

**Minutes – ICT Follow-up Meeting  
Thursday, 21 September 2006. 10am. FTIB Board Room.**

**Present:**

Mrs Lailun Khan	-	FTIB (Chairperson)
Mr Andrain Anthony	-	Affiliated Computer Services
Mr Johnson Gani	-	Affiliated Computer Services
Mr Eroni Waqairagata	-	Fiji International Telecommunications Ltd
Mr Ivan Fong	-	Telecom Fiji
Mr Jito Vanualailai	-	The University of the South Pacific
Mr Colin Ash	-	The University of the South Pacific
Mr Ateen Kumar	-	Vodafone Fiji
Mr Tony Anthony	-	Datec
Mr Omid Saberi	-	Fiji Electricity Authority –
Mr Savanaca Nacanitaba	-	National Council for Small & Medium Enterprises
Ms Brigid Johnson	-	Quest Fiji Ltd
Mr Rakesh Kaushik	-	CAhead Info Technologies
Ms Nanise Young	-	Micronet
Mr Ratu Seci Nawalowalo	-	Fiji Inland Revenue and Customs Authority
Mr Jonathan Segal	-	Oceanic Communications
Mr Ravisa Komaisavai	-	ITC Services
Mr Sunia Baikeirewa	-	FTIB
Mr Prem Prasad	-	FTIB
Mr Herbert Powell	-	FTIB
Ms Anshu Mala	-	FTIB

**1.0 Welcome**

Mrs Khan welcomed everyone to the stakeholders meeting.

**2.0 Comments on Issues Paper**

Participants were allowed to further comment on the issues discussed in the initial ICT meeting on 17 August 2006 at the FTIB Board Room.

*Pg 2: TFL to review its Current Traffic Path*

TFL corrected that they did not have any control on the traffic path. It was also corrected by FINTEL that it is not always that the communication traffic to Sydney goes to US – it depends on the site and its very complex the way internet traffic flows.

*Pg 2: Lack of IT specialists in Fiji*

It was highlighted that USP has now set up a course on project management to be offered at undergraduate and post graduate levels, specifically addressing the issue of IT project managers. USP is also working with private companies, and the government institutions such as the ITC Services to take in students to work on projects these agencies/institutions to gain some practical work experience.

### **3.0 Setting up of a Task Force:**

It was proposed that a group should be formed to look at the formation of ICT association/group. This association can be a pressure group on government. Currently, the private sector does not have a lobby group to government for their issues.

The idea of association was supported by the stakeholders based on the following reasons:

- have own charter, mission and vision
- have one voice to raise the issues of the ICT industry
- organisation of the Fiji Technology Forum
- lobby government on ICT stakeholder issues
- will be a formal setup driven by private sector
- get basic overview of the industry – basic stats
- what are the issues, requirements, workable strategies of the industry in Fiji
- have a holistic broader view of ICT development in Fiji rather than limiting it as a lobby group to government on behalf of the private sector such as including transport, education sectors – the philosophy of encompassing all and working as a collective group

#### **Members appointed for the group include:**

1. Ms Nanise Young – Micronet
2. Mr Drew Arthur – Mironet
3. Ms Brigid Johnson– Quest
4. Mr Jonathan Segal - Oceanic
5. Mr John Pollock – Unwired
6. Mr Ravisa Daunivuka – ITC Services

Secretariat: FTIB

It was decided that the appointed group will meet on Friday 20 October, 2006 at 10am in FTIB Board Room to further discuss on the formation of the ICT Association. The outcome of this meeting will be advised to the rest of the participants on the direction to move forward.

**Anshu Mala**

**Secretary – ICT Stakeholder Group**