

“STEP UP OCEANIA CONFERENCE 2.0”
Sheraton Fiji Golf & Beach Resort, Denarau, Nadi, Fiji
21st - 23rd March 2024
PROGRAMME OUTLINE

THEME: “POSITIONING THE PACIFIC FOR SUCCESS”

DAY 1 THURSDAY 21st MARCH 2024	
TIME	AGENDA
07:45	Registration
OPENING SESSION	
Master of Ceremonies	
Inoke Bainimarama, Executive Director, Oceania National Olympic Committees	
Stephanie Brantz, Australian Sports Presenter, Producer and Commentator	
08:30	Welcome and Opening Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome, Housekeeping & Programme – MCs • Welcome by Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee (FASANOC), Host National Olympic Committee (Fiji) • Opening Address by Paul Bird, PLY, President, Oceania Paralympic Committee • Opening Address by Dr Robin Mitchell, President, Oceania National Olympic Committees • Official Opening
09:15	KEYNOTE SESSION: ATHLETE INSIGHTS: What it Takes to Step Up! Facilitator: Melody Cooper, OLY, Regional Development Manager, Commonwealth Sport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chloe David (Vanuatu), National Athlete (Athletics) & IOC Scholarship holder • Ele Opeloge (Samoa), OLY, Silver Medallist (Weightlifting) at Beijing 2008 Olympic Games • Irene Mar (Fiji), Para Athlete (Taekwondo) • Karalo Maibuca (Tuvalu), OLY, National Athlete (Athletics) & IOC Scholarship holder • Leslie Tikotikoca (Fiji), (Archery & Athletics) Para Athlete, Member of FASANOC Athletes' Commission
10:15	Group Photo followed by Morning Tea
11:00	THE GREAT OCEANIA SPORT DEBATE: “The Oceania region has the LEADERSHIP and the WILL to deliver on Pacific aspirations for Brisbane 2032” Chairperson: Tuala Matthew Vaea (Samoa), Chief Executive Officer, Samoa Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee Timekeeper: Stephanie Brantz (MC) Debate Teams: 3 Members each for the “Affirmative” and “Negative” Teams

	Debaters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratu Banuve Tabakaucoro (Fiji), OLY, Three-time Pacific Games double 100m / 200m sprints champion and Olympian • Desmond Kaviagu (PNG), Secretary General, Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee • Fiona Allan (New Zealand), Board Member, Oceania Paralympic Committee • Netina Latu Vea (Tonga), Secretary-General, Tonga Sports Association & National Olympic Committee • Nicholas McDermott (Kiribati), President, Kiribati National Olympic Committee • Yvonne Mullins (Australia), Executive Director, Oceania Athletics Association and Executive Board Member, Organisation of Sports Federations of Oceania
11:50	Spotlight on Preparation of Oceania Athletes and Entourage for Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games & Beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific Island Para Athletes' Pathways, Challenges, Classification and Qualification for Paris 2024 Associate Professor Dr Jagdish Maharaj, Director Finance / Treasurer, Oceania Paralympic Committee • Advancement of Pacific Technical Officials towards Paris and Beyond Yvonne Mullins, Executive Board Member, Organisation of Sport Federations of Oceania • Designing OTU's Strategy from Paris to Brisbane 2032 John Kotsifas, President, Oceania Taekwondo Union
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Pasifika Case Studies Championing National Action: Strengthening High Performance and Sport-Based Strategies to Advance National Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting and Retaining the Next Generation of Football Talent in Fiji Anushil Kumar, General Manager Operations & Timo Jankowski, Technical Director, Fiji Football Association • Transforming Inclusive High Performance Pathways Melody Cooper, OLY, Regional Development Manager, Commonwealth Sport & Chris Nunn, Project Coordinator, Oceania Paralympic Committee • Creating a National Strategy for Sport in Palau to Chart the Course towards Brisbane 2032 Baklai Temengil, Secretary-General, Palau National Olympic Committee
15:00	Embedding Psycho-Social Approaches for Athlete Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krishneel Maharaj, Performance Psychologist (Australia & Fiji) • Dr Gaylene Osborne, Personal Development Manager (Fiji), Pacific Rugby Players Association
15:40	Afternoon Tea
16:10	THE PERFORMANCE MAP: MINDSET ATTITUDE PURPOSE Wayne Goldsmith , Award Winning High Performance Mentor, Managing Director Moregold Sports Pty Ltd (Australia)
16:55	Summary, Key Actions and Close
17:00	DAY 1 ENDS

DAY 2 FRIDAY 22 nd MARCH 2024	
TIME	AGENDA
07:45	Registration
OPENING SESSION	
08:30	Welcome and Opening Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome, Housekeeping & Programme – MCs Harnessing Sport as a Tool to Advance National and Regional Development in Oceania Baklai Temengil, Vice President, Oceania National Olympic Committees and Chair of International Relations Commission
08:45	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: LEADING THROUGH A POWERFUL ERA OF OPPORTUNITY Kieren Perkins, OLY , Chief Executive Officer, Australian Sports Commission
09:45	Leveraging International Partnerships to Maximise Investments and Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Decisions to Podium Finishes: The Samoa Weightlifting Revolution Matt Vaea, Chief Executive Officer, Samoa Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee Harnessing the Pacific Games for National Sports Legacies Martin Rara, President National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands Oceania Rugby: Navigating the Path to Excellence and Inclusion Frank Puletua, Chief Executive Officer, Oceania Rugby
10:30	Morning Tea
11:00	ONOC's Brisbane 2032 Home Games Advantage University Alliance Facilitator: Peter Miskimmin , Head of Sport Diplomacy for New Zealand Government <i>Representing nine participating universities in the Queensland cohort:</i> Alex Elibank Murray , Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global and Engagement), University of the Sunshine Coast Dr Caroline Riot , Director, Games Engagement and Partnerships, Griffith University <i>Representing eight participating universities in the Pacific Islands cohort:</i> Dr Suzie Schuster , Senior Lecturer in Health and Physical Education, National University of Samoa Dr. Giulio Masasso Tu'ikolongahau Pāunga , Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice President (Regional Campuses & Global Engagement), The University of the South Pacific
11:45	Navigating More Flexible Sporting Visas for Pacific Athletes and Entourage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honourable Marcus Stephen, President, Nauru Olympic Committee Professor John Cairney, Head of School, School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences, The University of Queensland
12:00	Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals through Sport in the Pacific Facilitator: Matelita Buadromo, OLY , Member, ONOC Athletes' Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities for NOCs and Sport Federations to Leverage SDG Actions Auvita Rapilla, IOC Olympism 365 Commission Chair Embedding SDGs in Regional Sport Strategy Mike Armstrong, Head of Social Responsibility, Oceania Football Confederation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting Physical Education, School Sport and High Performance for the Next Generation of Sporting Talent in Oceania Dr Suzie Schuster, Senior Lecturer in Health and Physical Education, National University of Samoa • Collective Action, Systems Thinking and Scaling the Impact of Sport for the SDGs Barbara Schweizer, Senior Manager, Olympism 365, International Olympic Committee
13:00	Lunch
14:00	<p>Designing Brisbane 2032 Legacies In and For Oceania</p> <p>Facilitator: Inoke Bainimarama & Stephanie Brantz</p> <p><i>Lightning talks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensland Government ELEVATE 2042 Amy Cupitt, Executive Director, Brisbane 2032 Legacy, Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport • Lessons Learned from the Pacific Legacy Programme for the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup Mike Armstrong, Head of Social Responsibility, Oceania Football Confederation <p>Interactive workshop activities with facilitators allocated to each table with key questions to shape regional Brisbane 2032 strategy and legacy planning.</p>
15:30	Afternoon Tea
16:00	<p>Strengthening the Protection Mechanisms in Oceania Sport</p> <p>Facilitator: Jackie Lauff, ONOC International Relations Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alister Stevic, Chief Executive Officer, Oceania Regional Anti-Doping Organization (ORADO) • Ryan Pini, OLY, Chair Athlete Council, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) & member of WADA Executive Committee • Andrew Lepani, Team Leader, Team Up
16:30	<p>ATHLETE POWER PANEL: Inspiring the Next Generation of Oceania Sporting Talent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duane Kale, (New Zealand), PLY, multiple Paralympic Gold Medallist in Swimming and Vice President, International Paralympic Committee • Brieanna Rabakewa (Fiji), Athletics rising star
16:50	Summary, Key Actions and Close
17:00	DAY 2 ENDS

DAY 3 SATURDAY 23 rd MARCH 2024	
TIME	AGENDA
07:45	Registration
08:30	<p>MASTERCLASS 1</p> <p>Applying Innovations in High Performance Sport Facilitated by ONOC Brisbane 2032 University Alliance - Queensland Cohort</p> <p>Dr Geoffrey Minett, Associate Professor, Discipline Lead, Sport, Exercise, Health and Physical Education School of Exercise & Nutrition Sciences, Faculty of Health, Queensland University Of Technology</p> <p>Professor John Cairney, Head of School, School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences, The University of Queensland</p> <p>Dr Caroline Riot, Director, Games Engagement and Partnerships, Griffith University</p> <p>Dr Lisa Gowthorpe, Associate Professor, External Engagement & Associate Professor, Sport Management, Bond University</p> <p>Alex Elibank Murray, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global and Engagement), University of the Sunshine Coast</p> <p>Dr Suzie Schuster, Senior Lecturer in Health and Physical Education, National University of Samoa and Vice President Oceania, FIEPS (International Federation for Physical and Sport Education)</p> <p>Timoci Tavai, Assistant Instructor in Sports and Physical Education, Fiji National University</p> <p><i>"Applying Innovations in High Performance Sport" aims to leverage the expertise of Queensland University specialists to enhance high-performance training and programs in Pacific Island nations.</i></p> <p><i>This 4-hour master class targets coaches, administrators, and other sports professionals. Objectives include introducing key concepts, discussing practical applications, facilitating design workshops, and providing actionable strategies.</i></p> <p><i>The session features presentations on foundational concepts and panel discussions on recent innovations. Breakout sessions focus on practical applications tailored to Pacific contexts, followed by insights from Pacific experts.</i></p> <p><i>A design workshop encourages participants to map out high-performance systems, guided by subject matter experts. Action planning and collaboration discussions wrap up the session, emphasising ongoing support for Pacific development. This collaborative effort aims to empower Pacific Island nations in the realm of high-performance sport.</i></p>

08:30	<p>MASTERCLASS 2</p> <p>Thriving Athletes: Balancing Wellbeing and Performance Facilitated in partnership by ONOC Athletes' Commission, FASANOC Athletes' Commission, Oceania Sports Education Programme and Organisation of Sport Federations of Oceania.</p> <p>Matelita Buadromo, OLY, ONOC Athletes' Commission Member and Acting Chair of FASANOC Athletes' Commission</p> <p>Ryan Pini, OLY, Chair Athlete Council, World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) & member of WADA Executive Committee, ONOC Athletes' Commission, Executive Board Member of OSFO and Pacific Games Council</p> <p>Cheyenne Rova, OLY, Member of FASANOC Athletes' Commission</p> <p>Leslie Tikotikoca, Member of FASANOC Athletes' Commission</p> <p>Ro Varanisesse Logavatu, Chief Sport Education Programme Officer, Oceania Sports Education Programme</p> <p>Mike Armstrong, Head of Social Responsibility, Oceania Football Confederation</p> <p>Regan Kama, Area Development Manager, Oceania Athletics, ONOC Education Commission, OSFO Education Working Group</p> <p>Edwina Ricci, Wellbeing Project, Organisation of Sport Federations of Oceania</p> <p>Gill Gemming, Continental Development Officer, Oceania Hockey Federation and a member of the ONOC Education Commission</p> <p><i>This hands-on session will empower you to support athletes' personal growth and performance, enhance team dynamics, and contribute positively to community development. Harness the key elements of a flourishing sports setting, including safety, support, collaboration, and mastery, to elevate wellbeing in training, competition, and beyond. Embrace the journey toward a resilient and engaged sporting community by sharing your own experiences and learning with others.</i></p> <p><i>Whether you're an aspiring athlete, a seasoned coach, an experienced referee or technical official, or a professional dedicated to athlete development, your voice is vital in shaping a future where athletes thrive. Don't miss this opportunity to contribute to a paradigm shift in sports excellence, where wellbeing is the cornerstone of performance.</i></p>
12:30	Close and Lunch

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