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GLOBAL JOBS PACT

Framework for Pacific Labour Governance & Migration

THE GLOBAL JOBS PACT IN THE PACIFIC

The 2009 International Labour Conference unanimously adopted a resolution *Recovering from the Crisis: A Global Jobs Pact*. The Pact identifies that respecting fundamental principles and rights at work, promoting gender equality and encouraging social dialogue are all critical to recovery and development. In February 2010, ILO Pacific member States adopted the Port Vila Statement on Decent Work and the Pacific Action Plan for Decent Work. This Plan applies the Global Jobs Pact to the Pacific with priorities including:

- Improving labour market governance, through labour law reform and capacity building to support implementation of International Labour Standards;
- Stimulating employment growth by improving labour migration practices.

This project will contribute to these priorities in Kiribati, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

IMPROVING LABOUR MARKET GOVERNANCE

Promotion of the rule of law through a fair legal framework and full protection of human rights is fundamental to good governance.

This project will focus on:

- Building governments' capacity to ratify, implement and report on the ILO's core and governance Conventions;
- Labour law reform to give effect to ratified ILO conventions; and
- Building the capacity of governments, unions and employers to engage in effective participatory law making.

IMPROVING THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT OF LABOUR MIGRATION

Pacific Islanders have a long history of migration to work in Australia and New Zealand. Remittances from migration is an important source of income for many families and communities and a significant factor in Pacific economic growth.

This project focuses specifically on workers under New Zealand's Recognized Seasonal Employer scheme and Australia's Pacific Seasonal Workers Pilot Scheme. Project activities will focus on building the capacity of governments, unions, businesses and local communities to provide returned migrant workers with effective reintegration services based on identified needs. Good practice relating to pre-departure services will also be identified and promoted.



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