Policy setting for improved linkages between agriculture, trade and tourism:
Strengthening the local agrifood sector and promoting healthy food in agritourism

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BIODATA OF THE SPEAKERS

Isolina Boto – Manager, CTA Brussels Office
Isolina has more than 25 years of experience in development. She worked for the European Commission, various ACP embassies and NGOs on food security, rural development and trade. Within CTA, she worked in various positions at headquarters, in the Netherlands, especially on co-funded technical programmes on Agriculture and Rural Development implemented at regional level. Since 2004 she heads the CTA Brussels Office, dealing with policy issues related to the ACP-EU cooperation in the field of agrifood systems and rural development and leads CTA policy group on regional trade and agribusiness, which includes agritourism. She coordinates and organizes the regular Brussels Development Briefings on topical and emerging development policy issues. The office produces a daily news service on key policy areas of ACPEU cooperation on trade, fisheries, climate change, food security and development policy.

Apiame Cegumalua – Food safety expert, Fiji
Graduate with a Degree in Applied Science in Food Technology from University of Queensland Gatton College and Diploma in Tropical Agriculture from Fiji College of Agriculture Fiji. Over 30 years of work experience on Senior Management Position as a Quality Assurance Officer with Fiji's Dairy Company then managing government Subsidiary Agri-Business companies for 13 years which add values to local produces and exported to Japan, Europe, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. A Fellow in Admin and Training at the Commercial arm of the University of the South Pacific, The Institute of Applied Science before joining the Pacific Community as Export Processing Officer for the two EU funded projects FACT and IACT. Currently an independent consultant in Food Technology and a trainer and HACCP Auditor under SCI QUAL International in Queensland, Australia.

Colin Chung – Chef, Fiji
Trained in hotel management, Colin has a wealth of experience in all aspects of hospitality. His career has taken him around the globe. Moving to New Zealand from his homeland Hawaii in the 1980s, Colin settled in Raglan on New Zealand’s West Coast. From there, he has run several successful cafe’s and bars – including the legendary Vinnies in Raglan – while travelling frequently to the Pacific Islands as a hospitality consultant. Throughout his career, Colin has assisted many of the world’s most famous hotel brands with their operations, whilst cooking for some of the globe’s most famous names – think Nicole Kidman, The Rolling Stones and Justin Timberlake. Whatever the assignment, Colin takes it all in his stride, bringing his trademark Pan-Asian flavours and the gracious hospitality of his Hawaiian heritage to everything he does.

David Haberfield – Food Safety Expert
David Haberfield works as a Senior Project Manager for HACCP Australia, and as Senior Project Manager / Director of the Fiji division of HACCP Australia, where he undertakes Auditing & Training in the Pacific Islands. David has worked in the food industry since 1980 and has gained excellent experiences in a wide variety of facets of the Food Industry, having amassed over 28 year’s practical experience in food manufacturing, distribution and sales. He
is also Director / Project Manager National Food Institute RTO & NFI Consulting Pty Ltd in Australia and Senior Project Manager / Director Davnette Pty Ltd.

**Ron Hartman – Country Director, IFAD South East Asia and the Pacific Sub-Regional Office (tbc)**

Mr. Ron Hartman is currently IFAD’s Country Director and Representative at its South East Asia and the Pacific sub-regional office in Jakarta. He is responsible for managing IFAD’s investments and operations in 18 countries across South East Asia and the Pacific Islands. Prior to his current position, Mr. Hartman has served as a Country Programme Manager (Nepal, Pacific Islands, Thailand) and Portfolio/ Operations Advisor in the Asia and Pacific region. Mr. Hartman has also served UNOPS as a Portfolio Manager based in Bangkok, Thailand. Prior to joining the United Nations in 2003, Mr. Hartman held management positions in both public and private sector organizations in Australia and the United Kingdom, most recently in investment banking and fund management. With over 23 years of professional experience, including over 14 years with the United Nations, Mr Hartman has acquired an extensive managerial and operational experience in over 25 countries. He has specialized knowledge in promoting sustainable socio-economic development and poverty reduction, public policy, public and private investment, and developing partnerships. He has strong technical experience in the design and implementation of investment programmes. In 2011, Mr Hartman was awarded the IFAD Presidential Award for outstanding performance. Mr Hartman was educated in Australia and UK and holds qualifications in economics, finance and management.

**Ena Harvey – Agritourism expert, IICA**

Ena Harvey is passionate about linking agriculture with tourism and over the past 12 years, she has been spearheading IICA’s initiative in Agrotourism linkages while serving as the Representative, IICA Office in Barbados and Hemispheric Specialist in Agrotourism, and Management Coordinator for the 14 IICA offices in the Caribbean. Her work has included strengthening of the institutional framework for linkages, sharing of best practices and success stories, and diagnostic assessments for investments in rural tourism. She has delivered numerous feature addresses and lead papers on agrotourism at national, regional and international meetings, and currently serves as IICA’s representative on the Board of Directors, and the Sustainable Tourism Committee of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation. Ena holds an M.Sc. in Process Engineering and Food & Postharvest Technology from the University of Guelph, Canada, and a B.Sc. First Class (Hons) degree in Tropical Agriculture from the University of the West Indies, Trinidad. She has over 20 years’ experience and has completed some 60 consultancy projects in development of the agroindustrial sector in the Caribbean.

**Kristyn Lobendahn – Programme Officer, PIPSO**

A qualified Graphic Designer, Kristyn has over 10-years-experience in Communications, Public Relations and Marketing. Kristyn joins PIPSO from the Pacific Community (SPC) where she worked within various projects including the Increasing Agricultural Commodity Trade (IACT) Project.

**Dennis Meone – CEO Solomon Island Chamber of Commerce**

Dennis hails from Tikopia in the eastern Solomon Islands. He started with SICCI as the CEO in May 2016. Dennis is a young passionate Solomon Islander who wants to see the Solomon Islands economy grow and develop. He believes the private sector plays a key role in growing the economy, but such can only happen if the right kind of business environment is provided so that businesses can grow and prosper. He sees the importance of the private sector and the government working in partnership, where both parties can discuss issues openly and explore policy solutions that can encourage private sector led growth through a conducive business environment. Ultimately where jobs can be created for our growing population, goods and services produced to meet ongoing demand, affordable pricing through competition as more businesses enter the market, and more revenue for the government as more businesses pay taxes and duties to fund fundamental services such as health, education, law and public administration. His interests are in public policy, economic reform, development and growth. Dennis holds a Master of Public Policy from Victoria University of Wellington (VUW) in New Zealand.
Mr George Milner Tozaka – Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs & External Trade

Hon. Tozaka was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade on 15 December 2014, prior to which he was Minister for Public Service for over 3 years, where he oversaw the Public Service Improvement Programme in coordination with the Australian-led Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands. Hon. Tozaka previously served as Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade and Shadow Minister for Justice and Legal Affairs. Hon. Tozaka has an extensive record of public service, having entered government administration in the 1980s, serving as the chairman of the National Disaster Council from 1984 to 1985. In 1988, he began work as a consultant, first for the Public Service Reform Programme, then at the Ministry of Provincial Government. He was appointed chairman of the Provincial Government Review Committee in 1999. In June 1996, he was appointed an Ordinary Officer of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire, by the Queen of the Solomon Islands Elizabeth II, “for public service”. In 2000, he was appointed High Commissioner for Solomon Islands to Australia, a position which he held until 2005. Upon his return to the Solomons, he entered politics, standing as an independent candidate in the North Vella Lavella constituency at the April 2006 general election.

Josefa Tuamoto – CEO, Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau (SIVB) and Deputy Chair, SPTO Board

Josefa (Joe) Tuamoto was appointed chief executive of the Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau in 2014, where he has been responsible for devising and implementing strategies that will position tourism as the main source of foreign exchange earnings for the destination within the next 10 years. In 2015, Tuamoto became the deputy chair of the South Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO). Prior to joining SIVB, he was CEO of Tourism Fiji. Mr Tuamoto's overseas experience with Tourism Fiji included a three-year stint as Australian regional director based in Sydney and a similar three years as US regional director based in Los Angeles. His commercial experience includes a director of commercial operations role with the iconic Fiji-based Blue Lagoon Cruises. Since leaving Tourism Fiji, Mr Tuamoto has been operating as a senior consultant to government bodies and major private sector organisations in several countries across the South Pacific region. A graduate with BSc and GCEd honours from the USP, Mr Tuamoto holds an MBA from the University of Wales and has also completed management studies at Harvard Business School, Wharton Business School and the University of Hawaii.

Dr Shane Tutua – Kastom Garden

Shane Tutua is a soil scientist and organic farmer. His research in the Solomon Islands explores the opportunities of integrating local nuts and edible plants in sustainable production systems as well as utilizing them for the commercial food business. In addition he is involved in studies that investigate appropriate ways of returning different degraded habitats (rainforest or ultrabasic forests) to becoming functional ecosystems. Shane is also a practicing organic farmer, and works with other communities both nationally and internationally to provide technical and scientific advisory support on various aspects of organic farming. His entrepreneurial ideas are both practical, environmentally friendly and economically useful. Shane has a PhD in soil science from Griffith University, Australia, and MSc and BSc from Lincoln University, New Zealand. He also co-owns and manages SolAgro Products, a Solomon Islands company that buys and sells edible Ngali nuts. The Ngali nuts also known as Canarium or Nangai nuts are a traditional food for Solomon Islanders providing an important source of protein.