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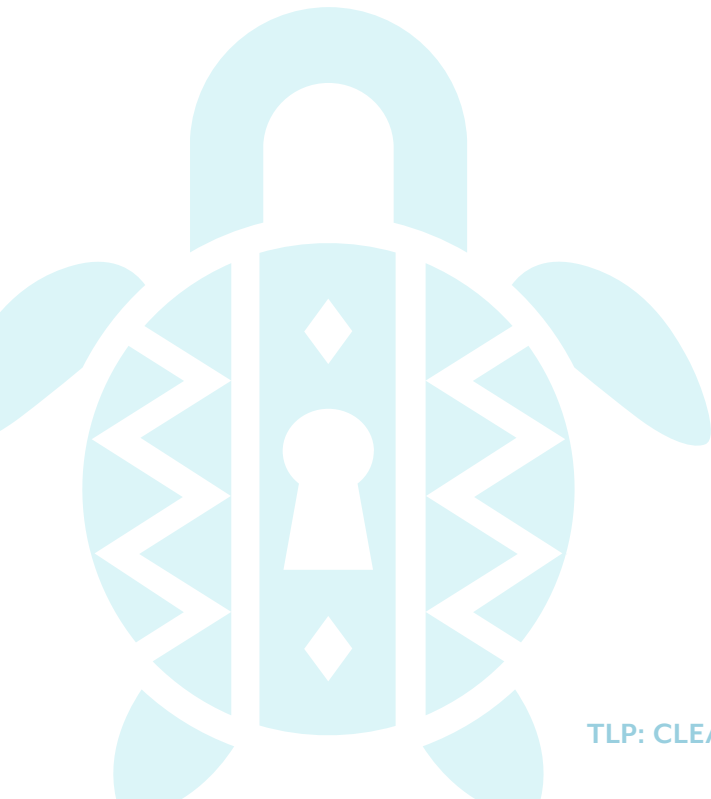
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OVERVIEW

The 2025 Pacific Cyber Security Operational Network (PaCSON) Annual General Meeting (AGM) was hosted on Kiritimati Island, Kiribati, from 16 to 21 October. This was the first time that a PaCSON AGM was hosted in Micronesia, underscoring PaCSON's commitment to being a truly Pacific-wide network.

As outgoing PaCSON Chair and host, the Kiribati Ministry of Information, Communications and Transport (MICT) set the scene for members, partners and observers to collaborate, share cyber security information, raise cyber awareness and strengthen connections across the community. Networking extended beyond the formal sessions, with 4 social networking events hosted throughout the week by MICT, the Ministry of Line and Phoenix Islands Development (MLPID), and the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) as PaCSON Secretariat.

Key highlights of the AGM included:

- **Travel Day (15 Oct):** Welcome reception at the MLPID offices, with the Honourable Mikarite Temari, Minister of MLPID.
- **Day 1 (16 Oct):** Opening Ceremony, Capture the Flag (CTF) cyber challenge, and PaCSON AGM Opening Dinner.
- **Day 2 (17 Oct):** Members-only sessions with AGM Governance Proceedings, annual in-person working group meetings, and Executive Committee 2025 Appreciation and Inaugural Dinner.
- **Day 3 (18 Oct):** Day trip to Paris Point and wildlife sanctuary.
- **Day 4 (19 Oct):** Rest day.
- **Day 5 (20 Oct):** Community presentations, visit to the Southern Cross NEXT cable landing site, and Farewell Dinner.

Please see **Appendix A** for the full agenda.



A group photo of the Opening Ceremony attendees

OPENING EVENTS

WELCOME RECEPTION

The Honourable Mikarite Temari, Minister of MLPID, hosted a welcome reception at the MLPID offices. The event provided an opportunity for networking and scene setting ahead of the PaCSON AGM Opening Ceremony. The morning began with welcome remarks delivered by the Honourable Aoniba Riaree, Minister and Deputy Secretary (MICT), and closing remarks provided by Domingo Kabunare, the Outgoing PaCSON Chair and Chief Information Security Officer MICT.

The ceremony was a welcome addition to the AGM as attendees had the opportunity to experience Kiribati culture through musical performances conducted by a local school and the police band. Attendees also experienced a traditional dance performance by the Samiking Dance Group.

PACSON AGM OPENING CEREMONY

The first official day of the PaCSON AGM included the Opening Ceremony with opening remarks delivered by Nemani Tehana, Master of Ceremonies and Deputy Secretary of MLPID. A prayer was then read by Rheisel Teata of MICT.

Domingo Kabunare acknowledged and welcomed all attendees and expressed appreciation to the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) for its continued support of PaCSON. Domingo Kabunare highlighted the role of PaCSON in strengthening cyber awareness and capabilities across the Pacific, and emphasised the importance of working together as a community to continue collaboration.

Craig Beutel, Assistant Director-General Incident Management ACSC and in the role as PaCSON Secretariat, welcomed and acknowledged attendees and thanked the PaCSON Executive Committee (EC) members of Kiribati, Papua New Guinea and Samoa for their dedication and hard work-helping guide the community throughout the year. Craig Beutel, in the role of Secretariat, also welcomed the Marshall Islands and Tokelau to their first PaCSON AGM in recent years, and acknowledged the passing of Georgina Kiele of Papua New Guinea who was a valued member of the PaCSON community and had most-recently served as PaCSON Incoming Chair until her passing.

Hamilton Vagi, the PaCSON Incoming Chair and Acting Executive Manager of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) in PNG, thanked Kiribati for hosting the AGM and expressed appreciation to the EC for its commitment throughout the year.

The AGM Opening Ceremony concluded with a challenge coin presentation, presented by Craig Beutel and Nemani Tehana.

GOVERNANCE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT

During an open nomination period for the 2025–26 EC prior to the AGM, multiple nominations were received for both Incoming Chair and Deputy Chair. These nominations resulted in an election taking place, which required members to vote for their preferred candidate for each position. Members unable to attend the AGM, as well as members present in Kiribati, had the opportunity to cast their votes anonymously.

The PaCSON community congratulated and welcomed the new EC for the 2025–26 term:

- **Chair** Papua New Guinea
- **Incoming Chair** Nauru
- **Deputy Chair** Tonga

GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK REVIEW

The Governance Framework is PaCSON's governing document. It stipulates PaCSON's operational activities and conditions in which the community contributes to PaCSON. It is essential that this document remain up to date and consistent with community values.

Following a formal review, the proposed changes to the Governance Framework were voted upon by members at the PaCSON AGM.

The inclusions did not make substantial changes to the framework but, instead, clarified and formalised existing mechanisms, systems and activities to assist with the smooth running of PaCSON.

The key changes were to the following.

PaCSON Fellowship guidelines and scope of Secretariat support

To be eligible to receive fellowship, the recipient:

- must be a PaCSON member
- be eligible for Official Development Assistance, or from an approved nation on a case-by-case basis.

Fellowship support includes:

- return economy fare flights
- accommodation
- meal and incidental allowances
- conference fees (where applicable)
- taxi and transport fees (where applicable)

The Secretariat may use discretion when arranging travel plans to ensure that it is most practical and cost effective.

Once travel plans are agreed upon between the Secretariat and the Fellowship recipient, the recipient must adhere to the travel plans to the best of their ability. This includes:

- flight times
- flight locations
- accommodation
- any related travel plans.

PaCSON voting procedures

An AGM or GM vote is required for:

- EC elections
- PaCSON Governance Framework amendments
- membership revocation
- any other issue referred to the AGM for decision by the EC.

When a vote by PaCSON members is required, members present at the AGM or GM will cast anonymous votes via ballot. PaCSON members unable to attend the vote in person will be given the opportunity to vote virtually. One vote per PaCSON member country.

A successful vote requires a majority of the PaCSON members in order for the vote to be valid.

The outcome of the vote will be the option that receives the majority of votes. In the event of a tie, a second vote will take place only for the options involved in the tie. If a second tie occurs, the current Chair will cast the deciding vote. If there is no Chair, the current Incoming Chair will cast the deciding vote. If there is no current Incoming Chair, the Deputy Chair will cast the deciding vote. If there is no Chair, Incoming Chair or Deputy Chair, the PaCSON Secretariat will cast the deciding vote.

EC voting procedures and formal challenges

The EC is responsible for making decisions on behalf of all PaCSON members. EC decisions are to be made by unanimous vote.

Where a unanimous EC decision cannot be reached, the decision will be put to a vote of all PaCSON members at the next AGM or GM. The approach outlined under the previous section on PaCSON voting procedures will be followed, especially if the vote is tied. The PaCSON Secretariat will facilitate this process.

Should any PaCSON member seek to challenge an EC decision they must inform the PaCSON Secretariat within 5 business days of being notified of the decision. In the event of a challenge to a decision, the challenging PaCSON member(s) must submit their reasons in writing to the Secretariat to be shared with all PaCSON members prior to the vote.

The PaCSON Secretariat will inform the EC and seek a resolution. Should the resolution not be suitable to the challenging PaCSON member the PaCSON Secretariat will facilitate a majority vote of all PaCSON members at the next AGM or GM. PaCSON members unable to attend the AGM or GM may submit an online or remote vote prior to the official vote occurring at the AGM or GM.

For the vote to proceed, the challenging PaCSON member(s) must submit their reasons in writing to the Secretariat to be shared with all PaCSON members prior to the vote.

The PaCSON Secretariat does not hold voting rights at the AGM or GM, except where the Secretariat is required to provide the casting vote to break a tie when all other options have been exhausted. However, representatives from the ACSC (Australia's PaCSON member) have voting rights the same as any other PaCSON member.

Online and Remote Voting

PaCSON members unable to attend the AGM or GM may submit an online or remote vote prior to the official vote occurring at the AGM or GM.

Amendments to the PaCSON Governance Framework

Any member may propose an amendment to the PaCSON Governance Framework for consideration at a PaCSON AGM or GM. Any amendment to the Governance Framework must be received by the Secretariat, for consultation with the EC at least 10 business days prior to an AGM or GM. Amendments to the Governance Framework are only accepted if a vote passes as per AGM or GM voting procedures.

PRIORITIES FOR 2024–25 REVIEW

Similar to last year's AGM, the PaCSON community revisited the previous year's priorities. The 2024–2025 priorities included:

- Solidifying PaCSON's position within the regional architecture through formalising its status as a regional body.
- Increasing engagement opportunities internally and externally.
- Encouraging members' information sharing and confidence in seeking assistance.
- Implementing a comprehensive PaCSON monitoring and evaluation framework.

PRIORITIES FOR 2025–26

Discussions held during the members-only session helped shape and inform the 2025–26 PaCSON priorities. Following the AGM, the EC endorsed the following priorities:

Strengthen PaCSON's position within the regional architecture and global cyber forums through formal coordination and regional alignment.

Building upon last year's priority of solidifying PaCSON's presence in the regional architecture, as well as increasing efforts to promote visibility of PaCSON at global cyber forums, PaCSON will:

- Advocate for the alignment of the 2026 PaCSON AGM alongside other regional cyber events.
- Encourage members to use interventions within regional forums to attract the attention of the region's senior leaders and ICT ministers.
- Continue to advocate for the Pacific at key global forums to advance PaCSON objectives and provide opportunities for PaCSON members to share Pacific issues and solutions.

Further develop a PaCSON monitoring and evaluation framework.

Building upon last year's priority of establishing a monitoring and evaluation framework, expand the evaluation function to measure progress, identify challenges and share outcomes across the network. PaCSON will:

- Understand the priorities and work programs of all elements of the PaCSON program, including working groups, partner engagement and fellowship opportunities.
- Assess PaCSON functions and provide recommendations for EC consideration.

Strengthen and streamline capacity-building efforts in the region.

Leverage the Capacity Building Action Plan to facilitate and deconflict capacity-building efforts in the region with the goal of working towards a more capable and self-sufficient Pacific cyber environment. PaCSON will:

- Promote the Capacity Building Action Plan with regional partners.
- Encourage PaCSON partners and friends to take a more active role and highlight the value their expertise brings to PaCSON.

Promote a safe and secure environment to enable members to share information and increase their confidence in asking for assistance.

Prioritise an increase in members sharing information through existing or new methods of communication.

PaCSON will:

- Enable an increase in the number of member produced advisories, alerts and updates.
- Encourage initiatives that assist with the growth of information sharing within the PaCSON community.

WORKING GROUPS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ENDORSEMENT AND LAUNCH OF THE CAPACITY BUILDING WORKING GROUP ACTION PLAN

In June 2025, the Capacity Building Working Group met in Wellington, New Zealand, to develop the Capacity Building Action Plan. Following this, the working group officially launched the action plan at the AGM. Members expressed their appreciation to the working group for its dedication and effort in developing the plan.

The PaCSO Capacity Building Action Plan represents Pacific values and priorities for capacity-building needs, and was established by the Pacific as the principal guiding framework to assist in developing and delivering cyber capacity building initiatives in the region. A vote was taken at the AGM to enact and implement the 5 key strategic focus areas.

PaCSO Capacity Building Action Plan 2025-2028

Strategic Focus ONE	Strategic Focus TWO	Strategic Focus THREE	Strategic Focus FOUR	Strategic Focus FIVE
<p>INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively with other regional infrastructure to build legislation and regulatory support. • Readiness assessments conducted yearly to understand national gaps. • Support the development of national cyber security policies and mechanisms. • Specific support on building CERTs, national cyber centres and CSIRT functions. • Enhanced formal information sharing mechanisms. • Deliver study tours to strengthen understanding of governance processes, cross agency collaboration on cyber related issues. • Regional SOC with 'break-glass' incident response function, supported by relevant partners. 	<p>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearly secondments, internships or scholarship opportunities for PaCSO members. • Deliver train-the-trainer model training on CERT functions. • Seek investment in establishing workforce development plans or implementation of initiatives to increase number of staff where resources are low. • Support for professional certifications/ micro-credentials. • Support for attendance at regional and global conferences/ symposiums. • Partnerships with academic institutions for training on AI/ cyber security. 	<p>INCIDENT RESPONSE</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific threat hunt and remediation information and training is provided at a bilateral or regional level. • Regional tabletop exercises and CTFs. • Training on incident response tools. • Incorporation of incident communication and advisory training in every PaCSO related initiative. • Training in cyber security incident management. • Creation and implementation of incident response plans and playbooks. • Explore legal frameworks for cross-border cooperation e.g. sub regions. • Deployment of PaCSO cyber security team for supporting major events (PIFLM, CHOFGM, etc.). 	<p>CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create opportunities for PaCSO members to engage with technology providers to understand their products. This could include engagement with Amazon and Google. • Share advice on procuring large scale infrastructure and licenses. This includes understanding what support can be provided at a regional scale. • Developing regulatory frameworks or processes to support critical infrastructure assets and providers. • PaCSO may join conferences, host side events, or have an AGM together with Vendor Expo or Pacific Cyber Drill. • Receiving advice from trusted partners regarding equipment/ critical infrastructure. • Training on a secure by design/ secure by default framework. 	<p>REGIONAL UPLIFT</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify ways to continue the deployment of a Pacific technical team to support regional events and forums. • Support representation at global international forums/ conferences and relevant cyber weeks. • Provide relevant information to the Pacific Island Forum on cyber security matters for leader's consideration. • Deployment of child exploitation filters at a regional level through Internet Service Providers (ISPs). • Empower/ mandate PaCSO members to implement changes quickly at the national level. • Reaffirm PaCSO as a part of the regional architecture.

PACSON WORKING GROUP AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The PaCSON AGM serves as an annual opportunity for members of PaCSON's 4 working groups to meet in person.

These 4 working groups are:

- **Awareness Raising Working Group**
Convened by Samoa
- **Capacity Building Working Group**
Co-convened by Tonga and New Zealand
- **Communications Working Group**
Co-convened by Australia and the Solomon Islands
- **Partners Working Group**
Convened by the PaCSON Secretariat.

Each working group took the opportunity to come together to reflect on the previous year's activities and achievements, and to share new ideas for the year ahead.

Additionally, at the 2025 PaCSON AGM, Terianna Kourabi from MICT introduced the newly established Women in Cybersecurity Working Group. This announcement marked a welcome addition to the PaCSON community, bringing the total number of working groups to 5. The Women in Cybersecurity Working Group will focus on supporting women in strategic leadership roles and will help nurture the growth of women in the PaCSON community.

The EC also used the 2025 AGM as an opportunity to meet for the annual in-person EC meeting. This meeting also served as a transitional meeting, with members of the outgoing and incoming ECs present. The meeting was constructive and collaborative, allowing EC members to come together and discuss priorities for the PaCSON community, including the newly amended PaCSON Governance Framework. The top priorities for the EC discussed in this meeting included fellowship opportunities and guidelines, as well as determining the appropriate level of involvement from PaCSON partners, friends and observers.

TECHNICAL EXERCISES AND EXCHANGES

CAPTURE THE FLAG

The annual PaCSON CTF exercise is always an exciting highlight of the PaCSON AGM, with 2025 being no exception. This exercise brought together members, partners, and observers to problem-solve and work on capturing as many virtual 'flags' as possible. This year's cyber challenge continued to build on the tactics, techniques and procedures of the themes from the last few years, including:

- initial access via brute forcing tools, such as Remote Desktop Protocol
- persistence using web shells and scheduled tasks
- lateral movement using Remote Desktop
- enumeration via Windows Management Infrastructure
- credential access via ntds.dit
- data staging and exfiltration.

Drawing upon recent digital forensics and incident response engagements undertaken by the ACSC, open source threat intelligence, and industry reporting, the 2025 challenge also focused on additional tradecraft such as:

- malware for persistence
- using public data storage for exfiltrated data.

The breadth of 'flags' that were focused on ensured that the challenge was relevant to what participants may encounter after the AGM and into 2026.

While this year's CTF delivery via web browser and tools (DFIR2Go) were the same, the challenge required the participants to use Velociraptor to collect artefacts rather than having the artefacts pre-collected as was done in 2024.

This presented delivery challenges, due to limited hardware available to run the challenge. As a result, a unique solution was adopted that required running 2 networks. One was used to present the challenge to the participants, while the other was an isolated network used to contain a replicated compromised virtual management (VM).

Each compromised VM contained a preconfigured Velociraptor agent that was connected with its own organisation in the Velociraptor server with data sent to OpenSearch. Document level security prevented participants from being able to see what other teams were working on.

Attendees needed to work together in teams to tackle the challenge with the teams often comprising of members from different member and partner organisations.

The CTF activity went for 5 hours and was a huge success, with:

- 23 users playing
- 139 correct submissions
- 42,000 website views.

The scoreboard was displayed in the room throughout the challenge, with the winner holding bragging rights until the next AGM in 2026. In the end, it was a very close challenge with multiple teams vying for the top spot.

Congratulations to the winners from Team TanoaTrace, comprised of Elisha Devi (Ministry of Communications Fiji), Kunal Raj (Reserve Bank of Fiji), Otukolo Tokai (CERT Tonga), Klée Aiken (Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams) and Simon Nicolet (*Agence nationale de la sécurité des systèmes d'information* – the French Cyber Security Agency).



Following the end of the challenge, the ACSC technical team provided a live walk through to demonstrate different ways to approach the challenge, as well as the value of using tools that can assist members in incident response.



TLP:RED CYBER SECURITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

At the 2025 AGM, PaCSON members participated in the annual Traffic Light Protocol (TLP): Red information-sharing session. Members were asked to prepare for this session by presenting a short talk on their national cyber threat landscape, as well as a recent cyber incident or a cyber event they had experienced.

Members could use this session to share information up to TLP: RED level. TLP:RED is the highest level of restriction in the TLP, meaning the information is for the eyes and ears of individual recipients only, and cannot be disclosed further.

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKING GROUP TABLETOP EXERCISE

During the 2025 PaCSON AGM, the Capacity Building Working Group delivered a tabletop exercise focused on creating an incident response plan for a cyber incident. The exercise guided participants through developing and implementing the response plan, examining technical artefacts and developing internal and external incident communications.

Attendees were encouraged to work in groups with people they had previously not worked with, and this encouraged collaboration and sharing different perspectives as attendees worked through the scenario. At the conclusion of the exercise, participants had the opportunity to reflect on their experience, discuss lessons learned, and walk through steps involved in responding to the incident.

PRESENTATIONS

The 2025 PaCSON AGM provided attendees with an opportunity to hear a number of detailed presentations delivered by members, partners and observers on various contemporary topics.

Notably, a presentation by the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security (CCCS) on AI generated significant interest from members, as AI has been a popular area of focus among members.

CERTVU delivered a presentation on its experience in working in a Security Operations Centre (SOC). This was based on its participation in the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders' Meeting SOC in the Solomon Islands for the 2025 PIF Leaders' Meeting. The presentation provided a unique first-hand insight into the daily operations of a SOC, the scope of a Pacific SOC's responsibilities, and its strategic objectives.

CERT Tonga presented on interagency coordination, highlighting the importance of strengthening cyber security cooperation and coordination to improve the effectiveness of organisations when responding to a cyber attack. The presentation outlined various tips, including establishing clear roles and responsibilities, as well as building trust to support a coordinated response among affected agencies, organisations and businesses.

A full list of the presentations that took place during the AGM is as follows:

PaCSON members

- ACSC: HuntIR Simulating Incident Response Game Style
- CERT Tonga: Interagency coordination during a cyber attack
- CERTVU: What it's like to work in a Pacific SOC and private industry engagement

Partners

- CCCS: Making Technical Concepts Accessible: Practical AI Applications and GeekWeek
- French Cyber Security Agency (ANSSI): Cyber Threats in the Region

Observers

- Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT): Protective Domain Name Service (PDNS) and threat sharing in the region

PaCSON Working Groups

- Communications Working Group update
- Capacity Building Working Group update
- Awareness Raising Working Group update



Awareness Raising Presentation

SITE VISIT

On the final day of the AGM, attendees visited the Southern Cross NEXT (SX NEXT) submarine cable landing station. The cable system provides connectivity between Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Tokelau, Kiribati and the United States. The SX NEXT represents a vital infrastructure investment connecting the Pacific Islands to the world and is a significant demonstration of regional infrastructure to support increased connectivity for small island states.

The visit included a tour of the cable landing station, a presentation and a question and answer session with Ioane Koroivuki, Chief Executive Officer of BwebwerikiNET. This engagement provided attendees with insights into the operations of the cable landing station.



Cable Landing Station Site Visit

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS

This year, the community enjoyed 4 social events in the evenings and one cultural day trip activity. These networking events provided an excellent opportunity to connect outside the formal sessions, offering participants the chance to strengthen connections and continue fostering relationships across the community. The PaCSON community acknowledges and thanks MICT and MLPID for organising the social events at this year's AGM.

PACSON AGM OPENING DINNER

The PaCSON AGM opening dinner was held on 16 October at the Captain Cook Hotel following the first official day of PaCSON AGM activities. This dinner was generously sponsored by MICT.

Aoniba Riaree, Minister and Deputy Secretary MICT, warmly welcomed attendees with a speech and introduced a traditional dance performed by the Samiking Dance Group that commenced the evening's festivities. The performance offered attendees insight into local traditions and provided an engaging opportunity to connect with Kiribati culture, with guests being invited to participate in dancing.



EC 2025 APPRECIATION AND INAUGURAL DINNER RECEPTION

Attendees attended the EC Appreciation and Inaugural Dinner on 17 October. The dinner was sponsored by the ACSC as PaCSON Secretariat. The night began with a speech from Domingo Kabunare, PaCSON's Outgoing Chair, who highlighted the achievements of the PaCSON community and welcomed Hamilton Vagi, PaCSON's Incoming Chair. This was followed by a prayer delivered by Bongraoi Arebaio from MICT.

Remarks were delivered by Hamilton Vagi, who expressed appreciation for the outstanding work conducted by Kiribati during its term. Following speeches, attendees experienced a traditional dance by the Teie Ni Kiribati Dance Group.

Domingo Kabunare explained that the dance symbolised a deep connection to the natural environment. The dance's movement represented the swaying of coconut trees in the wind, the dignity and balance of ancestors, the grace and freedom of birds, and captured the courage and movement of island peoples.

DAY TRIP KIRITIMATI ISLAND TOUR

To learn more about beautiful Kiritimati Island, on 18 October attendees participated in a day trip to Paris Point. While visiting Paris Point, attendees had the chance to visit a wildlife sanctuary and observe local wildlife in their natural habitat. This included the Lesser Frigatebirds, Christmas Island Warblers and Masked Boobies.

While at Paris Point, attendees were able to spend time on the beach, swimming, snorkelling and enjoying a picnic. In the spirit of the PaCSON Community, members worked together to transport food from the boat to the picnic area before enjoying a delicious meal together. The Kiritimati Island tour provided an opportunity for attendees to continue discussions outside the formally planned sessions, as well as to appreciate what the PaCSON community is endeavouring to protect, our beautiful Blue Continent.



NETWORKING DINNER

To conclude a busy day of conference proceedings on 20 October, the AGM networking dinner was held. This dinner was hosted by MICT and took place on the beach, offering a scenic setting. The evening began with speeches from Domingo Kabunare, as PaCSON's Outgoing Chair, and Craig Beutel, as PaCSON Secretariat, followed by a traditional dance performed by Green Young Ladies and an opening prayer delivered by Bongraoi Arebaio from MICT.

Domingo Kabunare along with Aoniba Riaree, Minister and Deputy Secretary MICT, concluded the formal speeches with a karaoke duet. Following their duet, they encouraged AGM attendees to let loose and to participate in karaoke. Guests enjoyed singing and dancing the night away. It was a fun and enjoyable end to a busy day! It was great to see the PaCSON community sing, dance and enjoy themselves together.

FAREWELL DINNER

On 21 October, to conclude a busy week networking, and sharing best practices and lessons learned, attendees gathered at the MLPID offices for a farewell dinner hosted by MICT. The night included a speech from Nemani Tehana, MICT Deputy Secretary, alongside Aoniba Riaree and Domingo Kabunare. Following speeches, attendees enjoyed one last traditional dance performance by the KiriValu Dance Group before concluding the 2025 AGM.

SUMMARY

The successful week-long AGM demonstrated the value of the PaCSON community coming together in person to strengthen relationships and to continue to work together to achieve the community's shared goals.

Kiribati's leadership and hospitality created an environment that encouraged learning, open dialogue and sharing from each other's cyber expertise and experience. As a result of this leadership, there was a further deepening of trust and commitment between PaCSON members.

As the role of the Chair transfers from Kiribati to Papua New Guinea for the 2025–26 term, the PaCSON community thanks Kiribati for the momentum it built throughout the 2024–25 term and for its hospitality in hosting the 2025 AGM.

Kiribati's legacy as Chair will be demonstrated by the strong foundation created for continued cooperation and capacity building throughout the region. The PaCSON community already eagerly awaits the 2026 AGM in Papua New Guinea.

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APPENDICES



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APPENDIX A: AGM AGENDA

**PaCSON AGM 2025 Agenda**

15-21 October 2024
GMT +14 hrs

KPF Conference Venue
Kiritimati Island, Kiribati

Wednesday 15 October

Travel day | Attendees arrive in Kiritimati.

Arrival reception at MLPID Offices, sponsored by Ministry of Line and Phoenix Islands Development.

DAY 1 Thursday 16 October**PaCSON 2025 AGM Opening Ceremony**

9:00 am – 10:10 am	PaCSON 2025 AGM Opening Ceremony	All & VIP guests
10:10 am – 10:20 am	Group photo	All & VIP guests
10:20 am – 11:00 am	Morning tea & reception with	All & VIP guests
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	PaCSON AGM Annual Cyber Challenge	All
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch	All
1:30 pm – 3:15 pm	PaCSON AGM Annual Cyber Challenge	All
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Afternoon tea	All
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	PaCSON AGM Annual Cyber Challenge	All

End Day 1

Evening Social Event

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Networking drinks, Captain Cook Hotel	All & VIP guests
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	PaCSON AGM Opening Dinner, Captain Cook Hotel	All & VIP guests

DAY 2 Friday 17 October

Members-only sessions and working group meetings		
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Executive Committee election and appointment	Members only
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Governance Framework review	Members only
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning tea	Members only
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Priorities discussion	Members only
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Capacity Building Working Group Action Plan review	Members only
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Members only
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	TLP:RED Cyber security information exchange	Members only
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Afternoon tea	Members only
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Working group meetings	Members only
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	PaCSON Partners Working Group meeting	PPWG members
4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	Annual in-person EC meeting for 2025	EC only
<i>End Day 2</i>		
Evening social event		
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	EC 2025 Appreciation and Inaugural Dinner, Little Flower	All

Saturday 18 October**Social & Cultural Day**

Day trip to Paris Point and wildlife sanctuary.

Draft Program of Kiritimati Island tour

- 08:00 am: Depart CPPL Wharf
- 08:30 am: Giant Manta Ray (Channel)
- 09:45 am: Arrive at Ngaon Tetaake
- 10:15 am: Depart Ngaon Tetaake
- 11:40 am: Arrive at Cook Island
- 12:20 pm: Depart Cook Island
- 12:50 pm: Arriving in Paris (lunch & swimming)
- 15:30 pm: Depart Paris
- 16:45 pm: Arrive CPPL Wharf
- 17:00 pm: Transport back to hotels

Sunday 19 October**Rest Day**

DAY 3 Monday 20 October

Workshops and presentations		
8:45am – 10:30am	Capacity Building Working Group tabletop exercise	All
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Morning tea	All
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Capacity Building Working group tabletop exercise cont.	All
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	All
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	CCCS: Making Technical Concepts Accessible: Practical AI Applications	All
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	CERT Tonga: Interagency coordination during a cyber attack	All
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	ANSSI: Cyber Threats in the Region	All
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Afternoon tea	All
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	CERTVU: What it's like to work in a Pacific SOC	All
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	DFAT: PDNS and threat sharing in the region	All
<i>End Day 3</i>		
Evening social event		
6:00 pm – 9:00pm	Networking Dinner on the beach	All & VIP guests

DAY 4 Tuesday 21 October

Site visit, cultural program and AGM wrap up		
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	Working group presentations: CERTVU: Private sector engagement CCCS: GeekWeek ACSC: HuntIR Simulating Incident Response Game Style	All
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	All
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Site visit: Cable landing station	All
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Afternoon tea	All
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Wrap up, Chair/EC TBC	All
<i>End Day 4</i>		
Evening social events		
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Farewell Dinner, MLPID offices	All & VIP guests

Wednesday 22 October

Travel day | All attendees begin return journey.

APPENDIX B: ATTENDANCE

The PaCSON members, partners and approved observers that attended the 2025 PaCSON AGM.

PaCSON members

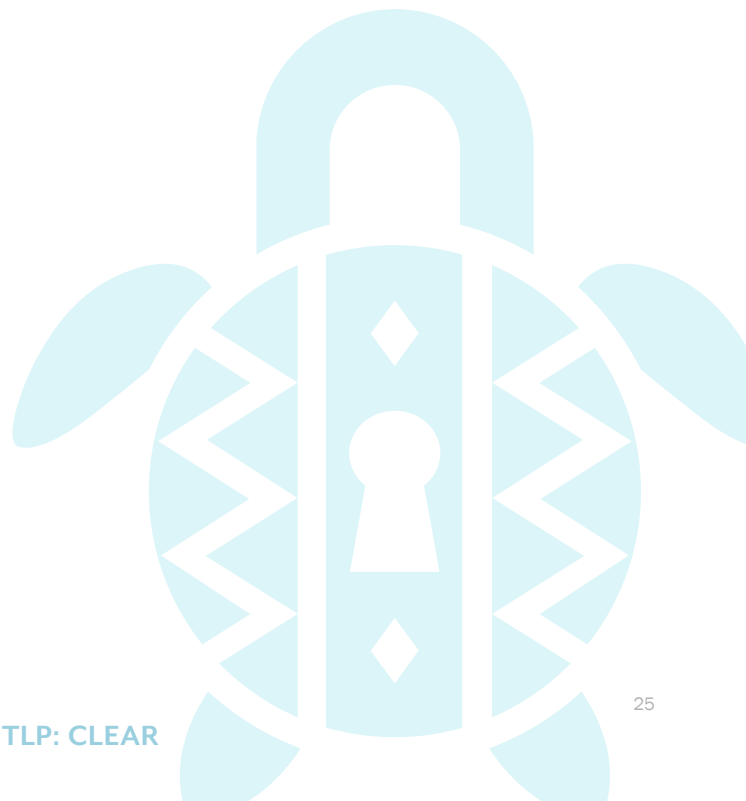
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PaCSON partners

Canadian Centre for Cyber Security (CCCS)
Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF)
Agence nationale de la sécurité des systèmes d'information / French Cyber Security Agency (ANSSI)
Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST)

Observers

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia
Ministry of Line and Phoenix Island Development, Kiribati
Ministry of Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Kiribati
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