliant legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Republic of the Marshall Islands</li> <li>• Nauru</li> <li>• Samoa</li> <li>• UNESCAP/PIFS</li> <li>• PDF</li> </ul>
2:30 – 3:30pm	<p>Interactive discussion of ways forward for advancing legislative compliance of the CRPD in the region</p> <p>Evaluation</p>
3:30 – 4pm	<i>Afternoon tea break</i>
4:00 – 4:30pm	Consolidated meeting outcomes and awarding of certificates

7:00pm	<b>End of meeting function hosted by the Government of Samoa Office of the Attorney-General</b>
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