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**Pacific Transport Challenges and Pacific  
Responses**

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## **Pacific Transport Challenges and Pacific Responses**

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### **Pacific Challenges**

- 1. Small populations, large distances and far flung communities**
- 2. Infrequent services and low volumes**
- 3. Import/Export imbalances**
- 4. State owned enterprises that provide air and shipping services**
- 5. Ship design and functionality**
- 6. Variability in port design and performance**

## Pacific Responses



### National and regional Actions

- **National maritime franchise schemes – Fiji and Solomon Ilands**
- **Air safety – establishment of Pacific Air Safety office in 2007**
- **Subregional shipping licensing schemes:**
  - Micronesia Shipping commission – Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall islands (RMI), Paau
  - Central Pacific Shipping Commission – Kiribati, Tuvalu Nauru, RMI
  - To ensure reliable and regular and cost effective shipping services
  - National reforms to Transport policies and laws
  - Port Infrastructure improvement

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## Pacific Responses



- **Transport – prioritised in the Pacific Plan (2005, 2014) –framework for regional co-operation and integration**
- **Forum Principles on transport endorsed in 2005:**
  - Good governance in shipping management
  - Privatisation and corporatisation of SOE
  - Establish regulatory systems and compliance with international standards
  - Relaxing regional cabotage
  - Promote regional and sub-regional solutions
  - Donor support for PICs in transport sector reforms

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## Pacific Responses



- **2014 Framework for Action on Transport Services** –to improve efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability transport services through seven thematic areas including :
- Good governance, leadership and partnerships
- Capacity development, planning, regulatory frameworks
- Safety and security
- Improved access
- Transport data
- Environmental impact, energy and technology
- Sustainability and monitoring