

PACER Plus in the Context of Fiji and the Pacific

“Facing Tomorrow Today”

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Scope of presentation

- What has changed in PACER Plus since my last presentation on 4 September 2009? My topic then was **“PACER Plus: Introduction & Overview”**
- In addressing PACER Plus, it is inevitable that one has to also address the theme of this session: “Fiji and the Pacific”. PACER Plus is a regional trade initiative. Any discussion on it by this forum would obviously be placing Fiji in the context of the Pacific - the Pacific Forum countries, in this case. This is so because of the centrality of Fiji’s role in FICs’ trade and in Pacific trade as a whole, especially in the context of a trade arrangement, like a FTA. I propose therefore to reflect this theme either by way of commentary or by way of focusing on certain issues that underline Fiji’s linkages to the rest of the FICs.



Scope of presentation

- To comply with the Forum's theme: "Facing Tomorrow Today", I propose to highlight various actions for Forum's consideration, especially FABC. These actions are aimed at identifying what you "need to be doing today, as regards PACER Plus, to take advantage of what lies ahead".



My approach

- To address all these with the help of the chronology of events relating to PACER Plus wef 2 May 2009 to beyond Q1 of 2010.
- As you can appreciate, much of this chronology is taken up with events relating to the Fiji situation.