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To

All Officers of EPFO
Head Office/Zonal Office’s/Regional Office’s


Madam/Sir,

ISSA is organising a webinar on the subject cited above which will discuss the important role social security and provident funds in the Pacific have taken in mitigating the economic and social impact of the corona virus crisis. This will also be an opportunity to discuss the importance of business continuity plans and crisis preparedness and the lessons learnt from the COVID-19 crisis for further improving these plans in the future. The webinar is organised in collaboration with the ISSA Focal Point Office for Pacific Island Countries.

The details are as under:

Friday, 16 October 2020
09:00–11:00 (UTC +12) Fiji / Tuvalu
10:00–12:00 (UTC +13) Tonga

Language: English

Speakers:

- **Damien Beddoes**, Chief Executive Officer, Cook Islands National Superannuation Fund, Cook Islands
- **Michael Bloomfield**, Chief Executive Officer, Retirement Fund Board, Tonga
- **Penielu Teo**, Chief Executive Officer, Tuvalu National Provident Fund, Tuvalu
- **Pravinesh Singh**, Acting Chief Operations Officer, Fiji National Provident Fund, Fiji

Moderated by **Jens Schremmer**, Head of the Secretary General’s Office, ISSA.
The webinar will examine the following questions:

✓ What social security and provident fund measures have been taken to support employers as well as workers and their families during the crisis?

✓ What were challenges in implementing and delivering these measures in the context of various restrictions related to the coronavirus, and how could these challenges be overcome?

✓ How have the measures been financed, and what is the long-term financial impact in the context of reduced contributions and investment volatility?

✓ Many funds in the Pacific have experience with natural disasters and extreme events. How have existing business continuity and emergency plans been useful, and how can they be further developed based on the lessons from the COVID-19 crisis?

✓ COVID-19 may be the biggest crisis in modern times affecting the whole world and recovery is anticipated to take some time. What are some foreseen immediate challenges post-COVID and what is the strategy or plan to address them?

URL:-  https://www.issa.int/webinar-2020-10-16

Officers of EPFO are encouraged to register and take advantage of this webinar at no cost. The webinar offers promising takeaways in terms of the role of Social Security & Provident Funds and the challenges faced by the stakeholders in these difficult times. Interested officers may register for this webinar at the URL mentioned above.

(This issues with the approval of Competent Authority)

Yours faithfully,

(Shyam V. Tonk)
Regional P.F. Commissioner-I (Training)