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Time	Topic	Speaker
8.15am – 9.15am	Registrations and Networking	
9.15am – 9.25am	House rules and administration	Emcee John Pulu
Opening Session		
9.25am – 9.35am	Mihi Whakatau	
9.35am – 9.45am	Welcome	Chandar Sen – President NZFBC Renu Chand – President FNZBC
9.45am – 10.30am	Formal opening of conference A discussion on the New Zealand and Fiji economies	Hon. Grant Robertson Finance Minister Honourable Professor Biman Chand Prasad Deputy Prime Minister to Fiji Minister for Finance
10.30am – 10.50am	Photo Session Morning Tea	Sponsored by Tonkin & Taylor
	Session One Our business environment Why business resilience is important	About the session: 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		Sharon Zollner ANZ Bank New Zealand, Chief Economist Mr Faizul Ariff Ali Governor, Reserve Bank of Fiji Jeff Douglas Managing Director, Douglas Pharmaceuticals
	Session Two Sustainability and climate change The impact on the private sector	About the session: 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 & Taylor</i>
11.35am – 12.20pm		William Bowden Business Development Manager, Mackwell Loco Sam Gordon Sustainability Manager, Air NZ Steven Daysh Partner, Mitchell Daysh Dr Mike Hopkins CEO, Carbon and Energy Professionals NZ
12.20pm – 1.30pm	Lunch	Sponsored by TBA



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	Session Three Global changes in Logistics	About the session: 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		Adam Lambdin General Manager, Hemisphere Freight Services Athil Narayan Executive Manager, Fiji Airways Rachel Madden President, CBAFF New Zealand
	Session Four Our people The Human factor	About the session: 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		Kate Figgins / Lindsey Rayner Directors, Humanex Dr Audrey Aumua CEO, Fred Hollows Foundation NZ Mr Jonetani Tonawai CEO, Fiji Commerce & Employers Federation (FCEF)
3.00pm – 3.15pm		Coffee and Tea break
	Session Five Digital Economy and Cyber Security	About the session: AI comes with its own set of unique challenges This session is intended to hear from industry leaders on how AI is revolutionising cargo facilities and systems, to create differentiation, improve services and enrich customer satisfaction. This session is an open discussion with experts for insights on the following. • What does the internet of the future look like, and should I be concerned? • What can we learn from cybercrimes? • Is my company prepared for ransomware attacks? • What technology is available <i>Facilitator: Ronald Mudliar, Chief Underwriting Officer, Tower</i>
3.15pm – 4.00pm		Brent Carey CEO, Netsafe Pier Smulders GM, NZ and Australia, Alibaba Group Ms Momina Beg Director Taxation, Fiji Revenue and Customs Service (FRCS) Deepak Pratap Director, Lagom
	Concluding remarks	NZFBC
4.15pm – 5.45pm	Pre Dinner Networking Drinks at "The Winning Post"	Sponsored by Lagom
6.00pm – 10.00pm	Conference Dinner / Dinner speaker Sir Graham Henry	Sponsored by Matson South Pacific

