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DATES FOR 39TH PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM CONFIRMED

The 39th Pacific Islands Leaders' Forum and related meetings will be held in Niue in the week of 18th August 2008. The dates were confirmed following consultations between member countries. The official opening of the 39th Pacific Islands Forum will be held on 19th August to be followed by the Plenary Session. The Forum Leaders' Retreat will be on 20th August. Smaller Island States Leaders' and Pacific ACP Leaders' meetings will also be held in conjunction with the Forum Leaders' meeting.

The 20th Post-Forum Dialogue Partners' Plenary Session will be held on 21st August. The Pacific Plan Action Committee, Pre-Forum Forum Officials Committee and Smaller Islands States Officials' Meetings are also confirmed for 21 – 22 July, 23 – 24 July and 25 July respectively. These meetings will be held at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in Suva, Fiji.