

# Pohnpei Legislature serves articles of impeachment of Governor John Ehsa

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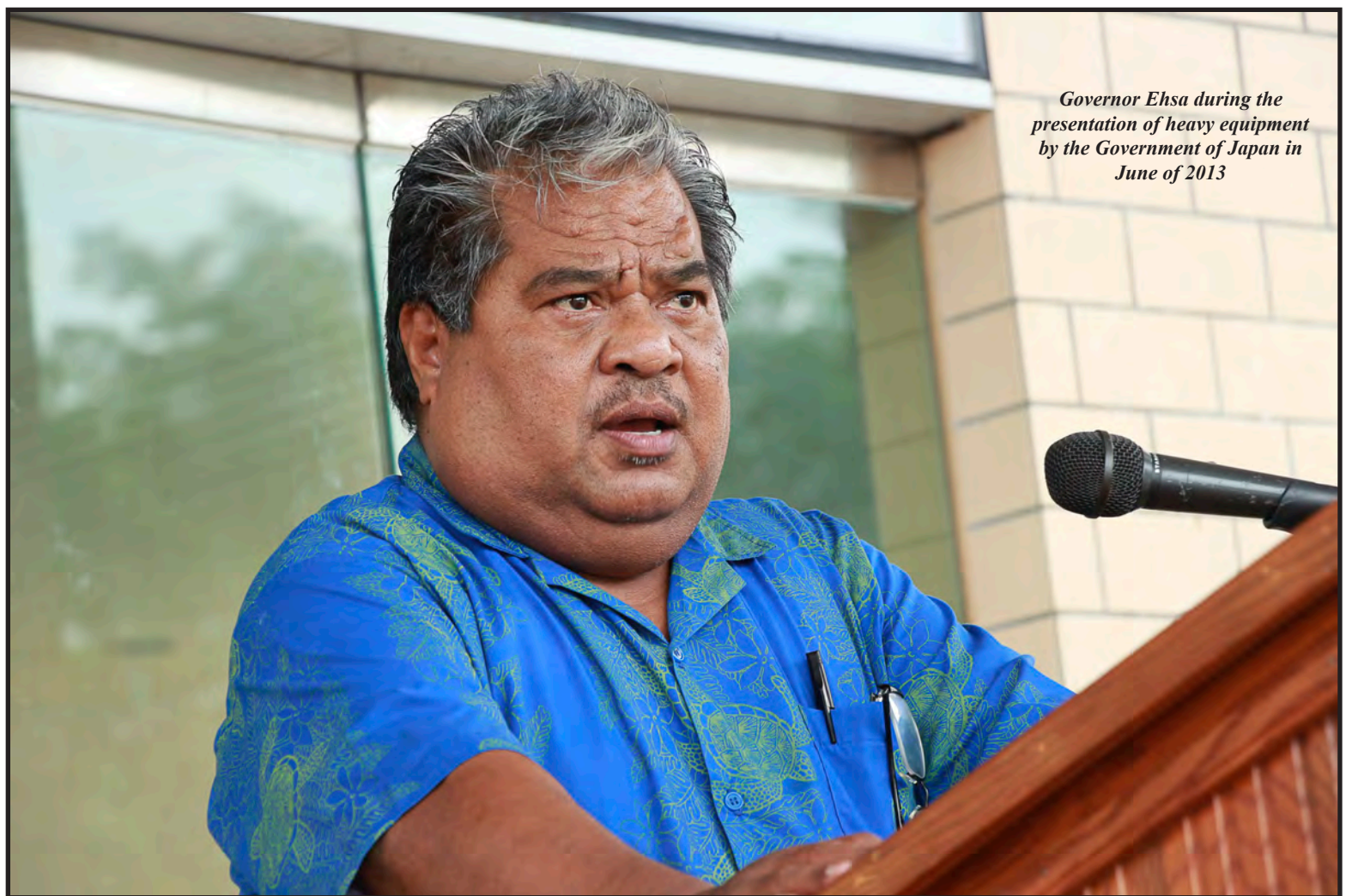
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*Governor Ehsa during the presentation of heavy equipment by the Government of Japan in June of 2013*

By Bill Jaynes  
*The Kaselehlie Press*

**June 17, 2015**

**Pohnpei, FSM**—On June 16, 2015, the 19 present members during a marathon session of the Pohnpei State Legislature voted to impeach Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa. The finalized official notice of impeachment was served on the Governor today.

It was expected that in compliance with the Pohnpei Constitution, Governor Ehsa would be relieved of his duties with pay pending judgment after the notice of impeachment was officially served by the the Legislature. Also it was expected that Lt. Governor Marcello Peterson would serve as Governor in an acting capacity until

a judgment is delivered. But Governor Ehsa did not leave office after the impeachment notice was served on him which has led to speculation. One source says that the law is not explicitly clear on what entity should serve the official notice of impeachment and that the Governor may be waiting for notice to come from the Constitutionally mandated tribunal rather than the Legislature.

The Constitution says that the next step is for the Pohnpei Supreme Court Chief Justice to convene a tribunal of three justices. The tribunal will appoint a special prosecutor subject to the advice and consent of a majority of the Pohnpei State Legislature. A conviction of impeachment shall require the vote of two-thirds of the members of the tribunal.

A proposed resolution to impeach the Governor was introduced

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# FSM still ranks near the bottom in World Bank “Ease of Doing Business” Report

125th worldwide in 2014 to 30th this year.

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

June 15, 2015

**Pohnpei, FSM**—Once again the World Bank has ranked FSM at 145th of 189 jurisdictions reviewed worldwide for their “ease of doing business”. The ranking is just behind Gabon and before Mali. The same report ranked Palau at 113 and the Marshall Islands at 139.

Doing Business measures regulations affecting 11 areas of the life of a business. Ten of these areas are included in this year’s ranking on the ease of doing business: starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency. Doing Business also measures labor market regulation, which is not included in this year’s ranking.

FSM’s ranking in terms of the ease of getting electricity rose remarkably from

The FSM’s ranking in every other category either remained unchanged or fell from 2014 levels.

In the category of “Starting a Business” FSM ranked 151 this year, down from 148 last year. It ranked quite high at 37th on “Dealing With Construction Permits”. That ranking is unchanged from last year. FSM ranked dead last in the category of “Registering Property” as it did last year, likely because it is extremely difficult to transfer land titles and not possible at all for foreigners in the FSM. It ranked 61st in “Getting Credit” down from 55th last year. At 186th it was third from last place in terms of “Protecting Minority Investors”, down from 185th last year. It was at 114th place on “Paying Taxes”, down from 111 last year. It was 106th on “Trading Across Borders”, down from 105th last year. There was no change in the ranking for “Enforcing Contracts”. That ranking was still a very low 162nd. It was ranked 118th on “Resolving Insolvency”, down from 113th last year.

# U.S. Department of Interior visitor on Pohnpei

The Honorable Esther P. Kia’aina, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas, U.S. Department of the Interior, met with representatives of the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) and with officers of the Pohnpei Women Advisory Council (PWAC) at the Island Food office on June 9, 2015. U.S. Ambassador Doria Rosen and other staff also attended.

Ms. Kia’aina spoke about the work of the U.S. Department of the Interior in the Pacific. She said she feels a personal connection to Pohnpei as she recently learned that her grandfather had been a missionary to Pohnpei from Hawaii in the 1800s.



# President Christian receives Esther P. Kia’aina, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas

FSM Information Services

June 17, 2015

**Palikir, Pohnpei**—In a courtesy call held in the morning of Tuesday June 9th, His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President of the FSM, received Assistant Secretary Esther Kia’aina of the Department of Interior on the occasion of her first official visit to the Federated States of Micronesia since her appointment to the post of Assistant Secretary.

The occasion provided an opportunity to affirm personal and professional acquaintances, and also for exchanges and discussions on important issues and common interests; specifically, as it relates to the role of the Department of Interior in Compact management and implementation.

President Christian confirmed that Assistant Secretary Kia’aina’s visit to the FSM was very timely given the renewed interest of the country to accelerate progress towards strengthened and effective infrastructure development. The President expressed his concern on how much time and effort has been devoted to process, with little movement in obtaining tangible results. As was the general and mutual understanding among negotiators of the Amended Compact, he went further to describe that flexibility and periodic review was, and still is, the key to successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the Compact. For the FSM, the goals and objectives have always been economic improvement, and growth through infrastructure project development; creating an environment conducive to

employment opportunities, active private sector participation, and improved public service delivery to FSM citizens. For the US, it was for continued military and security defense rights over the region.

Last, but not the least, the President acknowledged and recognized possible FSM contributions to the reduced pace of implementation. Towards this end, the President affirmed the need for both parties to work together and to move forward in the collective and collaborative spirit of a good-faith partnership that has always been the foundation of the FSM – U.S. relationship. The President affirmed his commitment towards this effort.

In response, the Assistant Secretary conveyed sentiments of appreciation for the welcome to the FSM, and described the introductory nature of her visit. Among others, she highlighted some initiatives in current contemplation and implementation by her office that are aimed towards providing better services to citizens of the FSM living in the United States. She made specific reference to medical health services, a “one stop shop” service for FSM citizens arriving in the U.S., and a concerted effort to revitalize U.S. Government Inter-Agency cooperation in recognizing, and assisting citizens of the Freely Associated States (FAS). Assistant Secretary Kia’aina confirmed her interest to work together, and displayed a proactive desire to work towards this end.



FSM President Peter Christian with Assistant Secretary Esther Kia’aina of the US Department of the Interior and US Ambassador Doria Rosen

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# USNS Millinocket to visit Micronesia for Pacific Partnership

By Task Force Forager Public Affairs

June 15, 2015– The Military Sealift Command joint high speed vessel USNS Millinocket (JHSV 3) will arrive in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, June 21 for the ship’s second stop of Pacific Partnership 2015.

Millinocket and embarked Task Force Forager, led by an expeditionary command element from the Navy’s 30th Naval Construction Regiment (30 NCR) from Port Hueneme, California, are currently serving as the secondary platform for Pacific Partnership 2015. The primary platform for the mission is the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19).

“My crew and I are incredibly excited for our visit to the Federated States of Micronesia”, said Capt. James Meyer, Commodore, Task Force Forager. “We look forward to meeting with the national and local leaders as well as all the people of FSM. Military and civilian leaders all agree about the necessity of working together to respond quickly and effectively to natural disasters. This mission helps build that ability while simultaneously providing medical, dental, veterinarian, engineering and civic assistance.”

Meyer added, “This mission is also about the exchange of ideas. Unlike previous missions that focused on direct care, PP15 will focus on knowledge exchange and all direct care will be shoulder-to-shoulder with the host nation. The intent is to impart knowledge and skills that will last well after the mission is over.”

Now in its tenth iteration, Pacific Partnership is the largest annual multilateral humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region. While training for crisis conditions, Pacific

Partnership missions have provided medical care to approximately 270,000 patients and veterinary services to more than 38,000 animals. Additionally, the mission has provided critical infrastructure developments to host nations through the completion of more than 180 engineering projects.

Public tours of USNS Millinocket will be available on June 27 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., please RSVP through the U.S. Embassy 320-2187 or email shedek@state.gov.

Additional information on the Pacific Partnership mission is available on the U.S. Pacific Fleet Pacific Partnership website at www.cpf.navy.mil/pacific-partnership/2015/.



Army Sgt. Joshua Price from Army Music Hawaii plays the trumpet at a combined concert with the Kiribati Police Band June 10 during a Pacific Partnership visit to the Independent Republic of Kiribati. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Carla Burdt/Released)

# Speaker Simina meets with Assistant Secretary Kia’aina

Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

On June 9 2015, Assistant Secretary of Interior for Insular Areas Esther Kia’aina and her delegation which was comprised of US Ambassador Dorothea Rosen, Director of the Office of Insular Affairs Nicholas Pula, and staff members met with Speaker Wesley W. Simina as part of her visit to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Speaker Wesley W. Simina welcomed Kia’aina to the FSM, especially to the Congress and they exchanged views on issues of, and associated with, the Compact of Free Association.

Implementation of the compact funding was discussed at length, particularly the area of infrastructure. Speaker Simina shared with the Assistant Secretary that with the exception of the supplemental educational grant and COM funding, all sector funding under the Compact are with the state governments for appropriation and implementation. The Speaker further noted that in consultation with the Administration, the Congress would continue to explore ways to assist the state governments in their use of compact funding. Their discussions also touched on concerns surrounding the status and impact of citizens of the Freely Associated States currently residing in the United States and its territories.

Discussions also touched on the coordination of the federal grants to streamline its access and implementation.

The meeting concluded with Assistant Secretary Kia’aina commending the FSM’s progress on Climate Change, especially the legislative framework established by the Congress. She shared that the US government has allocated funding for Climate Change and encouraged the FSM to look into its applications.

# Peace Corps Micro 81 Group: Arrival in Pohnpei

Kolonia, Pohnpei --- A new group of Peace Corps Trainees, group M81, arrived in Pohnpei on Thursday June 4. The nineteen volunteers were excited to arrive and are ready to learn about serving in the FSM. They will serve for two years as Teaching English as Second Language (TESL) teachers in elementary schools across FSM and Palau. Their mission is to build capacity and transfer skills to local teachers and students. The M81 group will stay in Pohnpei for ten weeks for their Pre-Service Training (PST) in preparation for placement in their assigned schools. PST will be held at Pohnpei Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) in Madolenihmw, where the trainees will undergo intensive training sessions in TESL, language, cross-culture, medical, safety, and security to prepare themselves for working and living as Peace Corps Volunteers in FSM. In mid-August, they will be sworn-in and placed in their permanent sites.



The new Peace Corps Trainees ready for fun after arriving at the Pohnpei airport

# Senator Welly- Keynote Speaker

Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Senator Paliknoa K. Welly of the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia joined the graduation ceremonies for the Walung Elementary School on June 12, 2015 as the keynote Speaker.

Welly congratulated the graduates for reaching the first milestone in their young lives – completing elementary school. He explained that they will have many more milestones or goals in their lives for which education will be the foundation they need to successfully reach their milestones or goals.

Senator Welly shared with the graduates the various scholarship programs available when they complete their next milestone and he also shared with them those scholarship enabled through the Kosrae Congressional Delegation.

Among the officials that joined Senator Welly to offer words of congratulations and encouragement to the graduating students were: Chief Justice Aliksa B. Aliksa, Kosrae State Legislature member Senator Alokoa Sigrah and Director of the Department of Education Dr. Tulensru Waguk along with guests from both community and church. The underlying message conveyed to the graduates by all speakers is that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.”

The 2015 Walung Graduating Class of seven included: Valedictorian Mersina R. George; Salutatorian Arlyn A. George and their fellow graduates: Shru Benjamin, Sam Caleb, Mailani Jonathan, Megan Nena and Augustine Sanny.

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## IOM-Migrant Resource Center holds Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Training for local faith based organization

### The International Organization for Migration

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Migrant Resource Center (MRC) held an Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Training for 20 members of a local faith based organization, Every Home for Christ Fellowship, and students from the College of Micronesia at the Migrant Resource Center in Kolonia, Pohnpei on June 4.

The training objective is to raise awareness on risks, elements, signs, prevention, and prosecution of human trafficking, including victim protection and procedures for reporting it to law enforcement.

According to Kolden Manuel of Every Home for Christ Fellowship, the issue of human trafficking is new to the

islands and expressed gratitude to IOM for providing such training. "We never thought that human trafficking can affect small islands like the FSM, especially with strong customary and family ties", said Manuel. College student Jason Figir Sulog stated that this was his first training on anti-human trafficking and was pleased to learn about it and how to report it.

The Migrant Resource Center Pohnpei, since its inception in March 2013, has provided pre-departure cultural orientation training to over 420 US-bound migrants and anti-human trafficking awareness raising to about 7,000 trainees, including high school students across the nation, government officials, law enforcement officers, members of the civil society, women, youth, NGOs and people living with disabilities.



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# FSM National Soccer Team to participate in Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea

What FSM national team has 18 members, has members from Chuuk, Yap and Pohnpei, has never trained together, but has been training for over 6 months to prepare for an international tournament? It's the FSM National Football (Soccer) team!!

There's a lot of excitement this week as the Federated States of Micronesia prepares to send its National Football (Soccer) team to the 2015 Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea in July. Final preparations before the Games will be made during the squad training camp in Guam over the next 2 weeks.

National Coach Stan Foster says the training camp is of enormous importance in the team's final preparations and that the generosity of the Guam Football Association has been incredible. "To date we have not been able to train together as a team because of the lack of resources and the distances between the island states. The 2 weeks in Guam means we have the opportunity to not only use great playing facilities but we also have the chance for lead up games against some of Guam's Premier League club teams.

The team is a young one with most players aged well under 23 years of age and it's the first time this team has played in an international tournament against FIFA ranked teams. It's a fantastic development opportunity and for preparation of these young men for future representation of their country."

It's been a novel approach by the FSM Football Association to ensure a truly representative FSM team. They have supported their National Coach in his decision to select young players from across the states even though the logistics of coaching were seemingly insurmountable due to distance and no money or sponsorship. President of the FSMFA Jeff Wuthel says he's been pleased to see that where there's a will there is certainly a way and the trial of 'coaching- from- afar' over the past 6 months has been a success. "It's a model that can be used by any sport so that when FSM sends national teams to competitions they have people from across all island states and can then be truly called a National Representative Team", Mr Wuthel said.

The commitment of these young players over many months and the level of skill they have attained has impressed the Coach - particularly since some of them are relatively new to the game and have never played at representative level before. When asked what he hoped for the team at the Pacific Games he responded, "Of course wins and medals are always the ultimate goal but showcasing the talent of these young FSM players on an international stage

and seeing them provide good competition to the opposing team is a reward in itself. I hope this experience will be something they will remember with pride for the rest of their lives."

If success is measured by commitment of coaches and players and overcoming challenges such as distance and lack of resources and equipment then this team is already a winner and we wish them all the best in their first game on 3 July when they face Fiji in what will surely be a tough game.

The FSM National Football Team Members are:

- Mikson Kuka
- Paulis Jeikek
- Scott Rudolf
- Roger Nalsom
- MacArthur James
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- Frenson Simeon
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- Walter Pong
- Benjamin Gilmoon
- Javin Kognang
- Curtis Clarke Assistant Coach
- Stan Foster FSM National Coach

The FSMFA would like to thank the FSM National Olympic Committee for funding for flights, Yap Sport Council for purchase of uniforms, Yafeth Konigs for training the Pohnpei players, and Curtis Graham for training the Chuuk players.

# ...Impeachment

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in February of 2013 but languished in committee until April 30, 2015. It was amended to strike a few words that no longer applied and also to strike one of the articles in its entirety. The initially proposed resolution for Impeachment listed 19 articles. The resolution that was passed on June 16 contained 25 articles.

Articles 19 through 25 of the articles of impeachment document are the most recent allegations having to do with his alleged actions during the week of March 16 through 23. The Legislature says that during that time the Governor took action at the Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation dock in Dekehtik, ignoring the legal advice of his Attorney General who had reminded him that the FSM Supreme Court had issued an injunction on tenant Luen Thai's behalf. He allegedly ordered officers of the Pohnpei State Department of Public Safety to lock up the premises in Dekehtik that Luen Thai had a contract with the Government to rent and operate.

The articles said that the Governor should have known that when he issued the directive to the Department of Public Safety not to allow National Police Officers onto the premises, he was putting DPS officers in harm's way.

The Governor's alleged actions are the subject of both civil and criminal proceedings at the FSM Supreme Court.

PSL says that the Governor's directives exposed Pohnpei employees to the same types of criminal charges that he is currently facing at the FSM Supreme Court.

The Attorney General's office withdrew as his counsel on the civil matter and cannot defend him on the criminal matter.

One of the Governor's last acts before he was to have been relieved of duty was to issue letters of termination to Pohnpei's Attorney General Judah Johnny and to Joseph Saimon, Administrator of the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture (OFA) both of whom have gone on record as opposing the Governor's actions at the PFC dock.

The letters were dated on the 16th but were not delivered until the next day. There remains a legal question of whether or not those termination notices have legal effect since they were delivered after the Legislature served the Articles of Impeachment on the Governor.

The other 18 articles in the impeachment resolution were previously proposed in early 2013.

The following is a recap of those articles that were published in The Kaselehlie Press in the March 11, 2013 issue.

Articles one through seven have to do with the Governor's implementation of funding for a school lunch program.

Articles eight through 12 relate to alleged diversion, or reprogramming of Compact funds in order to establish a World Park office and/or a World Park project.

Articles 13 through 15 have to do with the period of time when the Governor allegedly "took over control of PUC (Pohnpei Utilities Corporation)" and

assigned a "temporary General Manager without approval of the PUC board". PSL claims that the Governor's temporary General Manager then "...executed a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with EIG committing PUC funds without the approval of the PUC Board of Directors in violation of 34 PC 1-112 of the Pohnpei Code.

Articles 16 and 17 have to do with the Governor's handling of the Legislature's (PSL) rejection of his nominee for the position of Administrator of the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture (OFA). PSL rejected the nominee after which the Governor "caused said individual to be hired by the Executive Branch as a 'consultant' to OFA...at the exact same level of compensation as that set by law for a constitutionally appointed and seated Administrator of said Office." The articles say that no money was ever budgeted for such a position in the OFA budget.

PSL accuses that consultant and the Governor of conspiring "to take over much of the decision making responsibilities of the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture...In fact, the Governor did on December 12, 2012 summarily remove (the) Acting Administrator...when that Acting Administrator displayed reluctance to follow the incautious instructions of the Governor's 'consultant'."

PSL took further umbrage with the hiring of the "consultant" outside of the lines of the Public Service System which requires that the position be advertised and be equally reviewed from among the applicants. According to that legally mandated system, selection of candidates should be "based on merit rather than on political patronage, nepotism, or other forms of favoritism," the impeachment articles say. It goes on to say that there are certain exceptions but that none of them applied to the candidate, the Governor's first cousin.

Article 18 alleged that the Governor oversaw the issuance of a lease on January 16, 2013 of the government owned "PFC fish processing facilities" in Dekehtik to Miju Mulsan Co., Limited, a foreign company based in Seoul, Korea. Despite the "firm admonishment of the Legislature for the Governor and his administration to follow proper procedures under the authority of applicable law...the Governor has not taken the necessary steps to right the wrongs occasioned by this most unfortunate series of events," the resolution for impeachment says.

We searched on the Internet for Miju Mulsan Co., Limited but could find only scant information on the company with no details. Most of the information that was returned from our searches came from articles The Kaselehlie Press wrote based on FSM Supreme Court documents and PSL documents.

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Secretariat of the Pacific Community

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**Pohnpei, FSM**—Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is reviewing its disaster response in the wake of three typhoons that hit the country between April and May this year.

The review, which involves representatives from the four states of FSM and partners, including the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and the European Union, is part of the Second FSM Disaster Risk Management Platform being held in Yap State between 8 and 12 June, 2015.

In April this year, typhoon Maysak severely impacted Chuuk and the outer islands of Yap. This was followed by typhoon Noul, which hit the main island of Yap. Typhoon Dolphin caused heavy damage on Kosrae and Pohnpei in May.

The Second FSM Disaster Risk Management Platform is funded by the European Union, as part of the Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific Project, implemented by SPC.

The forum is being led by the respective state disaster coordinating officers, and assisted by staff of the Weather Service Office and Red Cross.

Representatives of women's associations and associations for persons with disabilities are also part of the programme, which aims to capture a holistic view of how the typhoons impacted particularly vulnerable groups.

The review seeks to understand the unique challenges faced by these groups during disasters, and to develop practical solutions that will be included in state work plans to address future disaster response.

The unique challenges faced by persons with disabilities during disasters include deaf people not hearing warning alerts, and blind people and the infirm who require assistance to respond to a rapidly developing emergency.

The outcome from the First FSM DRM platform, held in 2014, is also being discussed in order to assess the progress that has been made in disaster response by the four FSM states.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, which was adopted at the Third World Disaster Risk Reduction Platform in March this year, will be presented to the platform by the Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM).

National government departments, bilateral and donor partners and foreign embassies will present their respective programmes and projects, to enable the states to embrace assistance and support that is available to set priorities and enhance safety and resilience in the face of climate change and disasters.

Each state is expected to develop a disaster response work plan for the following 12 months.

The platform was opened yesterday (Monday 8 June) by the Yap State Governor, Hon. Tony Ganngiyan, with an opening address by the Director of SPC's North Pacific Regional Office, Gerald Zackios.

The ACP-EU Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific is a European Union-funded project (€19,367,000) implemented in partnership with SPC. Its objective is to reduce the vulnerability, as well as the social, economic and environmental costs of disasters caused by natural hazards, thereby achieving regional and national sustainable development and poverty reduction goals in 15 Pacific countries of the Africa Caribbean Pacific (ACP) group of states.

## FSM Congress Legal Counsel awarded Knighthood by Government of France

On June 10, 2015 at a ceremony at the French Senate in the presence of Vice Speaker Berney Martin and Senator Robson Romolow, Lam Dang, Chief Legal Counsel of the FSM Congress was awarded a decoration and made a Knight of the National Order of Merit of France. The award was presented for almost twenty years of work to improve relations between the FSM and France, especially the respective parliaments; engagement in the peaceful evolution of New Caledonia, and recognition for work in the environmental area, especially climate change.



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# Be Strong: FSM tells PNA

June 11, 2015

The host nation of the Parties to Nauru Agreement (PNA) Ministerial Meeting has called on Ministers to be strong when making decisions given the circumstances they make them and the stakeholders involved.

Opening the two day meeting, Federated States of Micronesia's President His Excellency Peter Christian said limited resources, diminishing aid and the overarching threat of climate change and sea level rise would become a strong tide against efforts to manage better ocean resources.

"In some instances our strength of characters will be tested by inappropriate generosity by unscrupulous players. I ask you to be strong," he said.

"You as Ministers for Fisheries are responsible custodians and managers of our tuna resources.

"I ask you to continue to be innovative and creative, be willfully strong and continue exploring ways in which to insure our most valuable asset can continue to be effectively useful now and for the future."

He said FSM being a founding member of the PNA were proud and still committed to the purpose for which PNA was formed.

Ministers from Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Nauru, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau and the Marshall Islands are meeting at the FSM's capital Pohnpei from June 11 to 12 to discuss and endorse a number of important issues.

"You have the assurances of the FSM Government of our unwavering support of our collective efforts to manage and control our tuna fisheries," he said.

Mr Christian said no doubt the Vessel Day Scheme, the centerpiece of PNA management of its skipjack tuna fishery, had transformed perceptions of the value of fisheries and has shifted the balance of power slightly ever more in our favour.

"The PNA has become price sellers rather than price takers.

"I am pleased to see how revenues from VDS have increased many folds over the last five years.

"But while we are pleased about this, we must not lose sight of our other equally important task: To also manage our resources well in terms of sustainable conservation programs for long term benefits."

Mr Christian said the PNA and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (Tuna Commission based in Pohnpei) must



FSM President Peter Christian

work collectively to ensure the high seas were also better managed; that they do not represent a loophole in the management of their tuna resources where bad boys claimed they were fishing, 'when caught with their hands in the cookie jar.'

PNA Chief Executive Officer Doctor Transform Aqorau said discussions have begun in Palikir, FSM's capital and already they are experiencing a healthy exchange of ideas on these important issues.

This week's annual policy meeting "will provide the venue for PNA ministers to continue to strengthen control and management of the PNA fishery, which accounts for 70-80 percent of the western and central Pacific tuna catch, and 30-40 percent of the global raw material for canning," said Dr. Aqorau.

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# PNA to implement FAD initiative

June 12, 2015

**Pohnpei, Palikir, FSM-** Another global first yesterday for the Parties to Nauru Agreement (PNA) when they passed an initiative to trial a charge of \$1000 on each Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) they set in PNA waters.

In what was dubbed the 'free school initiative' Ministers at the annual PNA ministerial meeting in Federated States of Micronesia's capital Palikir, decided that a \$1000 fee paid on top of the Vessel Day Scheme fee would be good incentive 'not to set FADs' on free schools of fish.

PNA Chief Executive Officer Doctor Transform Aqorau said once again the Ministers and officials of the PNA member nations have shown great wisdom and resolve to come up with not only a global first but a first in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), in fisheries management and sustainability.

"From January 2016 next year PNA member nations across the board will try out the new initiative to levy a fee of \$1000 on each ship that sets FADs in a fishing day," Dr Aqorau said. The decision in Pohnpei today follows a PNA Ministerial endorsement to look into the possibility of such an initiative on FADs when they met in Tuvalu last year; something the host nation and Tokelau were particularly keen on.

"This is because they are two of the smallest and most vulnerable members of the PNA and fishing in their waters is very dependant on the use of FADS," he said.

Currently FADs are managed in the region at a WCPFC level with a four month closure of FAD fishing which is aimed at primarily reducing juvenile Bigeye, juvenile Yellowfin and other bycatches that are taken during FAD use.

Dr Aqorau said for Tokelau and Tuvalu and some other PNA members this is a crippling burden on them in terms of reduced revenue because it makes fishing in their waters much less attractive to the boats on which they depend on for their revenue.

"At the same time these countries like other PNA members earn relatively little from Bigeye fishing so it leaves them bearing a large burden for Bigeye from which they will get relatively little benefit," he said.

"These two countries like other PNA members remain committed to Bigeye conservation but looking for a way to reduce FAD use that is less a burden on them."

Dr Aqorau said the 'free school incentive' would provide a positive incentive for vessels to fish on free schools while leaving them free to manage their operations in a way that would be most profitable for them.

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PNA's Dr. Transform Aqorau with FSM NORMA's Eugene Pangelinan

# Pacific Partnership 2015



## Construction:

Lukop Elementary School Roof-June 22 – July 3 7am-5pm  
Rohi Elementary School Roof-June 22 – July 3 7am-5pm



## Community:

Children's Library Reading @ Pohnpei Library  
June 23\*, 24\*, 25 9:30am-11:30am  
Children's Boating Safety @ Pohnpei Library  
June 24, 25 11:30am-12am  
Basketball Tournament @ Pohnpei State Gym  
June 26\* 5:30pm-10:00pm  
Boating Safety Seminar @ Mangrove Bay  
June 27 10am -12pm  
Ship Tours JHSV-3 USNS Millinocket  
June 27 @ Dekehti Harbor 9am-11am, 1pm-3pm  
\*RSVP to U.S. Embassy by June 25 @ tel 320-2187 or email ShedEK@state.gov or CanteroS@state.gov  
Volleyball Tournament @ Pohnpei State Gym  
July 3\* 5:30pm-10:00pm

## Medical:

Collaborative Health Engagement  
Adult and Pediatric General Health Services  
Optometry  
Dental  
Vaccinations  
Health promotion Activities/Events

June 25, 26, 27  
@ Madolenihmw High School  
9 am - 5 pm

July 1, 2, 3  
@ Nanpei Memorial High School  
9 am to 5 pm



Closing Ceremony/4th of July Celebration co-hosted  
by U.S. Embassy  
July 4 @ Spanish Wall Baseball Field 1pm-4pm  
\*Food/Beverages  
\*Kids Activities  
\*Military Band

## PNA leaders set fisheries agenda for 2016 and beyond

13 June 2015

**Pohnpei, FSM:** A series of decisions made by ministers from the eight members of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) will guide management and development of the western and central Pacific fishery for the next few years.

The annual ministerial meeting was held in Pohnpei, capital of the Federated States, 11-12 June and the ministers were welcomed by President Peter Christian.

With a focus on promoting domestic development of commercial fisheries among its members, the PNA ministers noted the success of the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) for purse seiners including stable effort, catches and catch rates within the PNA zones since 2010, and the substantial increase in revenues to members.

The ministers also established limits on fishing days for 2015 and 2016, agreed to maintain the US\$8,000 per fishing day benchmark for 2016, approved the first fish aggregating device (FAD) tracking and monitoring program for 2016, agreed to apply a \$1,000 fee per VDS day for use of FADs beginning in 2016 as an incentive program to encourage free school catches, welcomed the plan for a longline VDS to be implemented from 1 January 2016, and took action to foster domestic commercial fisheries development.

“This was an extremely successful annual meeting that confirmed the resolve of the Parties to continue developing and expanding their domestic fishing efforts,” said PNA CEO Dr. Transform Aqorau. “The Ministers also confirmed the success of the VDS as a conservation and management tool for our skipjack tuna industry, and directed officials to continue developing and expanding it, including for the first time to cover the longline industry.”

Ministers expressed “satisfaction at the progress reported in the implementation of the Purse Seine Vessel Day Scheme, changing VDS selling systems leading to the growth in access fees, the ratification by five parties to the longline VDS, the successful development and application of the Fisheries Integrated Management System, the Marine Stewardship Council certification of the PNA free school skipjack fishery and the associated progress with marketing of Pacific tuna products in the global markets,” the meeting communiqué said.

Ministers noted that trading of fishing days to individual company groups, as opposed to just bilateral partners, had increased and this improved the effectiveness and value of the VDS. Ministers expressed their satisfaction over the improved compliance by the fishing industry with VDS rules.

In approving the total allowed effort (TAE) of fishing days, the Ministers agreed that the TAE for 2016 would be less than in 2015 by over 700 days, dropping from 46,610 VDS days this year to 45,881 VDS days in 2016.

In promoting the goal of domestic development among PNA Parties, the Ministers tasked PNA officials with analyzing the impact of the VDS on domestic vessels and preparing a strategy

to ensure that the economic success of the VDS does not have a negative impact on the development of domestic fleets.

The Ministers agreed that PNA will launch a 12-month FAD tracking and monitoring program from 1 January 2016, and will also begin charging \$1,000 per VDS day to any foreign fishing vessel that sets on a FAD as an incentive to promote free school catches.

The Ministers welcomed a presentation by Palau concerning plans for establishing a marine sanctuary in their exclusive economic zone, noting that “it is their right to do whatever they want.” It was noted that 20 percent of Palau’s EEZ would still be open to longline and purse seine vessels according to the proposed EEZ closure plan. PNA Ministers requested that more specific details be provided to the Parties and tasked officials, the PNA Office, Forum Fisheries Agency and Secretariat of the Pacific Community to undertake an analysis of the proposal.

Ministers expressed their “longstanding concern at the continuing obstruction of the domestic tuna industry development of PNA Members and other Pacific Island countries. Ministers expressed their concern at the continuing abuse of Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) measures to obstruct their domestic development, despite specific provisions in these measures providing for SIDS to be able to develop their tuna fisheries, and called on the WCPFC to put an end to this abuse.”

The Ministers called for further consultations with the states involved, and agreed to continue to explore ways to take further action on this issue, including considering reducing access to the fleets of states that are obstructing the domestic development of SIDS as a way of protecting their foreign fleets from competition with domestic vessels. The Ministers noted a valuable meeting with Japan had been held on this issue.

They also expressed concern at “resolutions of the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF) that had the effect of protecting existing foreign fleets and obstructing the domestic development of PNA Members,” the communiqué said. “Ministers endorsed action being taken against ISSF members if the issue is not resolved including (subject to further consultation among the Parties):

- Requiring ISSF Member foreign vessel owners to declare that they will not apply the ISSF capacity resolutions to PNA vessels as a condition of registration of their vessels.
- No new foreign vessels with ISSF member ownership or control to be licensed
- Suspension of technical cooperation with ISSF.

“With the launch in 2016 of FAD tracking, monitoring and charging, and a VDS for the longline industry, PNA is continuing to expand management and conservation measures for the long-term sustainability of the fishery,” said Dr. Aqorau. “Numerous other decisions taken during the annual meeting in Pohnpei will positively impact our fishery in the coming years.”

## Tuvalu refuses to sell days to uncooperative nations

**Pohnpei, June 11:** The outgoing Chairman of the Parties to Nauru Agreement (PNA) Ministerial meeting and Tuvalu’s Fisheries Minister Pita Elisala said his nation has refused to sell fishing days to nations that have blocked their initiatives to develop and sustain their own fishery.

His strong worded statement set the stage for an interesting PNA ministerial meeting at Palikir in Pohnpei this morning.

Mr Elisala said they were concerned with the way these nations had treated them in the past but they had refused to sell them fishing days.

“Tuvalu has already started this process, by declining to sell fishing days to certain nations and fleets in 2015,” he told the PNA ministerial meeting.

“Tuvalu is a small player in the PNA, and this move on its own is not likely to have much impact on the DWFN fleets concerned.

“It is also a dangerous game, as it threatens broader international relationships, including aid flows.

“However we feel that DWFN need to be shown that we will not always submit to their threatening, bullying or blocking tactics, and we hope that other countries will begin to collectively use the strong bargaining power that PNA can exercise as a coherent group.”

Mr Elisala also expressed Tuvalu’s disappointment of the outcomes at the

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## ... FAD initiative

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“At the same time it will still be aimed at reducing FAD use at a lower cost to the industry and therefore with less impact on PNA member countries especially those where fishing is more dependant on FADs,” he said.

“Thus the incentive payment will generate a moderate amount of revenue for the governments which will partially compensate for the continuing burden for applying these measures.”

He said the ministerial decision means fishing vessels will pay US\$1000 per day for any fishing day in which sets are made on FADs.

“Small vessels pay less and larger ones will pay more based on the Vessel day Scheme.” The PNA member nations will first start the trial in 2016 to see the best way to implement it and then return to report their findings to the PNA ministerial meeting.

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to continue to strengthen control and management of the PNA fishery, which accounts for 70-80 percent of the western and central Pacific tuna catch, and 30-40 percent of the global raw material for canning,” said Dr. Aqorau.

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# Pacific-First Center of Excellence for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency takes shape

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

18 June 2015

**Suva, Fiji** – The Pacific Islands will soon have a regional centre of excellence in renewable energy and energy efficiency to support efforts to accelerate the adoption of feasible renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies across the region.

The hosting arrangement for the centre is being discussed this week at the Vienna Energy Forum being held by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) in Austria from 18 to 20 June.

At the international forum, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) will provide an update on behalf of the Pacific delegation on progress to establish the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

In April 2014, Pacific Ministers for Energy and Transport agreed to establish the centre – a first for the Pacific – that will become part of UNIDO’s network of regional Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) Centres of Excellence, along with centres

for the Caribbean Community, Economic Community of West African States, the Southern African Development Community and the East African Community.

Renewable energy currently represents less than 10 per cent of total energy use in the 22 Pacific Island countries and territories.

While Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Samoa are

leading the way with large-scale hydropower projects, there is enormous potential to expand the deployment of other renewable energy options such as solar, wind, geothermal and ocean-based energy sources.



The Pacific centre will work towards the creation of an enabling environment for regional renewable energy and energy efficiency markets by mitigating existing barriers.

In particular it will focus on building capacity, knowledge management and awareness in the region, as well as on business and investment promotion.

The Pacific centre is a follow-up to collaboration between SPC and UNIDO on a strategic programme for scaling up renewable energy markets in targeted Small Island Developing States in the Pacific.

The Vienna Energy Forum offers the opportunity to present the Network of Sustainable Energy Centres for Small Island Developing States to a wider audience, including identified funding sources. SPC will be represented by its Deputy Director, Energy, Solomone Fifita.

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# Shakespeare's Hamlet to be performed at National Campus

## College of Micronesia FSM

Palikir, Pohnpei (June 4, 2015) – London based group Globe to Globe Hamlet is coming to Pohnpei and will be performing at COM-FSM's FSM-China Friendship Sports Center on July 1, 2015 at 6:00PM.

Shakespeare's Globe is a unique international resource dedicated to the exploration of Shakespeare's work and the playhouse for which he wrote, through the connected means of performance and education.

Dominic Dromgoole, Artistic Director of Shakespeare's Globe and Director of Hamletsaid: 'Globe to Globe Hamlet was created with the aim of performing Hamlet to as many people as possible, in as diverse a range of places as possible. The central principle of the tour is that Shakespeare can entertain and speak to anyone, no matter where they are on earth; and that no country or people are not better off for the lively presence of Hamlet.'

Globe to Globe Hamlet has been performed in over 100 countries across the Americas, Europe and Africa to more than 89,000 people, with over half of the whole tour now complete.

Globe to Globe Hamlet is directed by Dominic Dromgoole and Bill Buckhurst, designed by Jonathan Fensom and composed by Bill Barclay. The role of Hamlet is shared by Ladi Emeruwa and Naeem Hayat. All other male and female parts are played in rotation by Keith Bartlett, John Dougall, Miranda Foster, Phoebe Fildes, Beruce Khan, Tom Lawrence, Jennifer Leong, Rawiri Paratene, Matthew Romain and Amanda Wilkin

This performance is open to the general public and is absolutely FREE!

## ... Tuvalu

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Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) where some fishing nations had tried to avoid their responsibilities and commitment to sustainable fishing.

"The WCPFC has the role of ensuring that fishing in these areas is sustainable, but we have all seen the way that other Commission members namely from Distant Waters Fishing Nations (DWFN) have tried to duck and dodge their responsibilities and commitments to fishery sustainability.

"No-one was more disappointed than Tuvalu in the outcomes of the latest WCPFC meetings.

"In view of the disappointed outcomes, it is now timely for PNA to consider actions that would encourage compliance by distant water fishing nations, such as denying access to fishery resources to those countries who are continuing to block our efforts."

After last years WCPFC meeting in Samoa Mr Elisala criticised members for trying to manipulate the commission by stopping the construction of their second fishing vessel to complement their single vessel domestic fleet to operate in their million square kilometres of ocean.

A second vessel would help them service their huge EEZ 719,174 sq km of which 60,000 tonnes of tuna is caught each year. "However the construction of our second vessel is being blocked on the pretext that it is inconsistent with WCPFC capacity management measures."

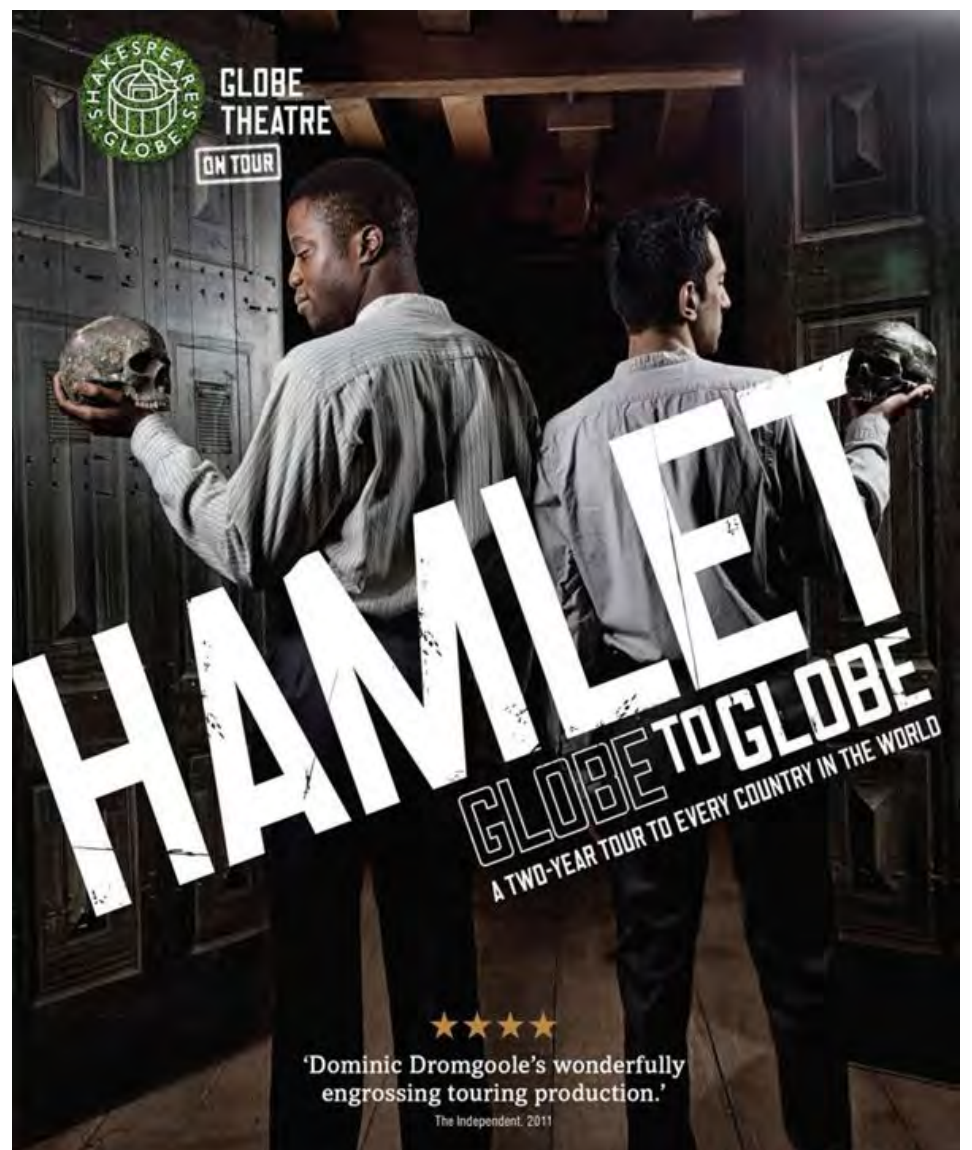
PNA Chief Executive Dr Transform Aqorau said the 2-day meeting would discuss Tuvalu's concerns which are related to blocking of new purse seine vessel acquisition for PNA members by distant water fishing nations and an international fisheries organization.

Ministers will address plans to take action against these countries, including the option of removing one-to-two vessels from fishing in PNA waters.

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The centerpiece of PNA management of its skipjack tuna fishery is the VDS, the use of which has dramatically increased revenue flowing to the eight PNA members — from US\$64 million in 2010 to an estimated US\$357 million this year.

Key VDS issues that ministers will review include: Expansion of the use of tenders (bids) for selling fishing days, entry into force of the first VDS for longline fishing boats, proposals for a conservation management measure for tropical tuna and target reference points for the tropical tuna fishery to apply a precautionary approach to tuna management in the region, fish aggregating device (FAD) tracking and monitoring, and ongoing improvements in management of the Marine Stewardship Council-certified free school caught skipjack and increased production of this MSC-certified tuna for sale to the European market through PNA's Pacific label.



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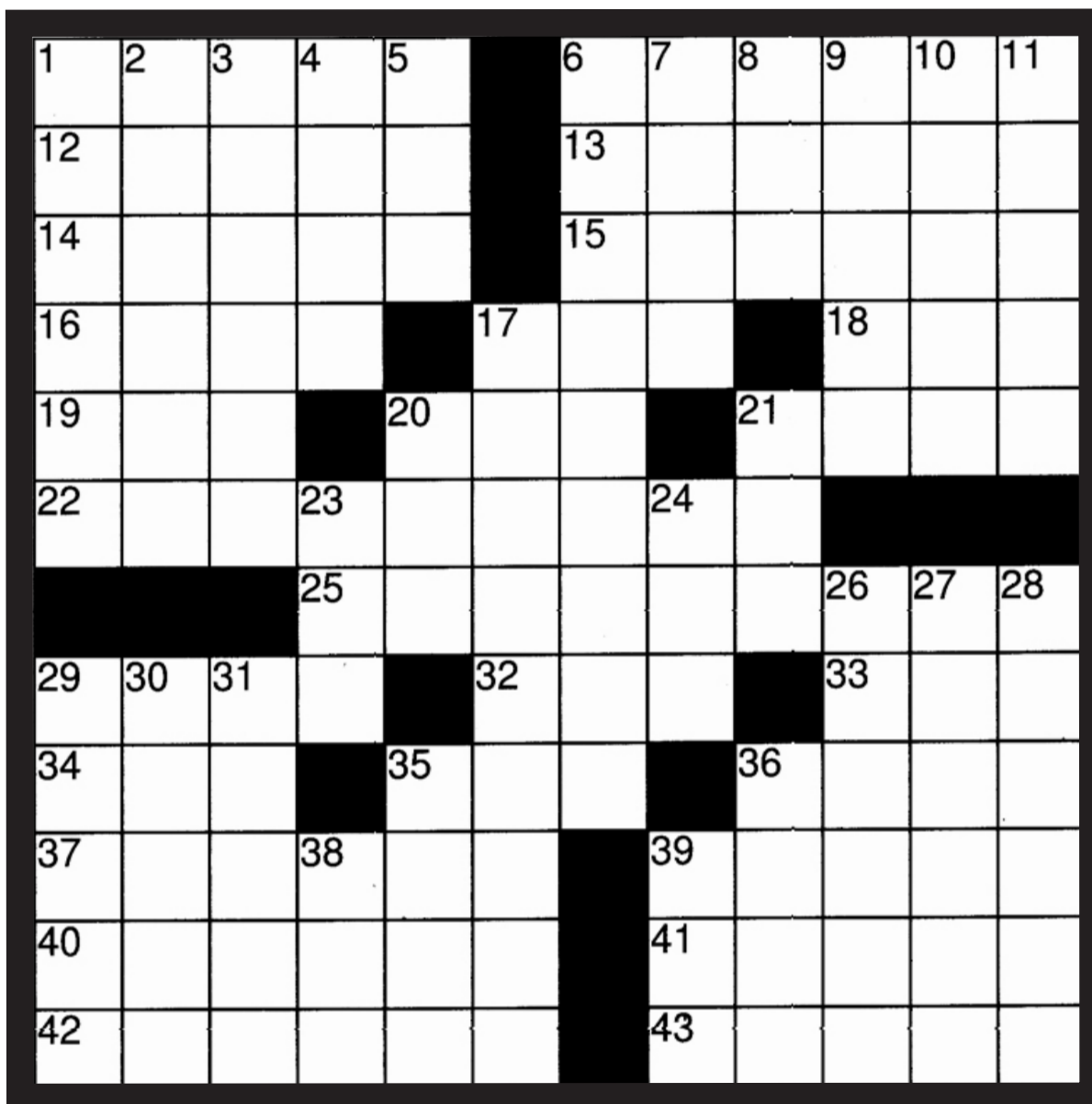
# Crossword - It's Round

## ACROSS

1. Like some vines
6. The \_\_\_ Game
12. Lunar lander
13. Got away from
14. Perk
15. Go around
16. Bush appointee of 2002
17. Busy one
18. Generation \_\_\_
19. Toothpaste form
20. Reading spot
21. Bombard
22. Local law
25. Change
29. Seek guidance
32. Dapper fellow
33. Cry about
34. Little boy
35. I will, shortly
36. Here or there
37. Broken apart
39. Played freeze tag
40. Maneuvers
41. More than good
42. Multitudes
43. Artificial

## DOWN

1. Unhands
2. Hard worker
3. Ancient
4. Mistake
5. Thus far
6. Flower type
7. Red ender
8. Overhang
9. Maxim
10. Cold spot to not lick
11. Capable
17. Like the good Spock
20. Trial test?
21. caress
23. Creepy me
24. Knows how
26. Van Gogh work
27. Beat at the buffet
28. Record player
29. Opulent
30. Totaled
31. Type of snake
35. About
36. Tab, for one
38. Big reference, for short
39. Gladys Knight associate



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| CALZONE    | ROAST    |
| CHICKEN    | SAUSAGE  |
| CHILI      | SOUP     |
| COCOA      | STEW     |
| COFFEE     | STIR FRY |
| FRENCH FRY | STUFFING |
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Opinion Editorial

# Good Government: Koaperment Mwahu Ong Tohn Pohnpei Unsek

By Senator Magdalena Walter

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**Pohnpei, FSM** – As the longest serving female senator in the Pohnpei State Legislature, I am now on the campaign trail for a seat in the National Legislature. Last April, I wrote an article to inspire other women to take up leadership positions and participate in decision-making of our country. In this article, I would like to share my understanding of what good government means for the people of the FSM and how we can make the most of these values in the new administration.

I believe good government is supported by five pillars: the people, the institutions, the resources, the laws and the land. By the people, I mean a democratically elected government through which all citizens are represented and which honors the cultural diversity of our island communities. For example, although more than 53% of the FSM citizens are women, there are no women representatives in the National Congress. Gender equality was one of the sectors during the 3rd FSM summit and is widely acknowledged as a necessary condition for the achievement of development goals at any level, national, regional and international. Women need a voice. While Pohnpeian's must expect their elected representatives to be strong leaders who deliver, they must also support a strong participatory process to protect the nation from individuals, or groups who willingly abuse power.

By the institutions, I mean that our governmental bodies are integrated and working together collaboratively, underpinned by a division of power, transparency and accountability. The FSM is made up of many governmental bodies, municipal, state and national. For these bodies to work with a common purpose, they must exercise restraint and respect for limitations on power. To this end, public records must be made accessible so that citizens can demand accountability and prevent mismanagement of public funds.

By the resources, I mean primarily human resources and restricted overseas aids and limited locally collected revenues. We need a skilled and well-educated population that will have the capacity to be responsible stewards of public funds. Accountability is not created simply by ethics. We must have the ability to run financial audits, manage complex budgets and establish financial systems across governmental bodies, non-governmental as well as corporate bodies. All our citizens, not just the public auditor, need to be well informed in the functionality of institutions to be effective "watchdogs".

By the laws, I mean that we have a legal system that upholds the rule of law in an ethical and culturally suitable manner to maintain our island cultures and traditions. But we also need to be forward looking, and create laws that encourage innovation to prepare for, and prosper beyond, 2023. The legal system is the primary tool for navigating these challenges. It must be both protect and lead.

By the land, I mean the spirit of our lands. Our respect for the environment and protection of our forests, rivers and seas results in a sustainable economic future. Our traditional way of life is dependent on our lands to provide food and local medicines, on our rivers for clean drinking water and on our reefs for fishing. We are rapidly losing our traditional knowledge in working and caring for our lands and we need our governmental bodies to make regulations that restore and protect these values.

As we approach 2023, we need to consider the importance of good government in creating the future for our children, a future in which our islanders can live a life of dignity, respect and prosperity. Good governance is good management. Our managers must be wisely chosen and we must keep them accountable to do things in the right and ethical way and I believe good leadership means doing the right things for all our citizens, Mehn Pohnpei Koarosie. Please join me in making this future a reality, now.



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**INGREDIENT** 3 servings



- 2 cups ripe banana
- 2 cups fresh milk
- Ice cubes

## METHOD



- 1 Remove banana skin.
- 1 Kaupasang kilin uht kan.



- 2 Put the bananas in a blender, add fresh milk and blend them. Add ice cubes and serve.
- 2 Kiheng uht nan mehn kamwut mwenge de (blender) oh doaloaieng milik oh ice cube oh blend de kamwutepene.



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Limit these Nutrients			Get Enough of these Nutrients	
Nutrition Facts			1 Serving	
Amount Per Serving			32	
Calories			169	
Calories from Fat			32	
			% Daily Value*	
Total Fat	4 g	5 %	VitaminA	7 %
Saturated Fat	2 g	11 %	Calucium	20 %
Trans Fat	0 g		VitaminC	15 %
Cholesterol	13 mg	4 %	*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your dietary values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.	
Sodium	76 mg	3 %	Calories: 2,000 2,500	
Potassium	582 mg	17 %	Total Fat	Less than 65 g 80 g
Total Carbohydrate	31 g	10 %	Sat Fat	Less than 20 g 25 g
Dietary Fiber	3 g	10 %	Cholesterol	Less than 300 mg 300 mg
Sugars	20 g		Sodium	Less than 2,400 mg 2,400 mg
Protein	6 g		Total Carbohydrate	300 g 375 g
			Dietary Fiber	25 g 30 g

This nutrition fact is calculated by USDA National Nutrient Database.

## The 2015 FSM Investment Guide completed and ready to be launched

### Department of Resources and Development

After one year of national and state consultations, the Division of Trade and Investment has recently completed the publication of the 2015 FSM Investment Guide, a promotion and marketing document that aims at providing useful information on investing in the FSM and guiding any potential local or foreign investor in setting up a business in the FSM. The Investment Guide was designed and printed in Guam and delivered to the FSM Consulate General in Guam on May 27, 2015. In the welcome message, Secretary Marion Henry of the FSM Department of R&D highlighted the distinctive features of the 2015 edition of the FSM Investment Guide, which comes nearly 10 years after the last investment guide was published. In effect, unlike the 2006 edition, the 2015 FSM Investment Guide goes beyond the traditional sections on basic information about the FSM and the business enabling environment by providing updated detailed information on the main investment opportunities in the FSM, including tuna processing; fishing vessels and fishing nets repair and maintenance; tourism development around historic and archaeological sites; protected areas and water-based sport activities; production of poultry products

and drinking water; production of exotic agriculture products and small scale agro-processing; international transportation; and production of renewable energy, to name just a few. In addition, the guide offers a snapshot of fiscal and non-fiscal incentives available to investors, all the relevant information on starting a business in the FSM, with detailed information on the steps and competent agencies, and a list of useful addresses to make the entire process business friendly than ever.

With the publication of the 2015 FSM Investment Guide, the FSM Department of R&D has now fully implemented one of the key recommendations arising from the Symposium on Investment Facilitation in the FSM held in May 2013 in Palikir, which recommended, among other things, that information on investment opportunities, procedures and steps to investing in the FSM, and relevant agencies involved in the process should be collated and published in an investment guide and be made available on a website. The date, time, and venue of the launching of the long-awaited document are being finalized by the FSM Department of R&D.

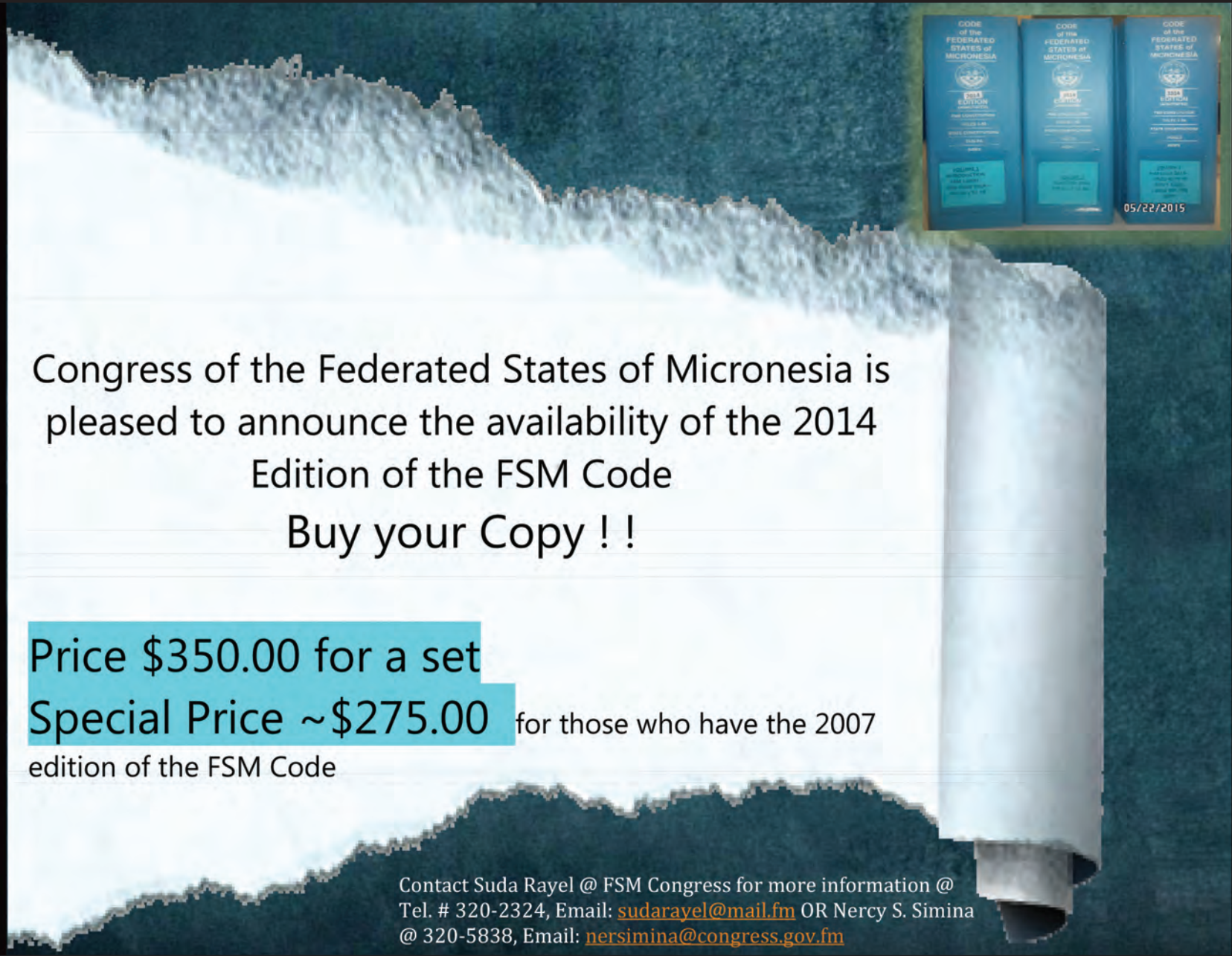
“This is the very first professional investment guide that the FSM has produced and it is a reflection of the new

pro-active approach that we want to take with respect to promoting investments into the FSM as part of the government overall strategy as the Nation gears up towards 2023; there is more coming up”, says Secretary Henry. Following the launching of the 2015 FSM Investment Guide, the FSM Department of R&D will turn to other key projects and reforms needed to further improving the business enabling environment in the FSM, including the “big elephant in the house.” On top of the list is the drafting of proposed amendments to foreign investment laws and regulations as well as policies to further enhance transparency, harmonize, and streamline the processes (the first round of consultations for this project was conducted last march and April 2015 with the technical assistance of the World Bank-IFC), followed by the establishment of an investment promotion agency at the national level. In parallel to those two major projects, the FSM Department of R&D will continue to build and strengthen the capacity of producers, produce and disseminate a guide to assist producers to export to regional and international markets, and finalize the translation of key sections of the 2015 Investment Guide into the Japanese and Chinese languages.

Investment Guide is a joint effort of the National and State Governments with the support of several stakeholders and development partners. In this regard, Secretary Marion Henry observed that “the collaborative efforts of national and state agencies as well as the private sector was critical and facilitated the realization of this important document, considering that it cuts across all sectors of the FSM society. The FSM Department of R&D could not have accomplished it alone”. Secretary Henry also highlighted the critical role of the technical assistance received from the Commonwealth Secretariat-EU funded Hub & Spokes Programme II through the advisory services of the National Trade Adviser; as well as the valuable inputs provided by other technical agencies and development partners, including the Pacific Trade & Investment network and the US Embassy to the FSM.

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