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Time	Topic	Speaker
8.15am – 9.15am	Registrations and Networking	
9.15am – 9.25am	House rules and administration	<b>Emcee</b> <b>John Pulu</b>
<b>Opening Session</b>		
9.25am – 9.35am	Mihi Whakatau	
9.35am – 9.45am	Welcome	<b>Chandar Sen</b> – President NZFBC <b>Renu Chand</b> – President FNZBC
9.45am – 10.30am	Formal opening of conference A discussion on the New Zealand and Fiji economies	<b>Hon. Grant Robertson</b> Finance Minister <b>Honourable Professor Biman Chand Prasad</b> Deputy Prime Minister to Fiji Minister for Finance
10.30am – 10.50am	<b>Photo Session</b> <b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Sponsored by Tonkin &amp; Taylor</b>
	<b>Session One</b> <b>Our business environment</b> Why business resilience is important	<b>About the session:</b> Globalisation, climate change, cyber security, geo-politics, skills shortages, COVID-19 etc and how it has impacted business growth. This session is intended to provide the audience the opportunity to hear from experts followed by a Q & A  <i>Facilitator: Simon Bridges, CEO - Auckland Business Chamber</i>
10.50am 11.35am		<b>Sharon Zollner</b> ANZ Bank New Zealand, Chief Economist <b>Mr Faizul Ariff Ali</b> Governor, Reserve Bank of Fiji <b>Jeff Douglas</b> Managing Director, Douglas Pharmaceuticals
	<b>Session Two</b> <b>Sustainability and climate change</b> The impact on the private sector	<b>About the session:</b> Business enterprises across the Blue Pacific economies are exposed to climate risks such as extreme weather events, sea level rise, distance to markets and low population growth resulting in high cost of doing business. This session is an open discussion with experts for insights on the following. • How can the private sector climate proof their businesses? • How can the private sector access climate adaptation financial resources? • How can these barriers be overcome? • What partnerships can be explored to help overcome these barriers? What are the enablers for the private sector to invest in climate change adaptation? <i>Facilitator: Richard Reinen-Hamill, Sector Director - Natural Hazard Resilience, Tonkin &amp; Taylor</i>
11.35am – 12.20pm		<b>William Bowden</b> Business Development Manager, Mackwell Loco <b>Sam Gordon</b> Sustainability Manager, Air NZ <b>Steven Daysh</b> Partner, Mitchell Daysh <b>Dr Mike Hopkins</b> CEO, Carbon and Energy Professionals NZ
12.20pm – 1.30pm	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Sponsored by TBA</b>



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	<b>Session Three</b> <b>Global changes in Logistics</b>	<b>About the session:</b> Air and sea cargo account for all the world's trade, an estimation is that 80% is via sea. There are a number of issues affecting the transport industry. Climate change, rising cost of fuel, and the affordability of the infrastructure required for New Zealand and Fiji to remain competitive in a global economy. Globally, inflation and living costs continue to rise, with the ongoing war in Ukraine continuing to impact food, energy, and fertilizer markets  <i>Facilitator: Jackie Nassau, Managing Director, Nassau International</i>
1.30pm – 2.15pm		<b>Adam Lambdin</b> General Manager, Hemisphere Freight Services <b>Athil Narayan</b> Executive Manager, Fiji Airways <b>Rachel Madden</b> President, CBAFF New Zealand
	<b>Session Four</b> <b>Our people</b> The Human factor	<b>About the session:</b> The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our work-life balance, where businesses are now recognising the importance of their employees with putting their family needs and mental health first. i.e., working from home and flexible working hours. Skills shortage across the Pacific has escalated impacting the local workforce, in particular the labour market in Fiji is shrinking. <i>Facilitator: TBA</i>
2.15pm – 3.00pm		<b>Kate Figgins / Lindsey Rayner</b> Directors, Humanex <b>Dr Audrey Aumua</b> CEO, Fred Hollows Foundation NZ <b>Mr Jonetani Tonawai</b> CEO, Fiji Commerce & Employers Federation (FCEF)
3.00pm – 3.15pm		Coffee and Tea break
	<b>Session Five</b> <b>Cyber Security</b>	<b>About the session:</b> There is undisputed evidence to suggest that the Pacific region should be looking closer at security issues more holistically in the broader social and development agenda and where these intersect on a multi-sectoral level to achieve a more secure region. Acknowledging the rate of technological advancements cyber security underpins national integrity. The risks to businesses cannot be ignored. This session is an open discussion with experts for insights on the following. • Are businesses future proofed against cyber security threats and vulnerabilities? • Standards and best practices • Why does privacy matter  <i>Facilitator: Ronald Mudliar, Chief Underwriting Officer, Tower</i>
3.15pm – 4.00pm		<b>Brent Carey</b> CEO, Netsafe <b>Pier Smulders</b> GM, NZ and Australia, Alibaba Group <b>Ms Momina Beg</b> Director Taxation, Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (FRCS) <b>Deepak Pratap</b> Director, Lagom
	<b>Concluding remarks</b>	NZFBC
4.15pm – 5.45pm	<b>Pre Dinner Networking Drinks at "The Winning Post"</b>	<b>Sponsored by Lagom</b>
6.00pm – 10.00pm	<b>Conference Dinner / Dinner speaker Sir Graham Henry</b>	<b>Sponsored by Matson South Pacific</b>

