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## Pacific Launch of the ILO-ADB report on “Tackling the COVID-19 youth employment crisis in Asia and the Pacific”

<b>PROGRAMME</b> <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b> <b>Venue: Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva</b> <b>Time : 3.00pm – 5.00pm</b>	
2:45pm – 3:05pm	Registration
<b>Launch</b>	
3:05pm-3:10pm	Welcome Remarks <i>Mr Matin Karimli</i> Director, ILO Office for Pacific Island Countries
3:10pm – 3:30pm	<b>Presentation of ILO-ADB report</b> <i>Mr Felix Weidenkaff, Employment Specialist, ILO</i> <i>Mr Paul Vandenberg, Senior Economist, ADB</i>
3:30pm – 3:40m	
3:40pm – 4:00pm	<b>Key findings of ILO-tripartite Rapid Assessment on employment and business in Fiji and Samoa.</b>  <u><i>Presentation by Samoa Government</i></u> <i>Pulotu Lyndon Chu Ling</i> <i>Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Commerce Industry and Labour and Chair of the Samoa National Tripartite Forum</i>  <u><i>Presentation by Fiji social partners:</i></u> <i>Mr Kameli Batiweti</i> <i>Chief Executive Officer, Fiji Commerce &amp; Employers Federation (FCEF)</i>  <i>Mr Agni Deo Singh</i> <i>National Treasurer, Fiji Trades Union Congress (FTUC)</i>

	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
4:00pm – 4:40pm	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr Ernest Gibson, Advisory Committee, Pacific Youth Council (PYC) – opening remarks</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Pulotu Lyndon Chu Ling, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Commerce, Industry &amp; Labour (Samoa)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Mr Vilimone Baleidrokadrka, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Employment, Productivity &amp; Industrial Relations (Fiji)</i></li> <li>3. <i>Ms Mererai Vateqe, Chairperson, Youth Committee, Fiji Trades Union Congress (FTUC)</i></li> <li>4. <i>Mr Avinit Narayan, Chairperson, Fiji Young Entrepreneurs Council, Fiji Commerce &amp; Employers Federation (FCEF)</i></li> <li>5. <i>Mr Abdul Shaheed, AIESEC representative (interim) and Pacific SDG16 representative, Millennium Group Children and Youth</i></li> </ol>
	<b>Conclusion</b>
4:40pm – 4:50pm	<p>Closing remarks  Mr Masayuki Tachiiri  Regional Director, ADB</p>
	<b>Reception</b>