PacNog 13th Educational Workshop & Training

Dates:
PacNOG 13 will be held on 1-5July, 2013

Venue
Conference and training activities of PacNOG 13 will be held at the Tungi Collonade Building, Taufa'ahau Road, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

Host:
The PacNOG 13 is kindly hosted by:

Tonga Communications Corporation

Target Audience
In general, PacNOG educational workshops and training are specifically targeted for engineers and technical resources involved in the hands-on operation of IP-ISP networks. From time to time different topics in the network operations are offered to help the targeted constituents in the Pacific that includes but not limited to: ISP and IP networks in Telecoms and other public telecommunications networks, Government networks, Research and Education networks.

Topics for PacNOG 13 cover the Basic level for Network Routing, BGP, TCP/IP fundamentals and Linux systems, relevant for new technical personnel, refreshers, or for other network & system engineers seeking to attain new skill-set in IP based communication and engineering.

Program
Day 1: Conference & Tutorial, 1 July 2013
- Morning: **Plenary Conference on Operational topics, & Country Updates**
- Afternoon: **Plenary Conference cont'd and Tutorials**

Day 2-5: Hands-On Training tracks (Track 1 & 2), 2-5July 2013
- Track 1: **Introduction to Routing and Basic Level BGP Workshop**
- Track 2:**TCP/IP Fundamentals and Linux System Administration**

  Click here for the Program & Track outlines

Pre-Registration
1. Day 1 Conference
   Conference is free for all network operators and stake-holders; however, all intending participants must register online before 31 May 2013

2. 4 days Hands-On training: Track 1 & 2)
   All intending participants must pre-register online before 31 May 2013.

   Confirmation of seats however will be a due process to consider pre-requisites are met and where registration fee applies, are paid. Allocation of seats will be on the basis of 1st come 1st served.

To pre-register: Click Here
IMPORTANT
1. Registration Closing Date is 31 May 2013.
2. Indicate the Conference Session only if attending only conference, otherwise, indicate Track Number to attend with the conference

Name badges will be issued at the Registration Desk during face to face Registration at the venue on Monday 1 July 2013 from 0830am to 0900am.

Name Badges are required to be worn at all times to access PacNOG 13 activities.

Registration Fee
Registration fee of USD100-USD150* will be required for participating in the training session from Day 2 to Day 5. This fee is primarily to cover for tea breaks and lunch during these Training Tracks. Training, Venue facilities and Logistic/Secretariat support are kindly provided by PacNOG partners and host.

Payment of registration fees
A seat can only be confirmed upon payment of registration fee. To pay registration fee, the following options are available:

1. Pay by VISA or Mastercard
   (Email to pita@connect.com.fj or call PITA Manager on +679 3311638 with card#, name on card, expiry date and authorisation to debit USD105.30 inclusive of bank charges)

2. Pay by direct bank account transfer *
   (Account name: Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association, Account# 6055534, ANZ Bank, 25 Victoria Parade, Suva FIJI, swift code ANZBFJFX), or

3. Pay to Tonga Communications Corporation, General Cashier Office – Accounts PacNOG*

   * These may be updated in later advises
Hotel Accommodation

All participants are required to book directly with the hotels.

The Hosts recommended the following hotels:

Note: Daily commuting from these hotels to training venue can also be arranged with TCC.

1. **Vila MacKenzie:**
   Internet: wireless internet available in the rooms
   Distance from hotel to meeting venue: 7-10minutes walk
   Room Rate: 189pa'anga+15% tax (Inclusive of breakfast and wireless internet)
   Transport: shuttle is available for pick and drop at the airport at 40pa'anga/one way.
   Reservation Contact: villamac@kalianet.to (Judie)
   Website: www.tongavilla.com

2. **Emerald Hotel**
   Internet: Free wireless internet available in the rooms
   Distance from hotel to meeting venue: 3-5minutes walk
   Room Rate: from 250pa'anga (Inclusive of breakfast, wireless internet and tax)
   Transport: shuttle is available for pick and drop at the airport at 40pa'anga/one way.
   Reservation Contact: emeraldhoteltonga@gmail.com (Ofa Moala)
   Website: www.emerald-tonga.com

3. **Loumaile Lodge**
   Internet: wireless internet available in the rooms (Rate: 10 pa'anga/day)
   Distance from hotel to meeting venue: 3-5minutes walk
   Room Rate: 287.50pa'anga (Inclusive of breakfast and tax)
   Transport: shuttle is available for pick and drop at the airport at 40pa'anga/one way.
   Reservation Contact: loumaile.lodge@gmail.com (Jay Tuisua)
   Website: www.loumaile.com

4. **Little Italy**
   Internet: wireless internet available in the rooms
   Distance from hotel to meeting venue: 10minutes walk
   Room Rate: 230 pa'anga (Inclusive of breakfast, wireless internet and tax)
   Transport: shuttle is available for pick and drop at the airport at 30pa'anga/one way.
   Reservation Contact: info@littleitalytonga.com (Nia Fangufang)
   Website: www.littleitalytonga.com

Airlines and Access to Tonga
Find below airline cost of return airfares to Nuku'alofa, Tonga as follows:

NOTE: The following are for guideline purposes and participants must enquire and confirm with airlines.

AIR NEW-ZEALAND
- **From Australia to Tonga:** Daily flights to and from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne to Tonga.

- **From New Zealand to Tonga:** Five flights per week to Tonga.
- **From USA to Tonga:** Daily flights from Los Angeles to Auckland connecting to Tonga five times a week.

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA
- **From Australia to Tonga:** Two flights per week from Sydney to Tonga (Tuesday & Thursday).
- **From New Zealand to Tonga:** Two flights per week from Auckland to Tonga (Tuesday & Thursday).
- Check out Code Share flights now available with Air New Zealand via Auckland.

FIJI AIRWAYS (formerly Air Pacific)
- From Australia to Tonga: **Two flights per week from both Brisbane and Sydney to Nadi with** connecting flights to Tonga (Tuesday & Thursday).
- **From Fiji to Tonga:** Three flights per week to Tonga (Monday, Tuesday & Friday).

Transfers from Airport to Hotels
The host organisation, TCC, will provide airport pick up and drop off.
Arrival and Departure Forms will be posted to pre-registered attendees who by way of their arrival and departure flights will have confirmed their participations.

Daily transfers from hotel to PacNOG venue
Taxis are available at $3 pa'anga 1 way. Upon request, the host, TCC, will assist with vehicle for pick up. *Pick up schedules will be provided on site*

VISA
All delegates are advice to have a valid passport for at least 3 months from the date of arrival. Please check with your travel agents for the appropriate visa documentation and other necessary document to enter Tonga.

Departure tax
It should be included in the airline ticket price.

Telecommunications
Tonga Telephone Country Code: 676
To dial outside Tonga:
- from mobile phone, dial + before overseas country code
- from fixed line, dial 00 before overseas country code

SIM Card: TCC will provide SIM cards for delegates. Top up is available at the TCC phone shops in the same building.

Internet Services
Internet by WIFI access will be provided at the conference and training site. For hotels, see hotel information above.

Banks:
ANZ Bank – Next door to the meeting venue

Westpac Bank – 5minutes walk from the meeting venue
Note: International bank cards are accepted in Tonga both at the ANZ and Westpac ATM Machines.

Medical and Health

All delegates are required to ensure they organise all necessary cover for medical and health emergency circumstances.

Contact Points:

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