

## **Pacific Health Information Systems Development Forum from 2nd to 3rd November 2009**



The Health Information Systems (HIS) Knowledge Hub at the University of Queensland hosted the Pacific Health Information Systems Development Forum from 2nd to 3rd November 2009, at Customs House, Brisbane, Australia.

The Pacific HIS Development Forum was designed to bring together regional country stakeholders and global HIS leaders to debate latest knowledge developments in HIS. The Forum provided the opportunity for knowledge and experience to be shared among a broad community of interested stakeholders, global expertise and representatives from across the Pacific Island countries.

The HIS Knowledge Hub appointed one Pacific Island country to present against each of the six components of the HMN Framework, identifying current practice and challenges within HIS in the Pacific region. TAG members facilitated the discussion topics describing the specific component of the HMN Framework and briefly outlining the key issues, developments and challenges for the Pacific Island country presenting.

The team representing the Cook Islands prepared a presentation on the use of information products in the Cook Islands health system and focused mainly around the Medtech 32 system. Presentations were followed by robust debate on best-practice and improving HIS in developing countries.

Concurrent working groups were held on day two of the Forum identifying key issues, priorities and knowledge gaps. The working groups collated key themes and presented a synopsis of the discussions.

Country Partners that attended:

- . Vanuatu
- . Tuvalu
- . Northern Mariana Islands
- . Tonga
- . Solomon Islands
- . Nauru
- . Fiji
- . Samoa
- . Federated States of Micronesia
- . Cook Islands
- . American Samoa
- . Kiribati
- . Palau
- . Papua New Guinea

Country representatives were joined by development partners including World Health Organization, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Fiji School of Medicine, the National Centre for Classification in Health, the National Centre for Health Information Research and Training, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the Department of Health and Ageing.

