



Manufacturers' Talanoa **PLASTIC BAG PHASE OUT**



Consultation Towards a Clean & Green Packaging Future

Pacific Leaders declared 2017 as the Pacific Year for the Ocean. The ocean represents the largest ecosystem and life support system on our planet. Our Pacific Ocean plays a vital role in our lives and economy. Its health is paramount for our survival and prosperity.

One of the major threats to our oceans' health is the proliferation of plastic waste.

This by-product of urbanization and commercialization is detrimental to the health of the oceans and all life that it supports. Information available today reveals that the opulence of oceans are severely undermined from plastic waste, and although we understand that this is a global issue, we also believe that we need to play our part and work towards ensuring that plastic waste sourced by our cities, towns and villages are minimized, if not totally eradicated.

The issue of plastic waste is also addressed in at least three sustainable development goals.

A partnership of concerned organisations has developed around this issue and we would like to bring on board the private sector to take the lead to bring about the desired changes on terms that are favourable to the sector, rather than having these imposed. At the consultation we would like to reach an agreement on acceptable timelines and a preferred process for such a plastic bag phase out and move towards a pathway of more responsible clean and green packaging in Fiji.

Date: June 13th, 2017

Venue: IUCN, Veitiri Conference Room, Suva

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MANUFACTURERS TALANOA PROGRAMME

TIME	TOPIC OF DISCUSSION	PRESENTER
2:00pm – 2:05pm	- Introduction and opening remarks	Joshua Wycliffe – Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Local Government, Housing and Environment; OR Lorna Eden – Assistant Minister for Finance, Public Service, Public Enterprise and Trade and Tourism
2:05pm – 2:10pm	- The Blue Economy and the Pacific Year for the Ocean 2017	Mark Borg Team Leader Program Management, PIDF
2:10pm – 2:15pm	- Fiji and Pacific Private Sector's responsibilities in the Green-Blue Economy	Howard Politini Chairperson, PIPSO
2:15pm – 2:25pm	- Sustainable Development Goals and the private sector	Dr. Asif Chida Team Leader for Inclusive Growth, UNDP Pacific Office
2:25pm – 2:35pm	- What is plastics?	Priyatma Singh Head of Science Department, University of Fiji
2:35pm – 2:40pm	- The impacts of plastics on our oceans	Andrew Irvin Energy Programme Officer – IUCN
2:40pm – 2:45pm	- Waste in the ocean policy	Samuela Lagataki Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries
2:45pm – 2:50pm	- Manufacturing, trade and social responsibilities	Representative from MITT or Min. of Eco. OR Vinay Narsey Managing Director, Narseys Plastic Industries
2:50pm – 2:55pm	- Summary & discussion of regulatory and operational obstacles	Laisani Lewanavanua Department of Environment, Fiji
2:55pm – 3:00pm	- Financial options for manufacturing industries	Representative from Fiji Development Bank
3:00pm – 3:10pm	AFTERNOON TEA BREAK	
3:10pm – 4:00pm	- Working Group 1 – From a business perspective what are the benefits of a plastic bag phase out (pros)? - Working group 2 – From a business perspective what are the arguments against a plastic bag phase out (cons)?	Sector groups moderated by IUCN & PIDF
4:00pm – 4:15pm	- Plenary Session: Mitigation measures to address obstacles to a plastic bag phase out	Andrew Irvin Energy Programme Officer – IUCN
4:15pm – 4:25pm	- Discussion to agree upon proposed timeline for phase out of plastic bags in the consumer market	Mark Borg Team Leader Program Management PIDF
4:25pm – 4:30pm	- Closing remarks	To be confirmed