



# 35th CPA Australia & Pacific Regional Conference



*“Leadership Excellence for the Common Good: SHARE - EXCHANGE - ACT”*

Edgewater Resort & Spa, Rarotonga Cook Islands 28th - 30th November 2016

Sunday, 27 November, 2016		THEME: Welcome to Paradise	
1:00 PM	Registration and Administrative Briefing commences at the Edgewater Resort & Spa, Conference Room upstairs Facilitator: <b>Mrs. Helen Maunga</b> , Deputy Clerk, Parliament of the Cook Islands		
7:00 – 10:00 PM <i>Bus leaves Hotel 6.30pm</i>	Opening & Welcome Dinner - Parliament Beachfront Hosts: <b>Hon. Niki Rattle</b> , Speaker, Parliament of the Cook Islands and <b>Hon. Vicki Dunne</b> , CPA HQ Acting Treasurer		
Monday, 28 November, 2016		THEME: SHARE - Towards a better informed democracy.	
9:00 AM	1) Election of Conference Chair & Vice Chair 2) Housekeeping Announcements Facilitator: <b>Mr John Tangi</b> , Clerk of Parliament, Cook Islands		
10:00 AM	Session I: <b>The Need to Know</b> - <i>Improving research and development in Parliaments</i> Presenter: <b>1. Mr Neil Angus</b> , MP, Parliament of Victoria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions and Answers</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul>		
10:30 - 10:45 AM	<i>Refreshment Break</i>		
10:45 - 12:00 PM	Session II: <b>The Right to Access</b> - <i>Civil Society and Media access to Parliamentary information</i> Presenters: <b>1. Ms Clare Curran</b> , MP, Parliament of New Zealand <b>2. Hon. Leaupepe Taimaiono Toleafoa Faafisi</b> , MP, Speaker of Parliament of Samoa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions and Answers</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul>		
12:00 - 1:30 PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
1:30 - 3:00 PM	Session III: <b>Better Information Management</b> - <i>Pacific Parliaments and ICT</i> Presenter: <b>1. Mrs Pua Hunter</b> , Director of ICT, Office of the Prime Minister, Cook Is. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions and Answers</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul>		
3:00 - 3:30 PM	<i>Refreshment Break</i>		
3:30 - 5:00 PM	Session IV: <b>Better Information Dissemination</b> - <i>Towards user-friendly information infrastructure</i> Presenter: <b>1. Ms Sonia Hornery</b> , MP, Parliament of New South Wales <b>2. Open Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions and Answers</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul>		
7:00 - 9:00 PM <i>Bus leaves Hotel at 6.30pm</i>	Island Hospitality at the Islander Hotel Host: <b>Commonwealth Parliamentary Association</b>		
Tuesday, 29 November, 2016		THEME: EXCHANGE - Exploring best practice.	
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Session V: <b>Effective Oversight 1</b> - <i>Benchmarking Parliaments Performance - Cook Islands Case Study on the use of the Benchmarks for Pacific Democratic Legislatures</i> Presenters: <b>1. Mr Tangata Vainerere</b> , Executive Director, Pacific Legislatures for Population and Governance <b>2. Ms Catherine Evans</b> , Deputy Solicitor-General, Crown Law, Cook Islands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions and Answers</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul>		
10:30 - 10:45 AM	<i>Refreshment Break</i>		
10:45 - 12:00 PM	Session VI: <b>Effective Oversight 2</b> - <i>Strengthening the Committee System - Pacific Case Studies</i> Presenters: <b>1. Dr Kim Hames</b> , MLA, Western Australia <b>2. Hon. Mark Brown</b> , Minister of Finance, Cook Islands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions and Answers</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul>		
12:00 - 1:30 PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>		

1:30 - 3:00 PM	Session VII: <b>Effective Representation</b> - <i>Building capacity to fulfil constituency responsibilities</i> Presenters: <b>1. Mrs Joan Rylah</b> , MP, Parliament of Tasmania <b>2. Hon. Terry Waldron</b> , MLA, Parliament of Western Australia • <i>Questions and Answers</i> • <i>Recommendations</i>
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Refreshment Break
3:30 - 5:00 PM	Session VIII: <b>The Public and Legislation</b> - <i>Mechanisms to encourage wider consultations</i> Presenters: <b>1. Lord Tu’l’afitu</b> , Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Tonga <b>2. Mr Mark McArdle</b> , MP, Parliament of Queensland • <i>Questions and Answers</i> • <i>Recommendations</i>
5:00 PM onwards	<b>Free Evening</b>   <b>Own Arrangements</b>
<b>Wednesday, 30 November, 2016</b> <i>THEME: ACT - Leading by example.</i>	
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Session IX: <b>Ethical Governance</b> - <i>Accountability, transparency and responsibility in Parliaments</i> Presenters: <b>1. Mr Tangata Vainerere</b> , Executive Director. Pacific Legislatures for Population and Governance <b>2. Mr Tom Duncan</b> , CPA Australia Regional Secretary, ACT Legislative Assembly • <i>Questions and Answers</i> • <i>Recommendations</i>
10:30 - 10:45 AM	Refreshment Break
10:45 - 12:00 PM	Session X: <b>Progressive Reform</b> - <i>Transforming rules of procedure and parliamentary process</i> Presenter: <b>1. Hon. Thomas George</b> , MP, Parliament of New South Wales Panelists: <b>2. Representatives of Fiji, Nauru, and Niue</b> Parliaments to share their experiences on improving parliamentary procedures and processes • <i>Questions and Answers</i> • <i>Recommendations</i>
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch Break
1:30 - 3:00 PM	Session XI: <b>Women in Leadership</b> - <i>Looking beyond the numbers</i> Panelists: <b>1. Hon. Niki Rattle</b> , Speaker, Parliament of the Cook Islands <b>2. Ms Annabel Digance</b> , MP, Parliament of South Australia <b>3. Ms Charlene Malele</b> , Clerk, Parliament of Samoa • <i>Questions and Answers</i> • <i>Recommendations</i>
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Refreshment Break
3:30 - 4:45 PM	Session XII: <b>Youth Participation</b> - <i>Young people and youth perspectives in Parliament</i> Panelists: <b>1. Mr Tuaine Manavaroa</b> , Cook Islands Representative to the 2015 7CYP <b>2. Ms Leanne Clare</b> , 1 <sup>st</sup> Clerk Assistant, Parliament of Queensland <b>3. Mr Barry House</b> , MLC & President of Legislative Council, Parliament of Western Australia • <i>Questions and Answers</i> • <i>Recommendations</i>
4:45 - 5:00 PM	• <b>Adoption of Conference Outcomes Document</b> Facilitator: <b>1. Mr Tangata Vainerere</b> , Executive Director. Pacific Legislatures for Population and Governance Rapporteurs: <b>1. Ms Anne Day</b> , Parliamentary Officer, Parliament of Western Australia <b>2. Ms Luane Mesiti</b> , Parliamentary Officer, Parliament of Western Australia • <b>Closing Remarks</b>
7:00 - 10:00 PM [Bus to leave at 6.30pm]	<b>Farewell Dinner – Under the Dome, Ministry of Cultural Development</b> Host - Government of the Cook Islands