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POSTAL REGULATIONS ENVIRONMENT IN THE PACIFIC



▶ FIJI

- ▶ Fiji Postal Act (1871)
- ▶ Post & Telecommunications (1989)
- ▶ Public Enterprise Act (1996)
- ▶ Fijian Competition & Consumer Commission (2010)

▶ PNG

- ▶ Postal Services Act (1996)

▶ VANUATU

- ▶ Postal Services Act (2000)



▶ SOLOMON

- ▶ Solomon Islands Postal Corporation Act (1996)
- ▶ State Owned Enterprise Act (2007)

▶ TONGA

- ▶ Public Enterprise Act (2002)
- ▶ Amendment Act (2010)

▶ SAMOA

- ▶ Post Office Act (1972)
- ▶ Postal Service Act (2010)



- ▶ **TUVALU**

- ▶ **Post Office Act (1977)**

- ▶ **KIRIBATI**

- ▶ **Postal Services Act (1974)**

- ▶ **NAURU**

- ▶ **Public Services Act (2016)**



- ▶ **Development/Transformation**
 - ▶ Gradual
- ▶ **Challenges**
 - ▶ Geography
 - ▶ Population
 - ▶ Fragile Economies
 - ▶ Limited Infrastructure
- ▶ **Way Forwards - Reforms**
 - ▶ Internal – by the Islands themselves
 - ▶ External – UPU, ADIS, PIF, APPU etc.
 - ▶ PPDP – Perfect escomple standardization of Regulatory Practices by providing resources and enhancing capacity within Pacific (PIDS)



HEADWINS

- ▶ Harmonization is uneven.
- ▶ One size fits all?

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- ▶ A key Regulatory issue.
- ▶ Most operators struggle to fulfill this obligation.
- ▶ Govt Subsidies required to avoid huge losses.

CONCLUSION



- ▶ We are at a critical juncture.
- ▶ Traditional models of postal regulation are proving inadequate in the face of
 - ▶ rapid technological change;
 - ▶ economies pressures;
 - ▶ rising expectations

WHAT IS REQUIRED?



1. A coordinated, well resourced and inclusive regulatory approach that balances public services obligations with commercial realities;
2. Enhance Regulatory Capacity;
3. Foster PPP;
4. Integrate postal service into broader digital and economic development strategies.

With an effective regulatory framework

- ▶ Postal Services would be resilience;
- ▶ Accessible, Financially stable and;
- ▶ Responsive to the needs of all islands



THANK YOU