



Programme Officer (Marine Resource Development)

About the *Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat*

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (Forum Secretariat) is the region's premier political and economic policy organisation, with a vision of helping to create a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity, so that all Pacific people can lead free, healthy, and productive lives.

The international organisation works to achieve this vision by fostering cooperation between governments, collaboration with international agencies, and by representing the interests of its members - including directly engaging with community members in order to identify pressing needs of the region.

The work of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) is guided by the Framework for Pacific Regionalism (FPR) as: The expression of a common sense of identity and purpose, leading progressively to the sharing of institutions, resources, and markets, with the purpose of complimenting national efforts, overcoming common constraints, and embracing sustainable and inclusive development within Pacific countries and territories and for the Pacific region as a whole.

The FPR is underpinned by the Blue Pacific narrative, endorsed by Forum Leaders in Samoa in 2017, which calls for a long-term regional commitment to act as one "Blue Continent" as the means to achieve its development aspirations. The Leaders vision was that it would serve as the platform to reinforce and inspire the region in its shared stewardship of the Pacific Ocean, and to reaffirm the connections of Pacific peoples with their natural resources, environment, culture and livelihoods.

About the Opportunity

The *Forum Secretariat* is now looking for a full-time **Programme Officer (Marine Resource Development)** to join the team in Suva, Fiji. This role is to assist and support the Advisers and Director/s on the provision of advice on resource development policy in Forum Island Countries through the Executive Management, including both land and sea-based natural resources, with a specific focus on Oceans & Fisheries. Some key areas of responsibility will include (but will not be limited to):

- Assisting and (at times) leading in formulation of clear, coherent and evidence based SMT papers on natural resource development and management to Member States, Executive, Senior Management, the Pacific Ocean Commissioner and other CROP agencies, as required
- Liaising with Members and Coordination with Development Partners in the implementation of agreed PIFS work programme in relevant Key Result Areas (KRAs);
- Carrying out research and economic analysis on identified regionalism priorities
- Assisting in managing consultancies and consultants

The *Secretariat* is seeking a strategic and proficient individual who holds a university degree (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) in the field of Natural Resources Management (preferably with specialization in marine science/economics with strong quantitative background in policy analysis) with substantial experience. Candidate with sound knowledge of issues relating to the international and regional best practices in natural resources management and distribution of economic returns of proceeds of natural resources

About the Benefits

The appointment carries a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The starting salary will be in the range of **SDR 26,955 to SDR 34,214** per annum. At the 1 October 2019 exchange rate this salary range was equivalent to **FJD80,873 to FJD102,652**. For non-Fijian nationals, this salary may be tax-free. To be eligible for this position, the applicant must be a national of one of the following Forum member countries*. Applicants must be willing to travel periodically via economy class.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply through our website: www.forumsec.org where an information package containing the job description and remuneration details is also available. Candidates must include in either their application or Curriculum Vitae the full contact details of three referees. The Forum Secretariat is an Equal Opportunity Employer. **Deadline for applications is at 5pm (Fiji time), 16 December 2019.**

* Member States of the Pacific Islands Forum: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.