

# Pacific Islands Standards Week

5–9 August 2024

Venue: Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE), 15 Stout Street, Wellington, New Zealand

## Preliminary Programme

### Day one – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024

9.15am	Registration
10.00am	Mihi Whakatau (traditional Māori welcome ceremony)
10.15am	<b>Welcome and housekeeping</b> Malcolm MacMillan, National Manager Standards New Zealand
10.20am	<b>Keynote address</b> Speaker TBC
10.45am	Networking and refreshment break in the Standards Café, Ground Floor Foyer
11.15am	<b>Djamil Abdelaziz, Pacific Islands Standards Committee (PISC) Chair introduction</b> <b>Pacific Islands Standards Committee (PISC) Regional Meeting</b> Led by PISC Secretariat and Chairs
12.30pm	Networking and lunch break
1.30pm	<b>PISC Regional Meeting <i>continued</i></b> Led by PISC Secretariat and Chairs
2.30pm	<b>PISC Strategy Session</b> Led by PISC Secretariat and Chairs
3.00pm	Networking and refreshment break in the Standards Café, Ground Floor Foyer
3.30pm	<b>PISC Strategy Session <i>continued</i></b> Led by PISC Secretariat and Chairs
4.30pm	<b>Finish</b> Adjourn to accommodation
5.30pm – 7.30pm	<b>Welcome function</b> (venue TBC) Join us for an opportunity to meet and greet – an informal get together. Nibbles provided. Free evening thereafter.

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Day two – Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	
8.30am	<b>Arrival</b> Tea and coffee provided
9.00am	<b>Standards New Zealand - Prosperity and Protection through trusted standards</b> Standards New Zealand is New Zealand's leading developer of standards and standards-based solutions. They have been providing standardisation services since 1932. Their role as the national Standards Body for New Zealand includes the development, maintenance and adoption of standards and providing access to standards and standards-related services. In this session, Standards New Zealand will share their strategic priorities, key initiatives, operating environment and opportunities.  <i>Speakers:</i> Malcolm MacMillan, National Manager Standards New Zealand Victoria McLennan, New Zealand Standards Approval Board Chair
9.45am	<b>Workshop One: Drafting in Action</b> This session will build on the previous training provided by Standards Australia to PISC members that included topics such as drafting principles and sub-division of subject matter. This follow-on session will focus on writing requirements by contextualising drafting principles in the work of the TCs. Participants will have the opportunity to practically apply the principles learned to their current standards projects.  Facilitated by Brendan Slowey, International Learning Specialist, Standards Australia
10.15am	Networking and refreshment break in the Standards Café, Ground Floor Foyer
10.45am	<b>Workshop One: Drafting in Action <i>Continued</i></b> Facilitated by Brendan Slowey, International Learning Specialist, Standards Australia
12.30pm	Networking and lunch break
1.30pm	<b>'Standards in Action' Off-site Visit</b> <b>Building Research Association of New Zealand (BRANZ)</b> 1222 Moonshine Road, Judgeford  BRANZ performs a unique research and development leadership role among building system players. A multi-faceted, science-led organisation, BRANZ uses independent research, systems knowledge, and its broad networks to identify practical solutions that improve New Zealand's building system performance.  This off-site visit to BRANZ will be a talking/walking tour of BRANZ structures and materials labs. This is an excellent opportunity to see standards in action as BRANZ will demonstrate how materials are tested to standards, for example, fire, weathering, and seismic testing. This visit will require travel to and from BRANZ which is located approximately 25 minutes from Wellington CBD. Transport will be provided.  Claire Falck, Chief Executive, BRANZ
4.30pm	<b>Return to Wellington CBD/Finish</b> Adjourn to accommodation
6pm - 9.30pm	<b>Pacific Islands Standards Week dinner</b> Venue TBC. Keynote speaker TBC.

Day three – Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	
8.30am	<b>Arrival</b> Tea and coffee provided
9.00am	<b>Technical Committee Meetings</b> - TC 1 Building and Construction - TC 2 Food and Food Products
10.15am	Networking and refreshment break
10.45am	<b>Technical Committee Meetings</b> <i>continued</i>
12.00pm	Networking and lunch break
1.00pm	<b>Workshop Two: Standards for Building and Infrastructure</b> Gain insights into how standards are applied in action in the building consent process in New Zealand from the perspectives of a structural engineer, building consent processing officer, and others, including real life examples.  <i>Speakers:</i> Jeremy Strongman, Manager, Building Approvals, and his team from the Wellington City Council
2.00pm	<b>Workshop Three: Construction Contracts and Standards</b> Contracts that underpin the building and construction industry set a clear understanding for deliverables and responsibilities of suppliers and related parties. Construction contracts need to be comprehensive but at the same time easy to use and understand. A look at the recently revised NZS 3910:2023 <i>Conditions of contract and civil engineering construction</i> provides good lessons for collaboration and clarity in the construction industry.  <i>Speakers:</i> David Wilkie, Group General Manager, TSA Management, and committee member in the recent revision of NZS 3910 John Hemi, Director Construction Productivity, New Zealand Infrastructure Commission, Te Waihanganga
3.00pm	Networking and refreshment break in the Standards Café, Ground Floor Foyer
3.30pm	<b>Workshop four: How do we make a difference to energy efficiency and how can international standards help enable it</b>  <i>Speaker:</i> Brian Fitzgerald, Technical Lead Standards & Regulation at Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (EECA)
4.30pm	<b>Finish</b> Free evening

For those not involved in TC1 or TC2, this is an opportunity for bilateral meetings as well as talks with the Standards New Zealand team at Standards Café in the Ground Floor Foyer. The team will be there to discuss and share their experiences on standards development, access, international standards adoption, committee participation and industry engagement.

Day four – Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	
8.30am	Arrival - Tea and coffee provided
9.00am	<p><b>Workshop Five: Metrology and standards in practice</b> This informative session examines the role of standards in trade as a means to build trust. A deep-dive to look at metrology, food and building materials trading standards to support trade between countries.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Phil Sorrell, Manager Compliance and Enforcement, Trading Standards, Ministry Business Innovation and Employment Annette Koo, Chief Metrologist and Director, Measurement Standards Laboratory of New Zealand</p>
10.15am	Networking and refreshment break at Standards Café, Ground Floor Foyer
10.45am	<p><b>Workshop Six: Industry engagement to increase participation</b> Effective industry and stakeholder engagement is a crucial aspect to standards development and standards use. In this informative and practical session, we will profile some of the tools and techniques Standards New Zealand uses to encourage industry participation from sourcing committee members to public consultation. This will be an interactive session where attendees are encouraged to share experiences as well as come up with new ideas to take forward.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Danielle Aberdeen, Manager Commercial and Sectors, Standards New Zealand Nick Cottrell, Senior Marketing and Communications Advisor, Standards New Zealand Camilla Ojansivu, Senior International Engagement Advisor, Standards New Zealand</p>
12.00pm	Networking and lunch break
1.00pm	<p><b>Workshop Seven: Building for climate resilience – perspectives</b> Standards play an important role in developing solutions to address greenhouse gas, climate change action, sustainable building practices, and energy efficiency and conservation.</p> <p><i>Topics and speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A look at Greenhouse gas and climate change management standards, and how they can be used in government, by the private sector, and in voluntary action</b> - Ann Smith, Convenor of the NZ mirror committee for ISO/TC 207/SC 7 – Greenhouse gas and climate change management.</li> <li>• <b>Key steps in risk assessment and challenges and benefits to engaging widely to address climate change</b> - Cindy Varnier, Climate Change and Resilience Specialist.</li> <li>• <b>Sustainable building practices and emissions associated with building materials</b> - Katie Symons, Principal Engineering Advisor, Building Systems and Performance, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment</li> </ul>
3.00pm	Networking and refreshment break in the Standards Café, Ground Floor Foyer
3.30pm	<p><b>Panel discussion: Building for climate resilience</b> Ann Smith, Brian Fitzgerald, Katie Symons and Cindy Varnier join us for an informative discussion on opportunities related to standards and building for climate resilience</p>
4.30pm	Finish - Adjourn to accommodation
6pm	Informal networking dinner (TBC)

## Day five – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024

8.30am	Arrival - Tea and coffee provided
9.00am	<p><b>Workshop Seven: Adopting international standards</b></p> <p>International (IEC and ISO) Standards reflect best practice of industry and regulators globally. Adoption of international standards therefore brings many benefits, including economic benefits by facilitating international trade, sustaining industry, and supporting innovation. This session will be a practical look at what's involved in an international standards adoption process as well as an opportunity for participants to discuss and share.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Chris Forsman, Principal Standards Project Manager, Standards New Zealand Industry Speaker (tbc)</p>
10.15am	Networking and refreshment break at Standards Café, Ground Floor Foyer
10.45am	<p><b>Pacific Islands Standards Week Reflection and feedback session</b></p> <p>Working together for a prosperous and resilient Pacific through trusted standards</p>
11.30am	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p>PISC Chair summary remarks and end of PISC</p> <p>Standards New Zealand closing summary and end of week.</p>
12.00pm	<p><b>Farewell and finish</b></p> <p>Depending on flight schedules, delegates are anticipated to depart on Friday, 09 August 2024.</p>
12.15pm	Lunch provided at Standards Café, Ground Floor Foyer

Throughout the week, there will be meeting rooms available for any bilateral meetings you may wish to arrange. In addition, the **Standards New Zealand** team are keen to learn new perspectives from the attendees as well as discuss and share their experiences on standards development, access to standards, international standards adoption, committee recruitment and participation, standards publishing, industry engagement and marketing and communications.