PTF 2023 Tentative Conference Programme
Chairperson: Mr. Phil Roberts, Board Director, Tri Marine International Pte Ltd, Singapore

Tuesday, 05th September 2023
17:00 - 20:00 Pre-Registration

Day 1: Wednesday, 06th September 2023
07:30 - 09:00 Registration (Tea/Coffee)
09:00 -10:00 Opening Ceremony
  Welcome Address - INFOFISH
  Special Address by Conference Chair, Mr. Phil Roberts, Board Director, Tri Marine International Pte Ltd, Singapore
  Welcome Address & Official Opening

10:30 - 11:00: Keynote Address: *The Blue Pacific Continent and Tuna Sustainability* - Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)

Session 1: “The State of the Tuna Supply and the Industry in the WCPO (Blue Pacific Continent)”
11:00 - 11:20: Overview of tuna stocks in the WCPO (Blue Pacific Continent) - The Pacific Community (SPC)

11:20 - 11:40: The Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) and contributing to tuna stock sustainability – Dr. Sangaa Clark (CEO, Parties to the Nauru Agreement Office (PNAO), Republic of the Marshall Islands)

11:40 - 12:00: Regional and global implications of IUU fishing in the Pacific – Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

12:20 – 12:40: Climate change scenarios for the tuna industry and adapting to a changing global environment – The Pacific Community (SPC)
12:40 - 13:10: The challenges of sustainability and working towards a regional blue initiative for Tuna - Rhea Moss-Christian (Executive Director, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC))

13:10 - 13:30: Panel Discussion (20 mins)

13:30 - 14:30: Lunch

Session 2: “Investing in a Sustainable and Responsible Tuna Landscape: WCPO (The Blue Pacific Continent) and Global Tuna Supply & Demand (Opportunities & Challenges)”

14:30 - 14:50: Increasing investment and sustainability outcomes in tuna fisheries for the socio-economic benefit of FFA member countries.  
Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

14:50 - 15:10: Investing in Sustainable Tuna Management in the Blue Pacific and the opportunities of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in PNG (National Fisheries Authority (NFA), Papua New Guinea)

15:10 - 15:30: Improving fish standards, certification and growing the Tuna industry in the Papua New Guinea - PNG Fisheries Industry Association (PNG FIA)

15:30 - 15:50: Strengthening stewardship, sustainability and community benefit through responsible Tuna Management in Fiji and the Blue Pacific Continent (Fiji)

15:50 - 16:10: Effectively framing Public-Private Partnership in ensuring sustainability in the Tuna Industry and changing lives in the Solomon Islands (Solomon Islands)

16:10 - 16:30: Panel Discussion (20 mins)

Session 3: Global Tuna Trade and Markets

The “Blue Pacific Continent” Trade and Market Dynamics

16:30 - 16:50: A regional perspective: Fostering greater economic partnership and cooperation to enhance market access in the region (in the context of national development aspirations) - Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)

16:50 - 17:10: Fisheries Subsidies implication on Pacific Trade and Investment – Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)

17:10 - 17:30: Shipping tuna from the Pacific to the rest of the World
17:30 - 17:45: Panel Discussions [15 mins]

18:00 - 19:00: Ministerial & Industry Dialogue (closed door)(Fostering Sustainable Opportunities) – TBC

19:30 - 21:30: Networking Welcome Cocktail

Day 2: Thursday, 07th September 2023

Session 3: Global Tuna Trade and Markets

09:00 - 09:20: The state of the global tuna industry and developments in tuna trade and markets in the Asia Region – Gemma Meermans Matalnaho (Trade Promotion Officer, INFOFISH)

09:20 - 09:40: An overview of the Ecuadorian tuna industry and trade experience – Madam Monica Maldonado (Executive Director, Ecuador Association of Tuna Processors and Exporters (CEIPA), Ecuador)

09:40 - 10:00: The EU market and its relevance to the Pacific – Henk Brus, (CEO, Pacifical B.V., Netherlands)

10:00 - 10:20: Middle East Market: Opportunities for tuna from the Pacific – Arnab Sengupta (Deputy CEO, J.M.B INTERNATIONAL, Thailand)

10:20 - 10:40: Developments in the Australia and New Zealand markets and opportunities for the Pacific region - Tim Anastasopoulos (Procurement Senior Category Manager, Simplot Australia)

10:40 - 10:50: Panel Discussions [10 mins]

10:50 - 11:00: Tea/Coffee Break [10 mins]

Promoting Partnerships and Participation in the Tuna Industry

11:00 – 11:20: The role of Global Dialogue in Seafood Traceability (GDST) on the impact of the tuna supply chain – Greg Brown (CEO, Global Dialogues of Seafood Traceability, GDST)
11:20 – 11:40: The importance of industry and regulatory agency partnership in supporting the developing of internal quality systems in ensuring high quality value of tuna products based on digitalization and data collection - Antonio Bustamante (Manager, BIOLAN Southeast Asia, Thailand)

11:40 – 12:00: Promoting partnerships and inclusive participation, “the Pacific way”: Promoting a conducive policy and business environment for all stakeholders – Parties to the Nauru Agreement Office (PNAO)

12:00 – 12:20: Promoting community engagement and partnership: Lessons learnt from the FAD-Tuna Project in the Pacific – Michael Savins (Project Technical Adviser FishFAD project and international Fish Value Chain Expert, Sub-regional Office for the Pacific, Food and Agriculture Organisation, Apia Samoa)

12:20 - 12:30: Panel Discussion (10 mins)

12:30 - 13:30: Lunch (1 hour)

Session 4: “Leveraging Technological Innovation and Processing Development for a safer, secure and sustainable tuna Industry”

13:30 – 13:50: Smart technologies towards a new era in sustainable tuna fishing – Javier de la Cal (Regional Sales Director APAC – SATLINK)

13:50 – 14:10: Drone technology and the future of Tuna fish tracking and monitoring – Marine Instruments

14:10 – 14:30: Advances and challenges in Pacific-wide FIMS and e-reporting/ Strenthening transparency and accountability: The case for FIMS and e-Reporting – Parties to the Nauru Agreement Office (PNAO)

14:30 – 14:50: NFA FIMS Platform: Managing sustainably the tuna industry in Papua New Guinea – David Karis (a/Executive Manager, Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Business Unit, National Fisheries Authority, Papua New Guinea)

14:50 – 15:10: Technology innovation and combating IUU and other illegal activities in the Pacific Ocean

15:10 – 15:30: Blockchain & E-commerce: Kenneth Katafono (Founder and Managing Director, TraSeable Solutions Pte Ltd, Suva, Fiji)

15:30 - 15:40: Panel Discussion (10 mins)

15:40 - 15:50: Tea/Coffee Break [10 mins]
Session 5: “The Future of the Tuna Industry: Eco-Labelling, Social Accountability and Sustainability

15:50 – 16:50: Panel: Social accountability and sustainability initiatives in the tuna industry
- Global Seafood Sustainability Initiative GSSI – Speaker confirmed - Eva van Heukelom (Partnership Manager, Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI), Netherlands)
- Marine Stewardship Council MSC – Bill Holden (Senior Tuna Fisheries Outreach Manager, MSC, Australia)
- Friends of the Sea FOS – Paulo Bray (Founder and Director, FOS, Italy)

16:50 - 17:00: Panel Discussion (10mins)

17:00 – 17.30: Wrap up and closing remarks

19.00 – 23.00: Closing Dinner