OCEANIA COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY

The 54th OCIES Conference 2026

Theme: Reimagining Education in Oceania: Indigenous Knowledge, Equity, and Sustainable Futures

Tuesday 24th November 2026

FEH Lecture Theatre
Faculty of Education and Humanities (FEH) – Panatina Campus
Solomon Islands National University

Master of Ceremony: Mr. Fox Mark

OCIES OPENING PROGRAMME

Time	Activities	Responsible Person(s)
7:30–8:30 am	Registration	Dr Patricia Rodie, Ms Renee Bisili & OCIES Secretariat
8:30 am	Arrival of invited Guests and escorted to the Lecture Theatre by Ushers where they are seated	Ushers and Protocol Team
8:35 am	Arrival of the SINU Vice Chancellor – Professor Transform Aqorau and met by Chairlady of Convening Committee and OCIES Co-Presidents	Chairlady of Convening Committee assisted by assisted by Ushers and Protocol Team
8:40 am	Arrival of the Australia and NZ High Commission Representatives and welcomed by SINU VC, Chairlady of Convening Committee and OCIES Co-Presidents.	Chairlady of Convening Committee assisted by assisted by Ushers and Protocol Team
8:45 am	Arrival of Acting PS-MEHRD, Ms. Linda Wate. welcomed by SINU VC, Chairlady of Convening Committee and OCIES Co-Presidents.	Chairlady of Convening Committee assisted by assisted by Ushers and Protocol Team
8:50 am	Arrival of the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister of Solomon Islands, Hon. Francis Sade, and welcomed by SINU VC, Chairlady of Organising Committee and OCIES Co-Presidents.	Chairlady of Convening Committee assisted by assigned Protocol Officer and the CPP team
8:55 am	Procession – Stage Party (the Hon DPM, PS (Ag) MEHRD, Australia and NZ High Commission Representatives, SINU VC, and OCIES Co-Presidents led by the Chairlady of the Convening Committee and SINU PE Students	Chairlady of Convening Committee assisted by assigned Protocol Officer and the CPP team
9:00 am	Cultural Oration and Traditional Welcome and garlanding of Stage Party	Ms Georgina Buro Pitaqae assisted by assigned Protocol Officers and the CPP team, Dr. Raynier Tutuo and Vhairi Devi
9:05–9:10 am	**Opening Prayer**	University Chaplain – Mr Cliff Honikulu
9:10–9:20 am	**Welcome Remarks and Introduction**	Dr Patricia Rodie – OCIES Convening Committee Chairlady
9:20–9:30 am	**Official Opening Remarks**	Professor Transform Aqorau – SINU Vice Chancellor
9:30–9:40 am	**OCIES Presidential Address**	OCIES Co-Presidents— Associate Professor Cherie Chu-Fuluifaga, and Dr. Sonia Michelle Fonua
9:40–9:55 am	**Keynote Address and Declaration of the 54th OCIES Conference 2026 Open**	The Honourable Deputy Prime Minister of Solomon Islands—Hon. Francis Sade
9:55–10:05 am	Vote of thanks	Associate Professor Billy Fito'o

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10:05–10:15 am	Presentation of Gifts to the Hon Prime Minister and OCIES Co-Presidents	Convening Committee Chairlady
10:15–10:20 am	Official OCIES Group Photograph	Ms Renee Bisili & OCIES Secretariat
10:20–10:50 am	Light Refreshments	Mr. Samson Bisafo and Lokol Fusion Staff
10:50 am	Departure of the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister of Solomon Islands	Chairlady of Convening Committee assisted by assigned Protocol Officer and the CPP team

The 1st plenary session will start at 11:00 am in the FEH Lecture Theatre – see OCIES Programme