

ILO/SKILLS-AP/Japan/ Regional Technical Meeting
Skills development in the Pacific: the special skills development
needs of small island economies

Nadi, Fiji
26 – 28 March, 2008

DRAFT PROGRAMME
(28 February, 2008)

Wednesday, 26 March 2008

0800 – 0830	Registration
0830 – 0900	Individual meetings of Government, Employer and Worker participants
0900 – 1000	<i>Inaugural session</i> Addresses: Mr Werner Blenk Director, ILO Suva Government of Fiji Mr Trevor Riordan, Senior Training Policy Adviser, ILO EMP/SKILLS and SKILLS-AP Introduction of participants Programme and arrangements for the meeting Group photograph Tea/coffee break
1000 – 1030	
1030 – 1200	<i>Technical session 1: Key issues in skills development - the international experience</i> Panel Chairperson: Government participant Presentations: Mr T. Riordan, ILO Geneva Resource Person Panel members: Worker and employer perspectives Discussion
1200 – 1300	Lunch
1300 – 1400	<i>Technical session 2a: Key issues in skills development in Pacific Island Countries - experience of countries in the region</i> Panel Chairperson: Government participant Panel members: Three country presentations: (Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, - 10 minutes each) and worker and employer views (5 minutes each). Questions and comments
1400 – 1530	<i>Technical session 2b: Key issues in skills development in Pacific Island Countries - experience of countries in the region</i> Panel Chairperson: Government participant Panel members: Four country presentations (Kiribati, Marshall Islands Samoa, and Vanuatu - 10 minutes

each) and worker and employer views (5 minutes each).

Questions and comments

1530 – 1600

Tea/coffee break

1600 – 1730

1st Working Group session: Priority issues for skills development in Pacific Island Countries (three mixed working groups)

Panel Chairperson: Worker participant
Introduced by: Mr Trevor Riordan

1800 – 2000

Welcome reception hosted by the ILO

Thursday 27 March, 2008

0900 – 0930

Presentations from the Working Group discussions

Panel Chairperson: Worker participant
Panel: Chairs/rapporteurs of the Working Discussion

0930 – 1000

Tea/coffee break

1000 – 1100

Technical Session 3a: Regional cooperation on selected key themes (To be confirmed): skills recognition, competency standards and improving the quality of training systems

Panel Chairperson: Employer participant
Presentations by: Resource person
Panel members: Government and worker perspectives
Questions and discussion

1100 – 1200

Technical Session 3b: Regional cooperation on selected key themes (To be confirmed): skills and youth

Panel Chairperson: Worker participant
Presentations by: Ms Uma Sarkar, ILO Bangkok
Panel members: Government and employer perspectives
Questions and discussion

1200 – 1330

Lunch

1330 – 1430

Technical Session 3c: Regional cooperation on selected key themes (To be confirmed): skills for informal economy workers.

Panel Chairperson: Employer participant
Presentations by: Mr Trevor Riordan, ILO Geneva
Panel members: Government and worker perspectives
Questions and discussion

Open discussion

1430 – 1500

Tea/Coffee break

1500 – 1700

2nd Working Group Session: Discussion regional cooperation on the key themes (three mixed working groups)

Chair: Government participant
Introduced by: Mr Trevor Riordan

Friday 28 March, 2008

0900 – 1000

Presentations of the Working Groups and discussion
Panel Chairperson: Worker participant

	Panel:	Chairs/rapporteurs of the Working Group
		Discussion
1000 - 1030		Tea/coffee break
1030 – 1230		<i>3rd Working Group Session: Preparation of National Action Plans</i>
1230 – 1400		Lunch
1400 – 1530		<i>Presentations of the National Reports and Action Plans and discussion</i>
	Panel Chairperson:	Government participant
	Panel:	Representatives of the Participating Country Working Groups (10 minutes each)
		Open discussion
1500 – 1530		tea/coffee break
1530 - 1600		<i>Synthesis of major issues arising out of the meeting and discussion of follow up action</i>
	Panel Chairperson:	Mr T. Riordan, ILO Geneva
	Introduced by:	Resource Person
1600 – 1630		<i>Closing session</i>
	Chairperson:	ILO
	Statements by:	Representatives of Governments, Employers' and Workers' organizations