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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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TIME	DOCU MENT No.	AGENDA ITEM	AUTHOR/PRESENTER
DAY 1: MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER			
8:30 am		Registration	Mrs. Sandra Gianini <i>Finance and Administration Officer</i> Pacific Community
9:00 am		Opening Prayer	Mr. Epeli Waqavonovono <i>Director, SDD,</i> Pacific Community
9:05 am		Welcome, introductions and review of the agenda	Mr. Vince Galvin <i>Chief Methodologist</i> Statistics New Zealand
9:20 am	NA	Confirmation of PSMB's Deputy Chair	Mr. Vince Galvin
9:30 am	Pres. 1	<p><u>Topic:</u> Approaches to monetary poverty measurement. <u>Purpose:</u> To present draft guidelines for monetary poverty measurement, which is used for reporting against SDG 1.1.1 and 1.2.1 (international and national monetary poverty, respectively), and to discuss similar/alternative approaches implemented in the Pacific region and their differences. <u>Expected Outcome:</u> Recommendation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach to monetary poverty measurement; and • Authors and timeline for the development of guidelines/training material for monetary poverty measurement in the Pacific region. 	Ms. Kristen Himelein <i>Senior Economist / Statistician</i> World Bank
10:30 am		Morning tea and photo	
11:00 am	Pres. 1	<i>Continuation of previous session</i>	
12:00 pm		Lunch	
1:00 pm	Pres. 2	<p><u>Topic:</u> Approaches to multidimensional poverty measurement. <u>Purpose:</u> To discuss different approaches to multidimensional poverty measurement, which is used for reporting against SDG 1.1.1 and 1.2.2, and to discuss similar/alternative approaches implemented in the Pacific region and their differences. <u>Expected Outcome:</u> Recommendation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach to multidimensional poverty measurement; and • Authors and timeline for the development of guidelines/training material for multidimensional poverty measurement in the Pacific region. 	Dr. Viliami Fifita <i>Government Statistician</i> Government of Tonga
3:00 pm		Afternoon Tea	
3:30 pm	Pres. 3	<p><u>Topic:</u> IDA project - Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in Pacific Islands (SICB-PI). <u>Purpose:</u> To present the project and to agree on PSMB's role in guiding statistical development and innovation. <u>Expected Outcome:</u> Recommendation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDA project becoming a standing agenda item; • PSMB's role in guiding the project; and 	Mr. Michael Sharp <i>Economic Statistics & Microdata Specialist</i> Pacific Community

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modality for PSMB to prioritise statistical development and innovation activities. 	
4:30 pm	Pres. 4 / Paper 1	<p><u>Topic:</u> Donor and Development Partner Group paper – Establishing the Pacific Statistical Collections Financing Facility to Resource Core Statistical Collections in the Pacific Region, 2019 to 2023.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To present the above referred paper to PSMB and to discuss resource mobilisation strategies.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome:</u> Recommendation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy for resource mobilisation; and Way forward. 	<p>Mr. Michael Sharp</p> <p>Mr. Stanley Gwavuya <i>Social Protection Specialist</i> UNICEF</p> <p>Ms. Sandra Paredes <i>Population and Development Adviser</i> UNFPA</p>
5:00 pm		Close	

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER			
8:30 am		Registration	Mrs. Sandra Gianini
8:55 am		Opening Prayer	Mr. Epeli Waqavonovono
9:00 am	Pres. 5 / Instrument	<p><u>Topic:</u> Pacific Population and Housing Census framework.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To present the: i) schedule of census; ii) recommended approach to the conduct of census in the Pacific region; and iii) to present the Pacific standardised instrument.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome:</u> Recommendation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The framework for conduct of census in the Pacific region; and The regionally standardised census instrument. 	<p>Ms. Sandra Paredes</p> <p>Mr. Michael Sharp</p>
10:00 am		Morning Tea	
10:30 am	Pres. 6	<p><u>Topic:</u> The future of census in the Pacific region.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To discuss: i) Lessons learned from Australia's 2016 census; ii) Lessons learned from New Zealand's 2018 census; and iii) future of census in the Pacific region and areas for development / research.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome:</u> Discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lesson's learned from Australia and New Zealand; and Areas for future development of the Pacific census. 	<p>Mr. Ipia Gadabu <i>Government Statistician</i> Government of Nauru</p> <p>Mr. Bruce Fraser <i>Director</i> ABS</p> <p>Mr. Vince Galvin</p>
11.30 am	Pres. 7 / Instrument	<p><u>Topic:</u> Review of the recently developed short Labour Force Module for inclusion in census in the Pacific region.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To review: i) Above referred LF module; and ii) identify appropriateness for inclusion as a core module in all censuses conducted in the Pacific region.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome:</u> Recommendation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriateness for inclusion of the recently developed short Labour Force Module in census in the Pacific region. 	Mr. Michael Sharp <i>On behalf of ILO</i>
12:00 noon		Lunch	
1:00 pm	Guidelines	<u>Topic:</u> Sampling Guidelines.	Mr. Bruce Fraser

		<p><u>Purpose:</u> To update the Board on the status of the sampling guidelines and the way-forward for finalising the guidelines.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome:</u> For information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status and way-forward for finalising the guidelines. 	
1:30 pm	Pres. 8	<p><u>Topic:</u> 2020 statistical development workshop.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To discuss the subject and content of, and lead agency for, the planned workshop.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome:</u> For agreement on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities for statistical development; • Subject and content; and • Lead agency. 	Dr. Ofa Ketuu <i>Programme Manager</i> Statistics New Zealand
2:00 pm	Pres. 9 / Paper 2	<p><u>Topic:</u> Dissemination of the results and PSMB recommendation for the RMI HIES Experiment.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To discuss and agree on the dissemination and communication strategy for the results and recommendation of the RMI HIES Experiment.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome:</u> For agreement on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination and communication strategy. 	Mr. Michael Sharp
2:30 pm	Pres. 10	<p><u>Topic:</u> Update on MICS programme.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To discuss the implementation of the MICS programme in the Pacific region.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome:</u> For information only.</p>	Mr. Stanley Gwavuya
3:00 pm		Afternoon Tea	
3:30 pm		<p><u>Topic:</u> Report to PSSC.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To discuss content of report to PSSC.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome:</u> Agree on content of report to PSSC.</p>	Mr. Vince Galvin
4:00 pm		<p><u>Topic:</u> Discussion on issues raised in previous PSMB.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To discuss: i) census and survey release schedule; ii) microdata governance; iii) other.</p> <p><u>Expected Outcome:</u> Guide topics at next PSMB.</p>	Mr. Vince Galvin
4:30 pm		<p><u>Administrative Matters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up action from previous PSMB meeting; • Date and agenda of PSMB meeting in April 2020; • Any other business; and • Review of PSMB meeting minutes. 	Mr. Vince Galvin
5:00 pm		Closing Remarks	Mr. Vince Galvin