Ad Hoc Expert Meeting on

Addressing the Transport and Trade Logistics Challenges of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Samoa Conference and Beyond

11 July 2014

Pacific Transport Challenges and Pacific Responses

Presentation by

Ms. Mere Falemaka
Permanent Representative
Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Geneva Office

This expert paper is reproduced by the UNCTAD secretariat in the form and language in which it has been received. The views expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the UNCTAD.
Pacific Transport Challenges and Pacific Responses

UNCTAD Transport and Trade Logistics Challenges for SIDs

11 July 2014, UNCTAD

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 Islands
- Air safety – establishment of Pacific Air Safety office in 2007
- Subregional shipping licensing schemes:
  - Micronesian Shipping commission – Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall islands (RMI), Palau
  - 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

**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
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