

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

2026 FSM Finance & CTA Conference

Strengthening Public Financial Management Stewardship

Detailed Conference Agenda

Theme	Strengthening Public Financial Management Stewardship
Dates	Thursday 23rd July – Friday 31 st July 2026
Venue	Kosrae State Government Library, Tofol, Kosrae State, FSM
Host	Kosrae State Government & FSM National Government
Convenor	Kosrae State Finance & FSMNG Finance
Audience	FSM National & State Finance Officers; Public Auditor's Office; Development Partners; Stakeholders

1. Conference Overview

The 2026 FSM Finance & CTA Conference brings together the National and State finance leadership of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Office of the National Public Auditor, and our development partners under a single theme: Strengthening Public Financial Management through FMIS Innovation. The five-day program opens with strategic framing and FMIS direction-setting on Day 1, moves through audit, reconciliation and stream-based breakouts on Day 3 to 4, and culminates on Day 5 with stream plenary, resolution drafting and the formal Closing Ceremony.

Daily Themes

- Day 1 (Friday 24th July) — Opening Ceremony, Strategic Direction & Audit Updates
- Day 2 (Saturday 25th July) — Retreat for Conference Principals
- Day 3 (Sunday 26th July) — Rest Day
- Day 4 (Monday 27th July) — FreeBalance Training & Updates
- Day 5 (Tuesday 28th July) — Stream Breakouts —(Finance, CTA, Budget, Investment)
- Day 6 (Wednesday 29th July) — Infrastructure Update & Others
- Day 7 (Thursday 30th July) — Plenary, Resolution Drafting & Closing Ceremony

Breakout Streams

From the morning of Day 3, the conference splits into four parallel streams, each chaired by the relevant Assistant Secretary of DOFA:

- Budget Stream — A/S Budget
- Compliance & Collection (CTA) Stream — A/S CTA
- Investment Stream — A/S Investment
- Treasury Stream — A/S Treasury

2. Day 1 — Friday, 24th July 2026

Opening Ceremony, Strategic Direction & Audit Updates

Time	Session	Lead / Presenter	Notes
08:00 – 09:00	Registration & Networking Breakfast	Conference Secretariat	Registration desk, name tags, conference packs
09:00 – 09:10	FSM National Anthem & Opening Prayer	Pastor (Kosrae Governor's Office)	Anthem audio prepared in advance
09:10 – 09:25	Welcoming Remarks	Governor / Lt Governor, Kosrae State	Invitation letter, SecDoFA signature
09:25 – 09:55	Keynote: Strengthening Public Financial Management Stewardship	President / Vice President, FSM	Framing for the conference
09:55 – 10:30	Remarks of Heads of Delegations	Secretary of DOFA & State Directors	Remarks drafted for Secretary
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Group Photo & Morning Break</i>	CIU Communications Specialist	Photo on Library steps
10:45– 11:45	Updates on FY2025 & FY2026 audits	National Public Auditor's Office	Audit Findings, controls, and reporting.
11:45-12:30	Compact Sector Subrecipient Oversight & Monitoring	Kemsky Sigras	OCM
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch (OYO)</i>	—	
13:30 – 14:30	SDP Update on Finance Thematics	Avalon Edward	R&D
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Afternoon Break</i>	—	
15:00 – 16:00	Audit, Compliance & Financial Reporting	NPA & External Auditor	Audit Roadmap & Outstanding Items
16:00 – 17:00	CTA Revenue Collection Update	AS Randy Sue and Team	Trend of revenue collection

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18:00 – 21:00	Welcome Reception (hosted by Governor of Kosrae)	Kosrae State Government	All delegates

3. Day 4 — Monday, 27 July 2026

FreeBalance Trainings & Updates

Time	Session	Lead / Presenter	Notes
08:00-9:00	Registration & Coffee		
09:00-10:15	PFM II- Project Update: Progress, Priorities & Next Steps	PFM II Project Manager, Osbert Atusaasiire	Overview of project implementation
10:15 – 11:15	Budget Module-Overview	Free Balance Team	Overview of Budget implementation
11:15 – 11:30	Morning Break	—	
11:30 – 12:30	Lessons Learned from FMIS Rollout	Peni Tikoisireli, Financial Advisor	What worked and what didn't
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch (OYO)	—	
13:30-14:15	How to Apply & Access the Resiliency Fund Compact Fund 3	OCM	
14:15 – 15:00	Strengthening Collaboration between National and State Governments in the PFM Reform	PFM II Project Manager, Osbert Atusaasiire	Coordination & collaboration in PFM Reform
15:00 – 15:15	Afternoon Break	—	
15:15 – 16:30	Free Balance Training- Overview on Bank Reconciliation	Free Balance Team	Bank reconciliation, processes, workflow & best practices
16:30 – 17:30	Free Balance Training- Reporting & Payroll Overviews	PFM II and Free Balance Team	Standard reports, Payroll processing workflow, reports & practical tips

Day 5 TUESDAY July 28, 2026

Stream Breakouts

Time	Budget Stream	CTA Stream	Investment Stream	Treasury Stream
08:00 – 09:00	Registration & Coffee			

Time	Budget Stream	CTA Stream	Investment Stream	Treasury Stream
09:00 – 10:30	Quarterly Performance Report-Budget Advisor Ratu Nemia Dawai	RMS Presentation/Training for users (taxpayers)	Overview & Update on World Bank and ADB Projects	Revenue Sharing Presentations
10:30 – 10:45	Morning Break			
10:45 – 12:00	How to Complete the Performance Report-Budget Advisor Ratu Nemia Dawai	RMS Continues	Compact Sector Drawdown FY2025 & FY2026	Revenue Sharing Presentations
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch (OYO)			
Time	Budget Stream	CTA Stream	Investment Stream	Treasury Stream
13:30 – 14:45	Project Control Document-Budget Analysts	ASYCUDA World Presentation/Training for users (taxpayers)	Federal Grants Drawdown FY2025 & FY2026	Grants Reconciliations
14:45 – 15:00	Afternoon Break			
15:00 – 16:45	How to complete the PCD -Budget Analysts & Q&As	ASYCUDA Continues	Foreign Grants Drawdown	SEFA Presentation

4. Day 6 — Wednesday, 29 July 2026

Infrastructure Plan Update & Others

Time	Session	Lead / Presenter	Notes
08:00 – 09:00	Registration & Coffee		
9:00-10:30	Infrastructure Development Plan & Updates	Dayn Iehsi	For All states
10:30 – 10:45	Morning Break		
10:45 – 11:30	Beyond Assurance: Internal Audit as a Strategic Enabler	Happyman Makamure, Internal Audit Advisor	Internal Audit & Risk Assessment
11:30– 12:30	Updates on Investment -Trust Fund	Investment Advisor Maggie Ralbovsky	Update & Reconciliations
12:30-13:30	Lunch (OYO)		

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14:00 – 15:30	PFM II Project Steering Committee (closed session, by invitation)	PFM II PM, DOFA Secretary · World Bank TTL	Separate venue
15:30 – 17:00	Subrecipient Monitoring Task Force Meeting (closed & zoom meeting)	Chairman & All Task Force Members	Separate venue

Day 7 — Closing Programme

Time	Session	Lead / Presenter	Notes
9:00 – 10:00	Stream Group Presentations & Summary of Resolutions	A/S Budget · A/S CTA · A/S Investment · A/S Treasury	10 minutes per stream + Q&A
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Morning Break</i>	—	
10:15 – 11:00	Reading of the Final Conference Resolution	Secretary, DOFA	Consolidated resolution adopted
11:00 – 12:00	Closing Remarks & Benediction	Secretary of Finance · Governor of Kosrae · Pastor	
12:00-17:00	Networking	Q&A	
17:00 – 21:00	<i>Closing Reception</i>	DOFA, FSM National Government	All delegates

5. Conference Logistics & Notes

Registration

A staffed registration desk operates from 08:00 each day in the Library foyer. On Day 1 delegates receive a name badge, conference pack (programme, breakout assignment, FMIS quick-reference) and the Resolution template.

Meals

Lunch is on-your-own (OYO) each day. The Welcome Reception on Day 1 is hosted by the Governor of Kosrae; the Closing Reception on Day 7 is hosted by DOFA. Each Delegation will provide one number at the Closing reception.

Breakout Streams

Each delegate is pre-assigned to one of four streams (Budget, CTA, Investment, Treasury). Assignments are confirmed at registration. Stream leads are responsible for capturing draft resolutions during the Day 5 breakouts and finalising them.

Resolution Process

Each stream produces a written resolution covering: (i) policy commitments, (ii) FMIS-related actions, (iii) reporting obligations. Stream resolutions are consolidated by the DOFA Secretariat on the afternoon of Day 6 to be finalized and adopted during Day 7 closing session.

Retreat

The afternoons of Day 6 and Day 7 are to be utilized as Retreat & Closing picnic for participants to enjoy the life in Kosrae (to be arranged with Director Lipar George's Office. -a visit to the Walung island or to the Lelu Ruins) while the Secretariat completes the final resolutions for the closing conference and the final picnic for closing the conference.

Speakers Confirmed

All sessions are confirmed and the Speakers/MC will be Director George Lipar and Deputy Secretary Sohs John.

Contacts

Conference Secretariat — Department of Finance & Administration, Palikir, Pohnpei. Logistical queries to the DOFA Conference Coordinator. Ms. Sandra Salvador and the Conference Committee Members.