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Private sector involvement, experiences from the Pacific



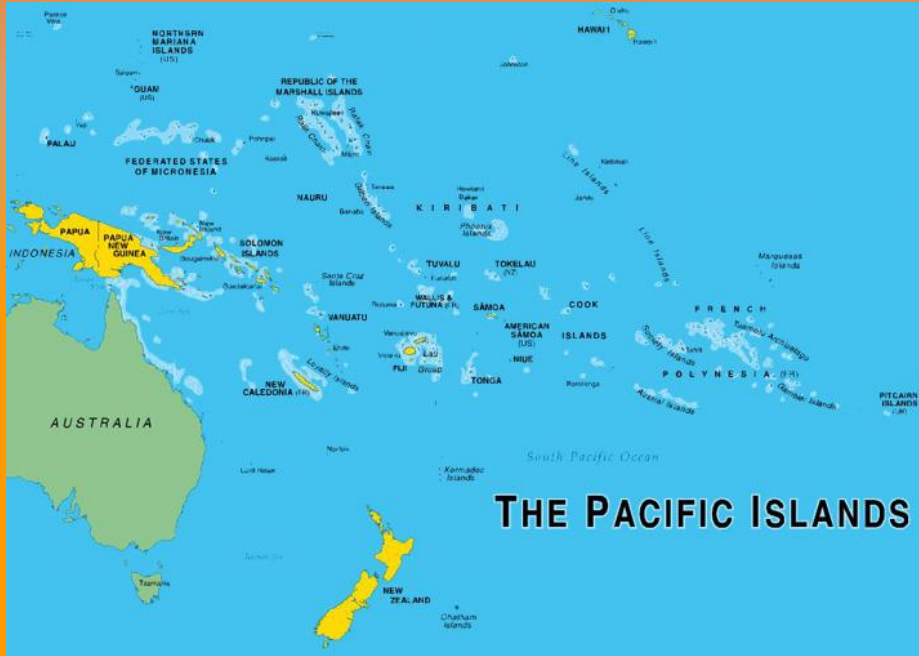
About PCRN and our partners

- Coordinating group established including registrars from the Cook Islands, Fiji, New Zealand, Samoa, and Vanuatu.
- Membership for any State or Country level Civil Registrar – 45 Registrars from 36 countries or states
- Associate membership extended to relevant partner agencies – 21 organizations
- Business partners – 12 businesses
- Terms of Reference and small work plan
- Three large meetings + smaller workshops
- E-newsletter to over 200 addresses



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Lots of players ...



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Private sector is crucial

- Everything Registrars do needs private sector input – IT systems, security paper, couriers
- As suppliers and as paying consumers
- Best to form trusted relationship – partners who understand each other



Some examples:

- Security paper and stock management – Bulk buying by Australian States with potential to include NZ
- Sales of Data – to genealogy websites with links to BDM certificate sales sites
- Digitising records – genealogy websites scan and then give copy
- CRVSNOW – cloud-based registry system developed with Registrars for small-medium countries
- Joint ventures – myTrove initially funded by BDM to provide new customer service option. Now buys data to on-sell
- Sponsorship of civil registrar regional meetings

Don't be afraid – Be aware

- Businesses will have several objectives – the main one will be making money, but they are also good people who want to help
- If the product or service is free You or your data is what is being sold
- Watch out for “vendor lock-in” but also remember there are benefits of having experts with lost of staff
- Always have a contract and make sure you retain ownership of the data and core infrastructure (eg code in escrow)



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Questions?

