Pacific Internet Governance Forum 2026

The virtual and hybrid Pacific Internet Governance Forum is organised by the Pacific Islands Chapter of the Internet Society (PICISOC) in partnership with various key stakeholders. It focuses on local issues and Internet Governance developments in the Pacific islands region and seeks to provide impartial advice to governments and the public on Internet-related matters that are relevant to Pacific Island people. The Pacific Internet Governance Forum will ensure a human-centric design thinking process to create new and innovative ideas to deal with the challenges faced by our members in the Pacific.

Dates – 25–26 November 2026

Venue: USP Campus, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Theme: "One Ocean, Our Internet: Pacific Leadership for a Resilient and Inclusive Future in the Age of Intelligence"

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Programme subject to change.

Day 0 8:30 am – 9:30 am	**Opening Ceremony for VanIGF and Pacific IGF 2026 by the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister** **Prayer** **Welcome address** **Special Address 1** **Special Address 2** **Keynote Address – 30 Years of the Internet in Vanuatu** **Cake cutting** **Session 2: Presidential awards to the pioneers of the internet in Vanuatu.** **(Group Photo)**	**MC** **VCC** **TRBR** **EU Representative** **Pacific IGF Secretariat** **The Hon. Johnny Koanapo Rasou, MP Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu** **Head of State His Excellency Nikenike Vurobaravo**
Day 1	***Wednesday 25th November 2026***	
8:30 am – 9:00 am	**Registration and Networking Coffee**	
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Session 1: Pacific Solutions: Strengthening Pacific Digital Sovereignty and Regional Cooperation 1. Beyond Dependency: Reframing Internet Governance for Pacific Digital Capability, Sovereignty and Collective Value Creation 2. Developing Solutions for Telecommunications Networks within the Pacific Island Region	**Moderator – Andrew Molivurae** **Speakers:** **Russell Deka Harada** **Antony Casimaty**
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Session 2: Age of Intelligence – Pacific Leadership in Artificial Intelligence 1. Jane in the Terminal – Pacific Leadership in Locally Owned AI 2. From Vision to Responsible Adoption: Developing Vanuatu's National AI Strategy	**Moderator – TBA** **Speakers:** **Suetena Loia** **Kyle McCurdy**
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Morning tea	
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Session 3: Inclusive Dialogue – Safe and Inclusive Digital Communities 1. A Community-Led Contribution on Turning Cyberbullying Awareness into Evidence for National Policy and Support 2. Trust Travels Further: A Pacific-Led Model for Helping Older People Stay Confident and Connected Online	**Moderator – Sarai Seluvaia Kauvaka** **Brent Carey and Cheri Lagakali**

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Session 4: Resilient Future – Building a Secure and Trustworthy Internet 1. *Cyber Resilience Beneath the Waves: Securing Pacific Undersea Cable Infrastructure* 2. *Keeping Pacific Digital Lifelines Running: Governance Beyond the Connectivity Dashboard*	**Moderator – TBA (auDA)** **Ahmed Taha Alhaddad**
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Lunch time	
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Session 5: Pacific Solutions – Building Capacity and Digital Inclusion 1. *Beyond Connectivity: Building Digital Capacity in Pacific Island Communities* 2. Opportunities and threats for ccTLDs in the Pacific	**Moderator – Swaran Ravindra** **Speakers** **Tim Johnson**
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	**Session 6: CADE-Diplo Featured Policy Roundtable 1** **Pacific Digital Governance: Data Sovereignty, Digital Governance and Pacific Policy Leadership** **Discussion Topics:** - **Data Sovereignty and governance frameworks** - **Digital rights and online safety** - **Cybersecurity and trust in digital systems** - **Regional cooperation mechanisms** - **Pacific participation in global digital governance processes**	**Moderator – Sarai Tevita**
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Day 1 Rapporteurs' Summary and Reflections	**Fellows**
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception and Networking Event	**MC**

Day 2	Thursday 26th November 2026	
9:00 am – 10:00 am	**Session 7: Inclusive Dialogue Panel – Leaving No One Behind in the Age of Intelligence** 1. ***Making Online Safety Inclusive: Community Digital Literacy for a Resilient Pacific in the Age of Intelligence***	**Moderator: Russell Deka Harada** **Panelists** **Amelia Yagoloa Vosanibola, Seluvaia Kauvaka, Swaran Ravindra, Cherie Lagakali**
10:00 am – 11:00 am	**Session 8: Age of Intelligence – Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development** 1. ***From Digital Awareness to AI Adoption: Empowering Pacific MSMEs and Women Entrepreneurs***	**Dipti Sharma**
11:00 am – 11:30 am	**Morning tea**	
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Session 9: **Our Ocean, Our Home – Climate Resilience, Data Sovereignty and Sustainable Development** 1. *Governing AI for a Resilient Pacific: Digital Inclusion, Data Sovereignty and Climate Adaptation* 2. Moderated discussion on climate resilience, sustainable digital infrastructure, environmental sustainability and ocean governance	**Moderator: Georgina Naigulevu** Speakers **Kushima Authelsingh and Dr Deewakarsingh Authelsingh**
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Lunch	
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Session 10 – CADE-Diplo Featured Policy Roundtable 2 Discussion Areas: • Opportunities and risks associated with AI adoption • AI governance and ethical considerations • Indigenous knowledge and AI • AI readiness and workforce development • Capacity-building priorities across the Pacific	***Moderator - Andrew Molivurae***
	Session 11: Pacific Voices of the Future – Fellows, Youth and Community Innovators Showcase Lightning presentations from PacIGF Fellows, youth leaders, researchers, and community innovators	***Moderator - TBA***
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Session 12: Multistakeholder dialogue: Shaping the Pacific Digital Future Together Interactive discussion with the audience	***Moderator – Sarai Tevita***
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Session 13: PacIGF 2026 closing remarks and Pacific IGF 2027 announcement	***Pacific IGF Team***
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	***Closing Ceremony and closing reception***	