

**Responsible Business Education
Management in Small states –A case
of PICs**

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Outline of the presentation

- Introduction
- Standards
- Quality, Relevance and Sustainability
- USP and its role in Business education management in the Pacific region

Standards

- How do we measure standards? National and international?
- Accreditation and benchmarking
- Quality Audits
- Use of International rankings

Standards Cont..

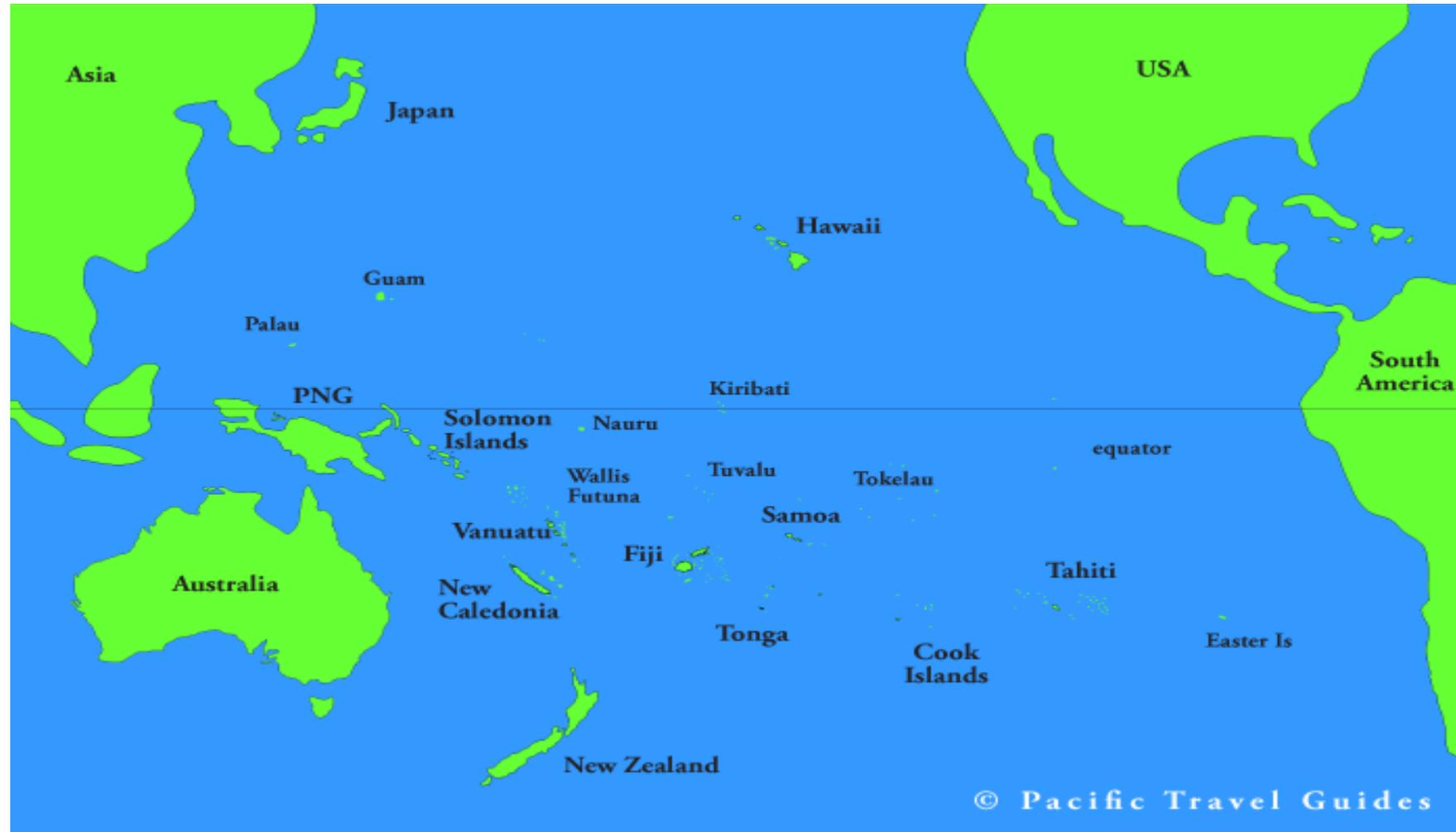
- Quality
- Relevance
- Sustainability

Standards Cont.. 6 Priority Areas



- Learning and Teaching
- Student Support
- Research and Graduate Affairs
- Regional and Community Engagement and internationalisation
- Human Resources
- Governance, management and continuous improvement

South Pacific Countries



PICs- Some Background

➤ **Three groups in the PICs-**

Melanesian, Polynesian and Micronesian;

- Melanesian- bigger and resource rich;
- Polynesian- smaller coral Atolls and with some resources;
- Micronesian- resource poor- only fisheries;
- History of poor economic growth rates.

Key Characteristics



	Population	Population Growth	Population Density	Urban Population	GDP per person
	'000	% Change/year			
Melanesia and Timor Leste					
Fiji	853	1.0	47	51	3,306
PNG	5,995	2.5	13	14	943
Solomon Islands	489	2.8	17	17	684
Vanuatu	215	2.7	18	24	1,799
Timor-Leste	1,029	3.2	69	27	346
Polynesia					
Cook Islands	22	0.6	91	70.2	7,549
Niue	1.8	-2.2	6.9	33	4,364
Samoa	186	0.8	66	23	2,277
Tonga	102	0.4	142	24	2,176
Tuvalu	10	1.6	381	48.1	1,346
Micronesia					
FSM	111	2.0	159	22	2,205
Kiribati	101	2.2	138	48	703
Marshall Islands	65	1.9	636	67	2,363
Nauru	10	0.6	482	100	3,500
Palau	20	2.0	85	12	671
Comparators					
Low Income countries		2.0	85	12	671
Middle income Countries		1.1	45	53	6,564

Challenges for PICs

- PICs are small, diverse and remote;
- PICs face climate change impacts-*natural disasters*
- Low economic growth rates
- Still vulnerable to external economic shocks
- Political instability

USP and its role in the region

- USP is an important institution for PICs
- Most of the graduates working in the Public Sector are from USP and the majority of them in the private sector are graduates from the Faculty of Business and Economics
- Supplier of manpower needs of the Pacific region for the last 40 years
- More recently USP has become a source of graduates for Australian and New Zealand labour markets

Thank You