



Ministry of Finance
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PACIFIC PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONERS TO MEET IN PALAU

The Ministry of Finance is proud to announce that Palau will host the 13th Pacific Public Service Commissioners' Conference (PPSCC) from August 2 to 4, 2016. This annual conference is organized by the Bureau of Public Service System of the Ministry of Finance in collaboration with the Pacific Island Centre for Public Administration (PICPA) of the University of the South Pacific (USP). As the host country, Palau is required to manage the in-country logistical arrangements for the Conference and ensure that the resources and arrangements required for an efficient and effective meeting are all in place.

The Pacific Public Service Commissioners' Conference is a cross jurisdictional forum for Public Service Commissioners from Pacific Islands jurisdictions to come together and deliberate on contemporary public sector issues. It also involves identifying key issues and improves public administration across these Pacific Islands jurisdictions and the region.

This year, all 14 participating countries— Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu— with the inclusion of Australia and New Zealand will be in attendance as participants. Timor Leste will also attend the Conference as Observers. With the theme ***“Building a Smarter Public Service through Research, Innovation and Strategizing,”*** there will be multiple presentations on the following topics: Research on the use of ICT in the public service to improve the quality of service in Pacific Islands Countries; Implementation of the use of Performance Management Systems; Development of Workplace Social Friendly Policies; and Mainstreaming Gender in Public Service.

There will be a panel discussion by various local government and semi-government agencies on the topic of *“Smarter Management of Scarce Resources; Interface of Tourism and Environment Conservation in Palau.”* Presenters from Palau include Minister F. Umiich Sengebau of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment, and Tourism (MNRET) and Ms. Nanae Singeo, Managing Director of the Palau Visitors Authority.

The Conference will officially commence with an opening ceremony on August 2, 2016 at the Capitol Building in Ngerulmud, Melekeok from 9:00am to 10:30am. The actual presentations, panel discussions, and workshop sessions will take place at the Palau Tourism School of Excellence (PTHSE) of the Palau Community College.

The public is asked to welcome our fellow brothers and sisters of the Pacific by extending a warm welcome and show of true Palauan hospitality.

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact Chief Terra Nabeyama at 488-4776.