



**Doing Business with Europe: how can the civil society and the private sector benefit from the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)**

Wednesday 2 October 2019

Venue: FBE Postgraduate Lecture Theatre, Laucala Campus, USP

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Presentation</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
09.30 – 09.45	Arrival of participants and registration	
09:45 – 10:00	Welcome remarks	Professor Pal Ahluwalia, USP Vice-Chancellor  H.E. Ambassador Sujiro Seam, Head of EU Delegation for the Pacific
10.00 – 10.15	Opening remarks	Fiji Government (tbc)
10:15 – 10:30	Keynote address	Dr Erja Askola, co-Chair, EU-Pacific EPA Trade Committee, DG Trade, European Commission, Brussels
10:30 – 11:00	Morning tea and networking	
11:00 – 11:15	Introduction to the EPA	Mr Moustapha Magumu, Coordinator-Pacific region, DG Trade, European Commission, Brussels



**Panel discussion 1 – views from state actors on trade and sustainable development**

**Moderator: Dr Neelesh Gounder, USP**

11:15 – 12:45	Promoting Trade and Sustainable Development through the EPA: state actors' views(1h 30min)	Mr Nikolaos Zaimis, Senior Advisor on Sustainable Development, DG Trade, European Commission, Brussels
		Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism of the Republic of Fiji (tbc)
		Mr Richard Yakam, First Assistant Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industry (DCI) Trade Division, PNG (tbc)
		Ms Nella Tavita Levy, Assistant CEO, Trade Division, Samoa Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Samoa (tbc)
		Mr Joseph Ma'ahanua, Commissioner of Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & External Trade of Solomon Islands
		Ms Pauline Siasau, Deputy CEO, Trade Division, Ministry of Trade and Economic Development, Tonga
12:45 – 13:15	Q & A (30 min)	
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch and networking	



**Panel discussion 2 – views from non-state actors on trade and sustainable development**

**Moderator: Dr Erja Askola, co-Chair, EU-Pacific EPA Trade Committee, DG Trade, European Commission, Brussels**

14:15 – 15:45	Promoting Trade and Sustainable Development through the EPA: non-state actors' views (1h30)	<p>Mr Sandeep Chauhan, President of the Fiji Commerce and Employers Federation and member of Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO)</p> <p>Mr Ritesh Gosai, Acting General Manager, Investment Fiji</p> <p>Ms Wallis Yakam, Executive Officer at the Consultative Implementation &amp; Monitoring Council (CIMC), PNG</p> <p>Ms Roina Vavatau, SUNGO Board Chair</p> <p>Ms Raijeli Nicole, Regional Director Pacific Oxfam</p> <p>Mr Drew Havea, Chairman of the CSO Board of Tonga</p>
15:45 – 16:15	Q & A (30 min)	

**Closing session**

16:30 – 16:45	Thoughts from the academia (15 min)	Dr Sunil Kumar, Senior Lecturer, USP
16:45 – 17:00	Closing remarks (15 min)	Mr Nikolaos Zaimis, Senior Advisor on Sustainable Development, DG Trade, European Commission, Brussels