



**CLUB DE MADRID ASIA PACIFIC FORUM**  
**“Building a More Resilient Pacific in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century World Order”**  
**5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2012**  
**Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia**

**CONCEPT**

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*Leaders believe the Pacific region can, should and will be a region of peace, harmony, security and economic prosperity, so that all of its people can lead free and worthwhile lives.*  
The Leaders’ Vision, The Pacific Plan

With Western countries weakened by a severe economic and financial crisis, and emerging economies in Asia and Latin America significantly raising their levels of development, the 21<sup>st</sup> century today offers us perspectives for a more balanced world order and hopes for a greater sharing of responsibility in the international decision-making process.

In this shifting panorama, multiple opportunities have arisen for the Pacific Islands countries to respond to the social, economic, political and environmental challenges they are facing and to have a greater voice on the international stage. From climate change to social cohesion, from sustainable economic growth to strong and stable political institutions, leaders of the Pacific lie at a crossroads of decisions that may ultimately determine a prosperous future for their populations.

Within this context, and together with the Government of French Polynesia, the Club de Madrid has convened an Asia Pacific Forum – the first major forum the organization has ever held in the Asia Pacific – aimed at identifying and discussing strategies to promote greater socio-economic development in the Pacific and render the region more resilient, connected to the world and capable of effectively delivering to its citizens.

These open and frank discussions will gather about 80 participants, including Members of the Club de Madrid, representatives from the Government of French Polynesia and other Pacific Islands, as well as regional and international multilateral institutions, the academia and civil society.

After a broad presentation of the challenges – geopolitical, socio-economic and environmental – faced by the Pacific in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the flow of the Forum will be two-tracked. The first track will address strategies to boost economic growth, particularly through infrastructure development, tourism, education, innovation and technology, taking into account the region’s vulnerability to climate change and its dependence on energy imports.

The second track will strongly complement the latter, focusing on the socio-political aspects of development, and covering issues from tribalism, racism and traditions in the Pacific to empowerment, and institutional accountability.

Conclusions of the discussions will be formally presented by the President of French Polynesia Temaru to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum (27-31 August 2012, Cook Islands) and other relevant bodies working towards effective, inclusive and sustainable development in the Pacific Islands.



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PROGRAM

Thursday 5 July

12:30 - 14:30	<p><b>Welcome Lunch</b> <i>Presidential Palace</i></p> <p><u>Welcoming Words:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Wim KOK</b>, Prime Minister of the Netherlands (1994-2002); President of the Club of Madrid</li> <li>▪ <b>Oscar Manutahi TEMARU</b>, President of French Polynesia</li> </ul>
14:30 - 16:00	<p><b>Opening Plenary Session: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges in the Pacific</b> <i>Presidential Palace</i></p>
16:00 - 16:30	<p><b>Coffee Break</b> <i>Presidential Palace</i></p>
16:30 - 18:00	<p><b>Breakout Sessions I</b></p> <p>1. <b>Mighty Neighbours to East and West – Impact and Opportunities for Economic Growth</b> <i>Presidential Palace</i></p> <p>2. <b>Shared Societies in the Pacific – Beyond Colonialism, Tribalism and Racism</b> <i>Presidential Palace</i></p>
18:00 – 18:30	<p><b>Transfer from the Presidential Palace to the Hotel</b></p>
19:30 – 20:00	<p><b>Transfer from the Hotel to the Presidential Palace</b></p>
20:00	<p><b>Presidential Gala Dinner hosted by President of French Polynesia</b> <i>Presidential Palace</i></p>

Friday 6 July

09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Breakout Sessions II</b></p> <p>3. <b>Strategies for Sustainable Development – Infrastructure, Tourism and Green Growth</b> <i>Presidential Palace</i></p> <p>4. <b>Empowering Pacific Islands Communities: Where and How to Consign Responsibility for Social Inclusion</b> <i>Presidential Palace</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Coffee Break</b> <i>Presidential Palace</i></p>

11:00 – 12:30	<b>Breakout Sessions III</b>
	<b>5. Education, Innovation and Technology as Drivers of Development</b>
	<i>Presidential Palace</i>
	<b>6. Forging Institutional Accountability: Constitutional Systems for Democracy that Delivers in the Pacific</b>
	<i>Presidential Palace</i>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
	<i>Presidential Palace</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Plenary Session Boosting Regional Cooperation for Socio-Economic Development; Lessons Learnt</b>
	<i>Presidential Palace</i>
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Final Plenary Session (Wrap-Up) Building Resilient Nations in the Pacific: Going from Here to There</b>
	<i>Presidential Palace</i>
16:30	<b>Press Conference</b>
	<i>Presidential Palace</i>
16:30 – 17:30	<b>Farewell Cocktail Reception</b>
	<i>Presidential Palace</i>