



Panel 4: Building regional connectivity for sustainable development: the creation of a seamless regional information space

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What are we discussing

- Background – relevant issues for the Pacific.
- Growth and development challenges.
- ICT and development opportunities.
- Capacity and access as an enabler of a knowledge networked society.
- Infrastructure and regulatory challenges in the Pacific.
- Next Steps: Developing new knowledge in traditional cultures.



Infrastructure and regional strategies

Economic Infrastructure (including ICT) is included in:

- Pacific Plan
- Pacific Plan priorities
- Forum (Cairns) Compact; and
- Waiheke Declaration

Focus is on greater investment in infrastructure and its role in creating the enabling environment for sustainable economic development.



ICT Capacity as an Enabler

- The ICT Ministers stated in their Wellington Declaration that *'While the Pacific region faces a number of obstacles to the effective deployment of communications and other infrastructure, we acknowledge that the region also stands to benefit enormously from the effective use of ICTs'*.



The Regional Policy Environment

- Regional ICT Policy is the FAIDP. It have several themes
 - Leadership, governance, coordination and partnerships.
 - ICT policy, legislation and regulatory frameworks
 - ICT human capacity
 - ICT infrastructure and access
 - International interconnectivity
 - Cyber security and ICT applications
 - Financing, monitoring and evaluation.



The Pacific

Economic Challenge of operating in the region.

- Small markets.
- Large distances.
- State owned companies.
- Developing competitive environment.

However

- Good base of local skills, rising demand for ICT and political support for interconnection - SPIN.

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Current Access

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