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Pacific Regional Symposium

Land and Property Rights in the South Pacific

A joint CASLE / UTS:
APCCRPR / IAAPLPR
event hosted by the
Solomon Islands
Ministry of Lands,
Housing and
Surveys.

Honiara 5-7 August 2014

About the Symposium

Background

This Symposium is a joint initiative of the Commonwealth Association of Surveying and Land Economy (CASLE), the University of Technology, Sydney: Asia-Pacific Centre for Complex Real Property Rights (UTS: APCCRPR) and the International Academic Association for Planning Law and Property Rights (IAAPLPR). It is being hosted by the Solomon Islands Ministry of Lands, Housing and Surveys. It has been made possible through a small grant from the Commonwealth Foundation and the support of the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Surveys.

This is the second regional Land and Property Rights symposium co-facilitated by the UTS: APCCRPR and the IAAPLPR.

Format

The symposium will take on a workshop format. It will draw on the expertise of four thought leaders in the field, who will briefly introduce five inter-related themes that will then be discussed and debated by the participants – Professor Spike Boydell (lead facilitator, Land Resource Compensation & Property Trusts/Leases), Mike McDermott (co-facilitator, Land Policy, Climate Change & HBA Reflection), Professor John Sheehan (Climate Change, Carbon and Emerging Property Rights), & Ulai Baya (Land Resource Compensation & Property Trusts/Leases). The Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Surveys, Stanley Waleanisia, will be Master of Ceremonies. There will be no conference papers. Rather each issue will be introduced for 20-30 minutes and then workshopped for 90-120 minutes with the full engagement of the participants. The intention is to facilitate a participatory process that is relevant to professionals and customary landowners dealing with land and property rights in the South Pacific Islands.

Given the roundtable workshop format, the Symposium will be limited to 30 participants.

The symposium will be video recorded to allow access to land professionals elsewhere in the region to support their continuing professional development. The video will also be used by Mike McDermott as data for his doctoral research on The Landscape of Real Property Rights at the UTS: APCCRPR (Mike will elaborate on the Human Research Ethics approval process and give all symposium delegates the opportunity to not participate in his research if requested).

Venue

Heritage Park Hotel, Mendana Avenue, Honiara, Solomon Islands.

Provisional Program

- Tuesday 5th August
 - Welcome Address – Hon. Joseph Onika, MP, Minister for Lands, Housing and Surveys, Government of the Solomon Islands.
 - A word from CASLE, the UTS: APCCRPR and the IAAPLPR
 - Introductions and format of the Symposium
 - Introducing the HBA approach to exploring the Landscape of Real Property Rights & Land Policy (introduced by Mike McDermott) – and workshop
 - Lunch
 - Climate change and land issues in the Pacific region (introduced by John Sheehan & Mike McDermott) - and workshop
 - Focus group HBA reflection (led by Mike McDermott)
- Wednesday 6th August
 - Land Resource Compensation – getting the best deal for customary landowners (introduced by Ulai Baya & Spike Boydell) – and workshop
 - Focus group HBA reflection (led by Mike McDermott)
 - Lunch
 - Field Trip to Guadalcanal
- Thursday 7th August
 - Using Property Trusts and Leases to support customary landowners (introduced by Ulai Baya & Spike Boydell) – and workshop
 - Focus group HBA reflection (led by Mike McDermott)
 - Lunch
 - Carbon Property Rights – opportunities and challenges for the Pacific (introduced by John Sheehan)
 - Focus group HBA reflection (led by Mike McDermott)
 - Outcomes & Learning's (led by Stanley Waleanisia)
 - Symposium Closing

Note: this provisional program is subject to change.

Each day will commence at 8:30am prompt in the conference venue (Heritage Park Hotel, Mendana Avenue, Honiara).

Registration & Contacts

Registration

There is no registration fee associated with participation in the Symposium.

Registration is limited to 30 participants to facilitate an effective workshop process.

All prospective participants are required to complete the attached registration form. The organisers will confirm participation registration.

Funding support

No financial support is available to assist participation. All registered participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses. A range of hotels are available in Honiara (please Google "honiara hotels solomon islands").

Health issues

Honiara, and the wider Solomon Islands, experienced major flooding in early April 2014, with tragic loss of life and associated infrastructure damage. Ongoing disruptions in water and power supply is likely. As a result of this humanitarian disaster, the symposium has been rescheduled from May to August.

Links

CASLE: <http://www.casle.org>

UTS: APCCRPR:

<https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-design-architecture-and-building/asia-pacific-centre-complex-real-property-right-14>

IAAPLPR: <http://www.plpr-association.org>

Contact for registration and further information

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Registration Form

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What I hope
to get out of
participating
in this
symposium

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