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2018 MSG CALENDAR OF EVENTS (EXTERNAL)

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IMPORTANT NOTE

This Calendar of Events (CoE) is evolving; Dates, Venues and Meetings may change. As we update the CoE in the coming months, we will upload the revised version to our website.

We will make every effort to keep this CoE as updated as possible



Dates	Activity/Event	Location
January		
1	New Year day	Public Holiday
8	Secretariat Resumes Work	
17-19	DG' Consultation in preparations of the 21 st MSG Leaders' Summit	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
30 – 31	Sasakawa Peace Foundation "Toward the Success of PALM 8" Symposium	Tokyo, Japan
February		
05-06	Regional Security Strategy Working Group Meeting	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
05 – 06	DG's Consultation in preparations of the 21 st MSG Leaders' Summit	Honiara, Solomon Islands
06	Inaugural Sub-Committee on Economics and Finance Officials Meeting (SCEFOM)	Honiara, Solomon Islands
07	2 nd Finance Ministers Meeting	Honiara, Solomon Islands
10-11	Police Commissioners/Ministers Meetings	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
10-15	21 st MSG Leaders' Summit / Governing Body Meetings	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
20 – 21	TradeCom II Building ACP Trade Capacity "Good Practices' Workshop	Brussels, Belgium
21	Lini Day	Public Holiday
26-28	United Nations C24 Decolonisation Committee Opening Session	New York, United States
26 - 28	Regional Trade Statistics Workshop	Suva, Fiji
26 – 28	Consultations by PMED with SPTO, SPC, SPSC & Ministry of Economic of Fiji	Suva, Fiji
27-28	Economic and Finance Officials/Ministers Meeting	Honiara, Solomon Islands
March		
01 - 02	Regional Trade Statistics Workshop	Suva, Fiji
01 – 02	Consultations by PMED with SPTO, SPC, SPSC & Ministry of Economic of Fiji	Suva, Fiji
5	Custom Chief's Day	Public Holiday, Vanuatu
06	Meeting of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation	tba
07-08	Tourism/Airline Technical Working Group	Port Vila, Vanuatu
12 – 16	UN Mission to Kanaky – New Caledonia	Noumea, New Caledonia
14	30 th Anniversary of MSG	All Members



15	Validation Workshop under TradeCom II Programme	Port Vila, Vanuatu
15	Launching of the MSG Online Business Directory	Port Vila, Vanuatu
19	MSG PCC & PMM Consultations	Suva, Fiji
19 – 23	FFA 21 st MCS Working Group Meeting	Honiara, Solomon Islands
21	MSG PCC & PMM Consultations	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
23	MSG PCC & PMM Consultations	Honiara, Solomon Islands
26	MSG PCC & PMM Consultations	Port Vila, Vanuatu
28	FLNKS Activities: Customary Police Symposium	Noumea, New Caledonia
29	MSG Shipping Service Meeting in Collaboration with SPC	Port Vila, Vanuatu
30	Good Friday	Public Holiday
April		
2	Easter Monday	Public Holiday
3 – 6	FLNKS Activities: Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)	Baku, Azerbaijan
3 – 6	DG Consultation Visit on the MSG 2018 Work Programme and Budget	Suva, Fiji
7 – 10	FLNKS Mission to Brussels to Engage in dialogue and promotion of the self-determination process in Kanak New Caledonia.	Brussels, Kingdom of Belgium
9 - 13	MSG Programme on Community-based Approaches to Primary Forest Protection for Livelihoods, Culture, Climate & Nature – National Consultations	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
9 – 13	DG Consultation Visit on the MSG 2018 Work Programme and Budget	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
9-13	MSG Ministerial Mission to New Caledonia	New Caledonia
16-18	UN Decolonization Seminar	Noumea, New Caledonia
19 – 20	Multi-destination Tourism Program (MDTP) and Tourism Marketing Brand for Melanesia In-Country consultations	Honiara, Solomon Islands
23 – 24	Regional Security Strategy (RSS), Police Commissioners Conference (PCC) & Police Ministers Meeting (PMM)	Rabaul/Kokopo, East New Britain, Papua New Guinea
23 – 26	MSG Programme on Community-based Approaches to Primary Forest Protection for Livelihoods, Culture, Climate & Nature – National Consultations	Honiara, Solomon Islands
24-25	MSG Sub-Committee on Sports Meeting	Port Vila, Vanuatu
25 – 26	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Economic Ministers Meeting (FEMM)	Koror, Palau



27 – 30	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Meeting (UNFCCC)	Bonn, Germany
May		
1	Labour Day	Public Holiday
1	MSG Security Deployment to Papua New Guinea	Papua New Guinea
1 – 5	4 th MSG Ministerial Mission to Kanaky – New Caledonia	Noumea, New Caledonia
1 – 11	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Meeting (UNFCCC)	Bonn, Germany
2 - 3	Sub-Committee on Legal & Institutional Issues (SCLII)	Port Vila, Vanuatu
3	Tourism & Airline Technical Working Group	Suva, Fiji
4	Aviation and Tourism Sectoral Dialogue	Suva, Fiji
9 – 11	2018 Pacific Regional Decolonisation Seminar	Grenada
10	Ascension Day	Public Holiday
14 – 17	MSG Programme on Community-based Approaches to Primary Forest Protection for Livelihoods, Culture, Climate Change & Nature – National Consultations continue	Port Vila, Vanuatu
15-17	MSG Environment and Climate Change Technical/Ministers Meetings	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
18 – 19	Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM 8)	Iwaki, Fukushima, Japan
24	Session of the C24	New York
28 – 31	MSG Programme on Community-based Approaches to Primary Forest Protection for Livelihoods, Culture, Climate Change & Nature – National Consultations	Suva, Fiji
June		
05-06	MSG Senior Officials/Foreign Ministers Meetings	Noumea, New Caledonia
11-15	MSG Special Leaders' Summit	Noumea, New Caledonia
18 – 22	Regional Security Strategy Consultations	MSG Countries
22		
28	MSG Council of Arts & Culture Meeting	Honiara, Solomon Islands
29	MSG Ministers of Culture and Arts Meeting	Honiara, Solomon Islands
July		
1 – 10	6 th Melanesian Arts and Culture Festival	Honiara, Solomon Islands
7	Solomon Islands 40 th Independence Anniversary	
24	Children's Day	Public Holiday



25-27	MSG Heads of Investment Promotion Agencies, Small Business Development Centers and Cooperatives Meetings	Port Vila, Vanuatu
Tbc	Fiji National Elections	Fiji
30	Vanuatu 38 th Independence Anniversary	Public Holiday
August		
1 – 5	Regional Security Strategy Consultations	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
06	Technical Evaluation of MSG Emergency Stabilization Fund	Port Vila, Vanuatu
06-10	MSG Police Commissioners/Ministers Meetings	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
13	MSG Common Currency Technical Committee Meeting	tbc
15-16	MSG-UNFCCC Needs Based Climate Finance Workshop	Port Vila, Vanuatu
15	Assumption Day	Public Holiday
20 - 24	48 th APCC COCOTECH Conference & Exhibition	Bangkok, Thailand
20-24	MSG Programme on Community-based Approaches to Primary Forest Protection for Livelihoods, Culture, Climate Change & Nature – National Consultations	Honiara, Solomon Islands
27-28	Committees on Trade in Goods and Services Meetings	Port Vila, Vanuatu
28-30	MSG Fisheries Technical Advisory Committee Meeting	Port Vila, Vanuatu
September		
3-6	49 th PIFS Leaders Forum	Nauru
2-14	Additional UNFCC Negotiations	Bangkok, Thailand
04-06	MSG Senior Trade Officials/Ministers Meetings	Port Vila, Vanuatu
12-13	6 th MSG Sports Committee Meeting	Kimbe, West New Britain Province, PNG
14	Inaugural MSG Sports Ministers Meeting	Kimbe, West New Britain Province, PNG
16	Papua New Guinea 43 rd Independence Anniversary	
17-19	Meeting with MSG Chair, Minister of Police, Commissioner of Police	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
20	Sub-Committee on Economic and Finance Officials Meeting (SCEFOM)	Suva, Fiji
21	Finance Ministers Meeting (FMM)	Suva, Fiji
21-23	IFACCA MoU	Sydney, Australia



24-28	APCC Ministerial Meeting	Selangou, Malaysia
October		
01-03	Arms Trade Treaty / UNPoA Workshop	Port Vila, Vanuatu
01-05	MSG Labour Mobility Validation Workshop (TIA)	MSG Conference Room, Port Vila
04-05	Meeting with Fiji PM – MSG Formed Police Unit Arrangements/Supervisor for elections and Minister for Defense and National Security	
04-05	MSG Forest Programme Proposal – Vanuatu National Stakeholder Workshop (PMSD)	MSG Board room, Port Vila
04-14	Europe Diplomatic Shuttles with FLNKS (PMPSA)	Belgium, Italy, Denmark
5	Constitution Day	Public Holiday
06-13	UNGA Fourth Committee Engagement with FLNKS	New York
9 – 11	9 th World Indigenous Business Forum	Rotorua, New Zealand
10	Fiji 48 th Independence Anniversary	
10-12	MSG/USP Economic Modelling Conference/Seminar	Suva, Fiji
15	MSG Police Commissioners / Ministers Meeting	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
20	Signing of MoU with NC Congress	Noumea, New Caledonia
21-23	Competency Workshop with FLNKS	Noumea, New Caledonia
25	VAN-KIRAP	Port Vila, Vanuatu
25-26	MSG SOM / FMM	Noumea, New Caledonia
29-30	5 th Our Ocean Conference	Bali, Indonesia
TBC	54 th Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC) Ministerial Session	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
29-30	MSG / OCO Secretariat Joint Workshop on Customs	MSG Secretariat, Port Vila
November		
1	MSG / OCO Secretariat Joint Workshop on Customs	MSG Secretariat, Port Vila
1-2	MSG Sports Officials and Sports Ministers Meeting	Port Moresby, New Caledonia
4	Referendum on Self-Determination for New Caledonia	New Caledonia
14	Fiji National General Elections	Fiji
17 – 18	APEC Leaders' Summit	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea



19-20	UNFCCC Needs Based Climate Finance Project Validation Workshop	Port Vila, Vanuatu
20-22	MSG Senior Officials/Foreign Ministers (Governing Body)WP & Budget 2019 Meeting	Port Vila, Vanuatu
29	Unity Day	Public Holiday
December		
2 – 14	COP24	Poland
6-11	11 th Bali Democracy Forum	Bali, Indonesia
25	Christmas Day	Public Holiday
26	Boxing Day	Public Holiday

