

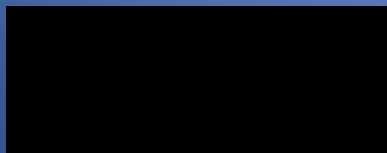


The Pacific Leaders' Virtual Forum (PLVF)

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Program Details

- The Pacific Leaders' Virtual Forum (PLVF) is a dynamic community of practice where influential Pacific island leaders engage in discussions on development issues affecting the region.
- Since inception in 2004, The PLVF provides for regular discussion across a number of Pacific island countries including Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Vanuatu, Australia, and Timor Leste.
- To date more than 3,200 participants have been a part of what has become a unique and innovative forum.

PLVF Video



Program Details

- In 2008 the Forum expanded into the Governance for Growth series included a range of topics that were selected by forum participants in 2007.
- The topics for the Governance for Growth series included the following: Conflict and Peace-building in the Pacific Island States; Climate and Fisheries Management in the Pacific Region; Infrastructure for growth: delivery and pricing; Anti corruption for development; and Entrepreneurship—advocacy and representation.

Partnership Highlights

- The 2008 PLVF has been favourably reviewed by AusAID
- We are currently seeking funding from AusAID for 2009-2012.
- The forum has been be very successful and financially sustainable: increased funding in 2008 – more resources for marketing, facilitation etc, web-streaming and online forum.
- Over this time the forum has made a considerable contribution to breaking down the barrier of isolation felt by individual policymakers, academics and community member in the island countries.

Partnership Highlights

- The forum has strengthened the development of a dynamic community of practice leading to their effecting real change within the participating countries.
- The forum has contributed to Pacific Island countries and regional policies through the interaction between top-level international academics and local bureaucrats, academics, businesses and NGOs on policy development in an open and mutually supportive manner.

Future Partnerships

- AusAID is currently considering partnering the PLVF with the Pacific Leaders forum (PLP)
- Expansion of the network into radio (ABC Asia Pacific)
- Duplicate the forum in Indonesia-Indonesian Leaders Virtual Forum (ILVF)
- We are currently looking for Partners to expand the forum to South and East Asia



Thank you