



PACIFIC SOCIETY FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH 2026 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**Building and sustaining the Pacific SRH
workforce through strengthened
regional collaboration**
Fakakaukau ki he kaha'u



NUKU'ALOFA, TONGA 12 - 18, SEPTEMBER 2026

Welcome

Message from the President, PSRH

On behalf of the Pacific Society for Reproductive Health, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 16th PSRH Biennial Scientific Conference in Nuku'alofa, Tonga.

Since its establishment in 1995, PSRH has served as a regional network connecting health professionals committed to improving sexual and reproductive health across the Pacific. Over the past three decades, the Society has grown into a trusted platform for professional development, knowledge exchange and regional collaboration, bringing together clinicians, educators, researchers and health leaders from diverse backgrounds and settings.

One of the Society's greatest strengths has always been its people. Through conferences, workshops, training programmes and professional networks, generations of Pacific health professionals have contributed their expertise, supported one another and helped advance reproductive health services throughout the region. This spirit of collegiality, generosity and shared purpose remains at the heart of PSRH today.

As we gather in Tonga, we have an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our members, learn from one another and continue building the relationships that strengthen our region. The Conference programme reflects the breadth of expertise and commitment that exists across the Pacific and highlights the important contributions being made by health professionals, institutions and partners working to improve the lives of women, babies and families.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Kingdom of Tonga for hosting the Conference, to the many individuals who have contributed to its organisation, and to our partners and supporters whose ongoing commitment make these opportunities possible.

I wish all delegates a rewarding and enjoyable Conference and look forward to the conversations, collaborations and friendships that will continue long after our time together in Tonga.

Dr Ulai Tapa Fidow, President, Pacific Society for Reproductive Health



Message from the Conference Secretariat

On behalf of the Pacific Society for Reproductive Health Secretariat, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 16th PSRH Biennial Scientific Conference in Nuku'alofa, Tonga.

This Conference represents the collective efforts of many individuals and organisations who share a commitment to strengthening sexual and reproductive health across the Pacific. Over the coming week, delegates will have opportunities to participate in practical workshops, scientific presentations, stakeholder forums and professional networking activities designed to support workforce development, knowledge exchange and regional collaboration.



The 2026 Conference theme, *Fakakaukau ki he kaha'u – Building and Sustaining the Pacific SRH Workforce Through Strengthened Regional Collaboration*, reflects the importance of investing in the people who deliver reproductive health services throughout our region. From clinicians working in national referral hospitals to those serving remote and outer island communities, the Pacific health workforce remains central to improving outcomes for women, babies, families and communities.

This year's programme has been developed with a strong focus on practical learning, Pacific-led innovation and opportunities for meaningful dialogue between health professionals, educators, policymakers and development partners. We are particularly grateful to the many faculty members, speakers, volunteers and partners who generously contribute their expertise and support to make these activities possible.

I would also like to acknowledge our hosts in the Kingdom of Tonga for their warm hospitality and commitment to bringing the Pacific reproductive health community together. We look forward to welcoming delegates from across the region and creating opportunities for new partnerships, shared learning and lasting professional connections.

Thank you for joining us in Tonga, and I wish you a productive, enjoyable and rewarding Conference experience.

***Dr Amanda Noovao Hill, Head of Secretariat,
Pacific Society for Reproductive Health***



Conference at a Glance



Key Facts

- 300+ delegates, Expected from across the Pacific region and partner organisations.
- 15+ Pacific Island Countries and Territories represented
- 6 specialised pre-conference workshops
- 3 breakfast masterclasses and stakeholder forums
- 3 days of scientific presentations, discussion and networking
- 9 themed scientific sessions
- 30+ years of regional workforce development and collaboration through PSRH

Conference Highlights

- Opening Ceremony and Brian Spurrett Oration
- Six hands-on pre-conference workshops
 - Family Planning
 - Gynaecology Oncology
 - Pacific Emergency Maternal and Neonatal Training (PEMNeT) & Fetal Surveillance Education Program (FSEP)
 - Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injury (OASIS) and Perineal Repair
 - Pacific Ultrasound Scanning
 - Pacific Research and Audit
- Pacific Cervical Cancer Elimination Stakeholder Roundtable
- Maternal and Newborn Emergency Care
- Pacific Midwifery Leadership Breakfast Talanoa
- Scientific presentations and panel discussions
- Sunrise Waterfront Walk
- PSRH Biennial General Meeting and Elections
- Conference Dinner and Pacific Cultural Night



Bringing Together

Clinicians (doctors, midwives, nurses), researchers, educators, health leaders, policymakers, development partners, Industry, professional colleges, Universities and Ministries of Health from across the Pacific region and beyond.



Hosted By

The Pacific Society for Reproductive Health (PSRH), in partnership with the Kingdom of Tonga,



About the Pacific Society for Reproductive Health



The Pacific Society for Reproductive Health (PSRH) is a Pacific-led regional professional organisation dedicated to improving sexual and reproductive health outcomes across Pacific Island Countries and Territories. Established in 1995, PSRH brings together clinicians, educators, researchers, health leaders and development partners committed to strengthening reproductive, maternal, newborn and women's health throughout the region. For more than three decades, PSRH has provided a trusted platform for professional development, clinical education, leadership, collaboration and advocacy. Through regional conferences, clinical workshops, webinars, training programmes and strategic partnerships, the Society supports health professionals to deliver high-quality, evidence-based and culturally responsive care within their communities.

PSRH membership includes obstetricians and gynaecologists, midwives, nurses, medical officers, public health professionals, researchers, educators, programme managers and allied health personnel from across the Pacific and beyond. The Society works closely with Ministries of Health, professional colleges, academic institutions, development agencies and international partners to strengthen workforce capability, support continuing professional development, promote quality improvement and foster regional knowledge exchange.

Vision

A Pacific region where all women, babies, families and communities have access to high-quality, equitable and culturally responsive sexual and reproductive health care.

Mission

To strengthen reproductive health outcomes across the Pacific through workforce development, education, professional collaboration, leadership, research and regional partnerships.

Areas of Focus

- Workforce Development and Leadership
- Emergency Maternal and Neonatal Care (PEMNeT)
- Family Planning and Reproductive Choice
- Gynaecological Oncology and Cervical Cancer Elimination
- Midwifery Leadership
- Clinical Governance and Maternal and Perinatal Death Surveillance and Response (MPDSR)
- Research, Audit and Quality Improvement
- Continuing Professional Education and Regional Collaboration

The 16th PSRH Biennial Scientific Conference is one of the Society's principal mechanisms for advancing these priorities, bringing together clinicians, health leaders, researchers, policymakers and development partners to share knowledge, strengthen professional networks and support sustainable improvements in sexual and reproductive health across the Pacific.





Conference Overview

The 16th Biennial Scientific Conference of the Pacific Society for Reproductive Health (PSRH) will be held in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, from 14–18 September 2026. As the Pacific region's leading multidisciplinary meeting dedicated to sexual and reproductive health, the Conference provides a unique platform for clinicians, health leaders, researchers, educators, policymakers and development partners to come together in support of stronger and more sustainable health systems.

Held every two years, the PSRH Conference combines scientific exchange, clinical skills development, professional networking and strategic regional dialogue. The 2026 programme includes six specialised pre-conference workshops, three days of scientific sessions, stakeholder forums, leadership discussions and opportunities for collaboration across a broad range of reproductive health priorities.

Guided by the theme, Fakakaukau ki he kaha'u – Building and Sustaining the Pacific SRH Workforce Through Strengthened Regional Collaboration, the Conference will explore practical approaches to developing, retaining and supporting the reproductive health workforce while strengthening partnerships between countries, institutions and development partners.

Approximately 300 delegates are expected to attend, representing a broad range of disciplines including obstetrics and gynaecology, midwifery, nursing, family planning, public health, health management, research, education and policy. Delegates are anticipated from across Pacific Island Countries and Territories, as well as Australia, New Zealand and international partner organisations.

Tonga as Host Country

The Kingdom of Tonga provides a fitting setting for the 16th PSRH Biennial Scientific Conference. As a Pacific nation committed to strengthening health services and workforce development, Tonga reflects many of the opportunities and challenges shared across the region. Hosting the Conference in Tonga creates opportunities for Pacific health professionals, policymakers, development partners and Industry sponsors to engage directly with local health services, to strengthen regional relationships and showcase Pacific-led approaches to improving sexual and reproductive health outcomes.



Conference Theme

Fakakaukau ki he kaha'u

Building and Sustaining the Pacific SRH Workforce Through Strengthened Regional Collaboration



The 2026 Conference theme reflects a shared commitment to strengthening and sustaining the Pacific sexual and reproductive health workforce. Across the region, health professionals continue to provide essential services despite workforce shortages, increasing service demands and the challenges of delivering care across geographically dispersed island nations.

The theme places Pacific health workers at the centre of the conversation while recognising that sustainable workforce development requires more than clinical training alone. Strong leadership, professional networks, mentorship, supportive systems and regional partnerships all play an important role in building a resilient workforce capable of meeting the needs of Pacific communities.

Through workshops, scientific presentations, stakeholder forums and regional dialogue, the Conference will explore practical approaches to developing, supporting and retaining the reproductive health workforce, while strengthening collaboration between countries, institutions and development partners. Guided by the spirit of *Fakakaukau ki he kaha'u*—Thinking Towards the Future—the Conference looks ahead to the next generation of Pacific-led solutions for improving sexual and reproductive health outcomes across the region.



Why This Conference Matters



Sexual and reproductive health services are fundamental to the health and wellbeing of Pacific women, babies, families and communities. Across the region, health professionals work in diverse settings ranging from national referral hospitals to remote outer islands, often with limited resources and access to specialist support. The Pacific Society for Reproductive Health Conference provides a unique opportunity to bring together the people, organisations and partnerships needed to strengthen the workforce and improve health outcomes across the region.

Strengthening the Workforce

Pacific countries continue to face workforce shortages, increasing service demands and difficulties in recruiting, retaining and supporting skilled health professionals. Ongoing access to training, mentorship, leadership development and professional networks is essential to ensuring a capable and sustainable workforce.

Improving Maternal and Newborn Health

Although maternal and newborn health outcomes have improved across much of the Pacific, preventable morbidity and mortality remain important concerns in many settings. Continued investment in emergency obstetric and neonatal care, quality improvement and workforce development remains critical.

Supporting Reproductive Choice and Women's Health

Access to family planning, reproductive health information and quality women's health services remains a priority across the Pacific. Strengthening clinical services and supporting informed reproductive choice contributes to healthier women, families and communities.

Advancing Cervical Cancer Elimination

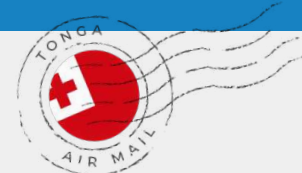
The Pacific region has some of the highest cervical cancer burdens in the world. Significant progress is being made through HPV vaccination, screening and treatment programmes; however, achieving cervical cancer elimination will require continued collaboration between countries, clinicians, Ministries of Health and development partners.

Strengthening Regional Collaboration

Many Pacific countries face similar challenges and opportunities. Regional collaboration enables countries to share expertise, learn from one another, maximise limited resources and develop practical solutions that are relevant to Pacific contexts. The Conference provides an important platform for building relationships, sharing evidence and aligning efforts across countries and partner organisations.

By bringing together clinicians, health leaders, researchers, educators, policymakers and development partners, the Conference helps translate knowledge into action. The relationships, skills and collaborations developed through PSRH activities continue long after the Conference concludes, contributing to stronger health systems and a more sustainable reproductive health workforce across the Pacific.

Expected Participants and Delegate Profile



The 16th PSRH Biennial Scientific Conference is expected to attract approximately 300 delegates from across the Pacific region and partner organisations in Australia, New Zealand and internationally.

Delegates are anticipated from American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu, together with representatives from regional and international organisations supporting sexual and reproductive health in the Pacific.

The Conference brings together a diverse multidisciplinary audience, including:

- Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- Midwives
- Nurses
- Medical Officers
- Paediatricians
- Anaesthetists
- Public Health Professionals
- Researchers and Academics
- Educators and Training Institutions
- Health Service Managers
- Ministry of Health Representatives
- Development Partners
- Professional Colleges and Associations
- Non-Government Organisations



Many delegates hold clinical leadership, programme management, policy or workforce development responsibilities within their organisations, making the Conference a valuable forum for knowledge exchange, professional networking and regional collaboration.

Conference Week at a Glance

Saturday 12 Sept

Ultrasound Scanning Workshop – Day 1

Sunday 13 Sept

Church Service, Local Organising Committee Welcome Luncheon

Monday 14 Sept

Pre-Conference Workshops

Tuesday 15 Sept

Breakfast Cervical Cancer Elimination Stakeholder Forum, Pre-Conference Workshops, Opening Ceremony, Brian Spurrett Oration and Welcome Reception

Wednesday 16 Sept

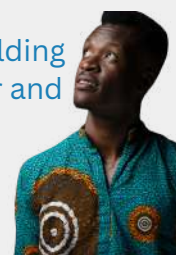
Sunrise Waterfront Walk and Conference Day 1 – Strengthening Foundations

Thursday 17 Sept

Breakfast Masterclass (Midwifery Leadership, PEMNeT Masterclass), Conference Day 2 – Building Capacity and Clinical Impact, PSRH Biennial General Meeting and Elections, Conference Dinner and Cultural Night

Friday 18 Sept

Conference Day 3 – Evidence, Equity and Sustaining the Workforce





Pre-Conference Workshops



A cornerstone of every PSRH Conference is the pre-conference workshop programme. Delivered by experienced clinicians, educators and technical experts from across the Pacific, Australia and New Zealand, these workshops provide practical, hands-on learning opportunities designed to strengthen clinical skills, leadership capability and service delivery across priority areas of sexual and reproductive health.

Through partnerships with professional colleges, universities, health services and international organisations, PSRH is able to offer specialised training that is directly relevant to Pacific clinical settings. The workshops provide opportunities for participants to develop new skills, share experiences, build professional networks and learn from faculty with extensive regional and international expertise.



Ultrasound Scanning in Women's Health

12th & 14th Sept, 8:30am – 4:00pm, Vaiola Hospital

This practical two-day workshop is designed for clinicians who currently perform ultrasound scanning or wish to further integrate ultrasound into their clinical practice. The programme focuses on practical scanning techniques, image acquisition, interpretation and clinical application of ultrasound in women's health, with content tailored to participants' learning needs through a pre-workshop assessment.

Addressing a recognised training need across Pacific health systems, the workshop provides small-group, hands-on learning opportunities supported by experienced faculty from Australia and New Zealand, including internationally recognised ultrasound educators.

Faculty: Associate Professor Kathleen Antony, Dr Sarika Gupta, Ms Cathy Sorenson, Ms Deborah Stanley

Pre-Invasive Disease of the Lower Genital Tract: Improving Capacity

14th Sept, 8:30am – 2:00pm, Vaiola Hospital

This hands-on workshop forms Phase 3 of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) Pre-Invasive Disease Certificate Programme and focuses on the practical skills required for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of pre-invasive cervical disease. Participants rotate through supervised skills stations covering colposcopy, cervical biopsy, thermal ablation and LLETZ procedures using simulation models and case-based learning. The workshop supports efforts to strengthen cervical cancer prevention services across the Pacific and is suitable for clinicians undertaking the IGCS certification pathway, specialists seeking to refresh their skills, and nurses and midwives involved in cervical screening and treatment programmes.

Faculty: Dr Ai Ling Tan and invited faculty

Perineal Repair and Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injuries (OASIS)

14th Sept, 8:30am – 4:00pm, House of Tonga

This full-day practical workshop focuses on the assessment and repair of perineal trauma following childbirth, including the recognition and management of Obstetric Anal Sphincter Injuries (OASIS). Through supervised practical skills stations, participants develop confidence in assessment, classification, suturing techniques and repair principles using anatomical models. Designed for obstetricians, trainees, midwives and clinicians involved in intrapartum care, the workshop promotes safe, evidence-based practice and strengthens skills that contribute to improved maternal outcomes and long-term pelvic health.

Faculty: Dr Vivien Wong, Dr Mairi Wallace





Pre-Conference Workshops Continued



Pacific Research and Audit Workshop **14th Sept, 8:30am – 4:00pm, 15th Sept,** **8:30am – 12:00pm, Queen Salote** **School of Nursing**

This 1.5-day workshop strengthens research and audit capability among health professionals working in reproductive, maternal and newborn health across the Pacific. Participants explore research design, clinical audit processes, data utilisation, ethics and quality improvement approaches using examples drawn from real-world Pacific health settings. Suitable for clinicians, educators, programme managers and researchers with varying levels of experience, the workshop aims to build confidence in translating routinely collected data into evidence that can inform clinical practice, service improvement and health policy.

Faculty: Dr Courtney Choy, Associate Professor Nicola Hawley

PEMNeT–FSEP Joint Workshop: Teamwork, **Communication and Fetal Monitoring**

14th Sept, 8:30am – 4:00pm, 15th Sept, 8:30am
– 12:00pm, Queen Salote School of Nursing

This workshop combines the Pacific Emergency Maternal and Neonatal Training (PEMNeT) programme with the Fetal Surveillance Education Programme (FSEP) to strengthen fetal monitoring, communication and teamwork within maternity services. Participants develop skills in fetal heart monitoring, CTG interpretation, clinical escalation and response to abnormal findings through facilitated case-based learning and practical exercises.

Designed for doctors and midwives involved in intrapartum care, the programme emphasises teamwork, ISBAR communication, situational awareness and respectful speaking up to support safer maternal and perinatal care.

Faculty: Mr Mark Beaves, Dr Sharron Bolitho, Dr Rebecca Mitchell

Comprehensive Contraception in Pacific Health Systems

14th Sept, 8:30am – 4:00pm, 15th Sept, 8:30am – 12:00pm, Queen Salote School of Nursing

This skills-based workshop strengthens clinical knowledge, procedural competence and counselling confidence for the provision of comprehensive contraception within Pacific health systems. Participants engage in practical skills stations, simulation-based learning, role play and case discussions covering long-acting reversible contraception, postpartum family planning, emergency contraception and culturally safe communication.

In addition to clinical skills development, participants undertake structured planning activities designed to support practical improvements in contraception services within their own countries and organisations.

Faculty: Professor Kirsten Black, Professor Deborah Bateson



PSRH acknowledges the many clinicians, educators and technical experts who generously contribute their time, expertise and mentorship in support of workforce development across the Pacific region.



Opening Ceremony and Brian Spurrett Oration



Tuesday 15th Sept, 2:00pm – 5:00pm, Talanoa Ballroom, Tanoa International Dateline Hotel, Nuku'alofa

The official Opening Ceremony marks the commencement of the 16th PSRH Biennial Scientific Conference and provides an opportunity to formally welcome delegates, faculty, partners and guests to Tonga. The ceremony celebrates the shared commitment of Pacific countries and regional partners to strengthening sexual and reproductive health services through collaboration, learning and workforce development.

The programme will include traditional Tongan welcomes, cultural performances, addresses from PSRH and host country representatives, acknowledgement of partners and sponsors, and reflections on the Conference theme, Fakakaukau ki he kaha'u – Building and Sustaining the Pacific SRH Workforce Through Strengthened Regional Collaboration.



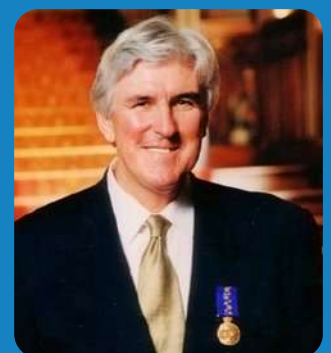
Distinguished Guests

The Conference is honoured to welcome Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Sinaitakala Tuku'aho as Guest of Honour, together with senior Pacific leaders, government representatives and regional partners. Invited dignitaries include the Honourable Huákavameiliku, Minister for Health and Public Enterprises, Dr Saia Ma'u Piukala, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific, Professor Sir Collin Tukuitonga, Associate Dean Pacific and Co-Director Te Poutoko Ora a Kiwa, University of Auckland, and the Brian Spurrett Orator, Dr Alec Ekeroma who is also, Minister for Education and Training for the Independent State of Samoa.

Brian Spurrett Oration

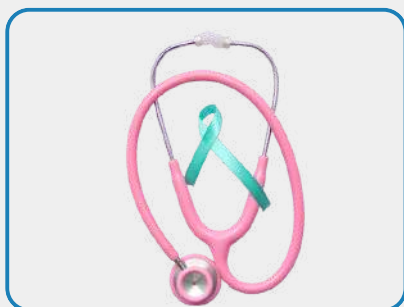
2026 Brian Spurrett Orator, Aiono Dr Alec Ekeroma, Minister for Education and Training, Independent State of Samoa.

The Brian Spurrett Oration is the premier keynote address of the Pacific Society for Reproductive Health and is delivered in honour of Dr Brian Spurrett, whose contribution to reproductive health education and workforce development helped shape the Society's early years.



Presented by a distinguished leader in sexual and reproductive health, the Oration provides an opportunity to reflect on progress, emerging challenges and future directions for the Pacific reproductive health workforce. It remains one of the most anticipated events within the PSRH Conference programme and reflects the Society's ongoing commitment to leadership, excellence and regional collaboration.

Breakfast Masterclasses and Stakeholder Forums



Pacific Cervical Cancer Elimination: Progress, Partnerships and Pathway Completion

Tuesday 15 Sept, 7:00am – 8:30am Fiefie Room, Tanoa International Dateline Hotel

This invitation-only stakeholder roundtable will bring together regional leaders, technical experts, implementing partners and country representatives working towards cervical cancer elimination across the Pacific. Discussions will focus on progress to date, emerging priorities, implementation experiences and opportunities to strengthen collaboration across the prevention-to-treatment pathway.

The forum aims to support greater alignment between countries and partners, identify practical solutions to barriers in service delivery, and strengthen regional efforts to ensure women identified through screening are able to access timely treatment and ongoing care.

Strengthening Regional Collaboration in Maternal and Newborn Emergency Care

Thursday 17 Sept, 7:00am – 8:00am Fiefie Room, Tanoa International Dateline Hotel

This stakeholder forum will bring together PEMNeT faculty, Ministry of Health representatives, training institutions, development partners and clinical leaders involved in maternal and newborn emergency care across the Pacific.

The session will provide an opportunity to review progress, share lessons learned from country implementation experiences and explore future opportunities for collaboration, faculty development and sustainable workforce strengthening. Particular attention will be given to approaches that support local capacity building, multidisciplinary teamwork and improved maternal and neonatal outcomes.

Strengthening Pacific Midwifery

Thursday 17 Sept, 7:00am – 8:00am Kalia Room, Tanoa International Dateline Hotel

This informal Breakfast Talanoa provides a dedicated space for Pacific midwives and maternity leaders to connect, exchange experiences and discuss priorities for strengthening midwifery leadership and practice across the region.

Through open conversation and shared learning, participants will explore common challenges, celebrate achievements and identify opportunities for collaboration that support the continued growth, visibility and influence of the Pacific midwifery workforce.



Conference Networking and Society Events



Sunrise Waterfront Walk

Wednesday 16 Sept, 6:00 – 7:30am, BSP Carpark, Nuku'alofa Waterfront

Delegates are invited to start the conference day with a relaxed sunrise walk along Nuku'alofa's waterfront. This informal gathering provides an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, welcome new delegates and promote health and wellbeing through shared activity while enjoying Tonga's coastal setting.



PSRH Biennial General Meeting and Elections

Thursday 17 Sept 12.30pm – 1:30pm, Fa'onelua Convention Centre



The Biennial General Meeting (BGM) is the principal governance meeting of the Pacific Society for Reproductive Health and provides an opportunity for financial members to review the activities of the Society, receive reports from the Board of Trustees and participate in the election of office bearers and Board members. The BGM plays an important role in ensuring that PSRH remains a member-driven organisation that reflects the priorities and aspirations of the Pacific reproductive health workforce.



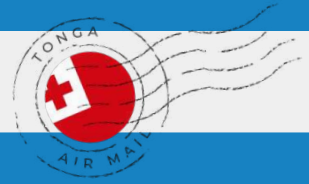
PSRH Conference Dinner and Cultural Night

Thursday 17 Sept 6:00pm – 10:00pm Venue TBA

The Conference Dinner and Cultural Night are a highlight of the PSRH Conference programme and provides an opportunity for delegates to celebrate the cultures, traditions and diversity of the Pacific region.

Hosted in partnership with the Tonga Local Organising Committee, the evening will feature cultural performances, Pacific hospitality and opportunities for networking, dancing and fellowship among delegates, faculty, partners and guests. The event reflects the spirit of friendship, collaboration and mutual respect that has underpinned PSRH since its establishment.





Wednesday 16 September 2026: Strengthening Foundations

Day 1 focuses on the realities of delivering sexual and reproductive health services across the Pacific. Through keynote presentations, debate, research and workforce perspectives, delegates will explore the challenges facing Pacific health systems while sharing practical approaches to strengthening workforce capability, education and service delivery.

Session 1

Respectful Care in Practice and Workforce Perspectives

9:00am – 10:00am

Invited Address

Dr Ulai Tapa Fidow

Global Monitoring Platform for Maternal and Newborn Health: Evaluating the Quality of Intrapartum and Early Postnatal Care

Mrs Vakaloloma Tagiyaco

Respectful Care in Childbirth: Understanding Gaps and Strengths Across Three Pacific Countries

Dr Fiona Bruinsma

Session 2

Education, Simulation and Evidence for Workforce Strengthening

11:00am – 12:30pm

Strengthening Midwifery Competency Through Regional Simulation-Based Education: The Pacific SMILE Initiative

Ms Clara Devi

Strengthening Simulation-Based Midwifery Education Through Visually Enhanced Mental Simulation (VEMS)

Mrs Mele Tofaeono

Development of a Virtual Continuing Education Program in Perinatal Mental Health Using the Project ECHO Model

Dr Katherine Sevar

Session 3

Workforce Challenges, Systems Thinking and Real-World Constraints

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Pacific Perspectives: Workforce Challenges and Successes

TBC

The Pacific Brain Drain is Good for the Region

Conference Debate featuring Pacific health professionals and regional leaders

Regional Workforce Perspectives and Opportunities

TBC

The session concludes with audience discussion and reflection on the workforce challenges, opportunities and partnerships needed to strengthen reproductive health services across the Pacific.



Thursday 17 September 2026: Building Capacity and Clinical Impact

Day 2 highlights the importance of collaboration, innovation and multidisciplinary leadership in improving maternal health outcomes and advancing cervical cancer prevention, treatment and elimination across the Pacific.

Session 4

Stronger Together – Improving Maternal Health Outcomes

9:00am – 10:30am

A Review of Maternal Mortality at the National Referral Hospital, Honiara, Solomon Islands Over a 7-Year Period

Dr Siobhan Langford

A Prospective Study on Women's Understanding and Satisfaction of Induction of Labour Versus Spontaneous Labour and its Outcomes at Lautoka Hospital, Fiji

Dr Laisa Cabenasiga

Learning from Stillbirth Audit to Strengthen Antenatal Care at Naha Clinic, Solomon Islands

Mrs Shirley Tobata

Strengthening the Pacific Health Workforce to Deliver Triple Elimination Interventions in the Solomon Islands

Ms Bethlyn Warereau

Session 5

Cervical Cancer Care Across the Continuum

11:00am – 12:30pm

Treatment Completion Among Women Referred for Gynaecology Review as Part of the HPV Screen-and-Treat Program, Western Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea

Dr James Tony

Perceptions Toward Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Among Samoan Girls Aged 10–17 Years and Their Caregivers in Rural Communities

Ms Robert Carney

Developing a National Cervical Cancer Elimination Strategy in Vanuatu: A Case Study of Regional Collaboration and Country-Led Implementation

Ms Carol Naidu

Integrating Palliative Care into Cervical Screening Training in the Pacific

Ms Evelyn Anisi

Session 6

Cervical Cancer Elimination – Regional Action

2.00pm – 3:30pm

This session brings together regional leaders, technical partners, clinicians and programme implementers to explore progress, challenges and opportunities in advancing cervical cancer elimination across the Pacific. Topics will include regional leadership and coordination, country implementation experiences, partner collaboration, technical support and strengthening the pathway from prevention and screening through to treatment and ongoing care.

Invited speakers and panel participants to be confirmed.



Friday 18 September 2026: Evidence, Equity and Sustaining the Workforce

Day 3 focuses on research, equity, workforce sustainability and future directions for reproductive health across the Pacific.

Session 7

Evidence that Matters – Research Across Systems, Prevention and Early Life Health

9:00am – 10:30am

This session highlights Pacific-led research and quality improvement initiatives that support stronger health systems, improved maternal and child health outcomes, and evidence-informed decision making.

Assessment of Bellwether Procedures in Rural District Hospitals in Papua New Guinea: A Multicentre Cross-Sectional Survey

Dr Patrick Ofokonare

Gestational Diabetes Risk Factors and Outcomes among American Samoan Women (GROW)

Dr Bethel Muasau-Howard

Factors Affecting Missed Opportunities for Vaccination Among Hospitalised Infants at Lautoka Hospital, Fiji

Ms Ana Thompson

Achieving Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative Accreditation in the Cook Islands: Strengthening the First 1000 Days

Ms Elina Henry

An Exploration of Breastfeeding Policy and Practice in Achieving Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative Standards in Samoa

Dr Jyothi Abraham

Session 8:

Safety, Voice and Choice – Addressing Gender-Based Violence and Strengthening SRH in the Pacific

11:00am – 12:30pm

This session explores practical approaches to strengthening gender-based violence response, improving access to sexual and reproductive health services and supporting informed reproductive choice across the Pacific.

Strengthening Gender-Based Violence Response in Fiji: Turning Compassion into Comprehensive Action

Dr Lice Vaniqi

Veilomani: An Online Course for Responding to Gender-Based Violence

Dr Kartika Goundar

Clinical Case Report: A Midwifery Emergency in Makira-Ulawa Province, Solomon Islands

Ms Esme Harara

Understanding Attitudes Towards Sexual and Reproductive Health Among Young People in Tonga

Mrs Christine Nurminen

Knowledge of Postpartum Contraception Uptake and Continuation at Tungaru Central Hospital Before and After Training in Postpartum IUDs and Implants

Prof Kirsten Black



Friday 18 September 2026: Evidence, Equity and Sustaining the Workforce

Session 9:

Sustaining the Workforce and Planning for the Future

1:30pm – 3:00pm

The Conference concludes with a future directions session exploring workforce leadership and mentorship, regional collaboration, workforce priorities and Pacific-led solutions. The session will provide an opportunity to reflect on key themes emerging from the Conference and identify practical actions that can be taken forward beyond Tonga.

Invited speakers and discussion participants to be confirmed.

Regional Partnerships and Collaboration

The Pacific Society for Reproductive Health recognises that improving sexual and reproductive health outcomes across the Pacific requires strong partnerships between clinicians, health services, governments, professional organisations, academic institutions and development partners.

The 16th PSRH Biennial Scientific Conference brings together representatives from across the Pacific region and beyond, creating opportunities for collaboration, knowledge exchange and collective action around shared priorities. Through scientific presentations, workshops, stakeholder forums and professional networking, the Conference supports the development of partnerships that contribute to workforce strengthening, service improvement and sustainable health system development.

PSRH values its longstanding relationships with Ministries of Health, regional agencies, professional colleges, universities, training institutions and international organisations that contribute expertise, technical assistance, education and leadership in support of Pacific health professionals.

- Pacific Ministries of Health
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Pacific Community (SPC)
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- PROMPT Global
- Burnet Institute
- Family Planning Australia
- St Vincents Pacific Health Fund
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG)
- Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AOFOG)
- International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS)
- Family Planning Australia
- International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners
- Universities, teaching institutions and research organisations across the Pacific, Australia and New Zealand
- Health-e Learning
- Additional sponsors to be announced soon

Together, these partnerships help strengthen workforce capability, support continuing professional development, advance research and quality improvement, and foster sustainable improvements in sexual and reproductive health throughout the Pacific region.

Conference Evaluation and Impact Assessment

The Pacific Society for Reproductive Health is committed to ensuring that Conference activities remain relevant, impactful and responsive to the needs of the Pacific sexual and reproductive health workforce. Evaluation will include delegate and faculty feedback, workshop and masterclass evaluations, participation data and feedback from partners and sponsors. Findings will be reviewed by the PSRH Board and Conference Organising Team and used to inform future conferences, educational activities and workforce development initiatives.

Through this process, PSRH seeks to continuously strengthen the quality, relevance and regional impact of its programmes and partnerships.



Acknowledgement of Sponsors and Supporters

The Pacific Society for Reproductive Health gratefully acknowledges and gives thanks to the organisations, institutions, partners and individuals whose support contributes to the success of the 16th PSRH Biennial Scientific Conference.

As a regional not-for-profit organisation, PSRH relies on the generosity and collaboration of sponsors, development partners, professional organisations, academic institutions and volunteer faculty to deliver high-quality educational activities and workforce development opportunities across the Pacific.

The Society extends its appreciation to the many clinicians, educators, researchers and technical experts who contribute their time, expertise and mentorship in support of the Pacific sexual and reproductive health workforce.

Sponsor and supporter recognition will be updated as sponsorship arrangements and partnership contributions are confirmed.

A full list of sponsors, exhibitors, partners and supporters will be acknowledged in conference materials, on the conference website and throughout the Conference programme.



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Conference Summary

Conference Dates & Venues

12 September 8:30am – 4:00pm

- Pacific Ultrasound Scanning Day 1, Vaiola Hospital

14 September 8:30am – 4:00pm

- Pacific Ultrasound Scanning Day 2, Vaiola Hospital
- Gynae Oncology: Pre-Invasive Disease of the Lower Genital Tract: Improving Capacity, Vaiola Hospital (8:30am – 2:00pm)
- OASIS & Perineal Repair, House of Tonga
- Family Planning Day 1: Comprehensive Contraception in Pacific Health Systems, Queen Salote School of Nursing
- PEMNeT & FSEP Day 1: Queen Salote School of Nursing
- Pacific Research & Audit Day 1

15 September 8:30am – 12:30pm

- Family Planning Day 2: Comprehensive Contraception in Pacific Health Systems, Queen Salote School of Nursing
- PEMNeT & FSEP Day 2, Queen Salote School of Nursing
- Pacific Research & Audit Day 2, Queen Salote School of Nursing

Main Conference: 16–18 September 2026, 9:00am – 3:30pm
Fa'onelua Convention Centre

Accommodation and Travel

Accommodation options, travel information and conference updates are available on the PSRH Conference website. Delegates are encouraged to make travel and accommodation arrangements early (noting there are no flights to and from Tonga on Sundays). The Local Organising Committee will liaise with country delegations and invited guests regarding local transport arrangements during the conference week.

Conference Information and Sustainability

In keeping with PSRH's commitment to environmentally responsible conference practices, printed materials will be kept to a minimum wherever possible. Delegates will be encouraged to access the conference programme, abstracts, announcements and updates through the PSRH Conference Portal hosted on Oxford Abstracts. QR codes will be displayed throughout the conference venue to provide direct access to the Conference Portal, where delegates can view the latest programme information, speaker details, abstracts and conference announcements. This approach supports real-time communication while reducing paper consumption and waste.

For registration, programme updates and delegate information, please visit the PSRH Conference website or access the Oxford Abstracts Conference Portal.

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