



## **Third Technical Expert Dialogue under the Ad Hoc Work Programme on the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance**

### **Information about the resource persons**

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Mr Zarak Khan was appointed as Director Programmes and Initiatives at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat on 3 June 2019. He was formerly the Fijian Consul General and Trade Commissioner to Australia and New Zealand based in Sydney, Australia from 2016-2019. During his tenure as Consul General and Trade Commissioner, Mr Khan contributed to attracting over F\$120 million in foreign direct investment to Fiji from the Australian and New Zealand markets as well as over F\$15 million in Fijian exports to both markets. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience having previously represented the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in a trade policy advisory capacity from 2011–2016. In this role, he provided technical and policy advice to Pacific ACP States in the comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement trade negotiations with the European Commission, as well as in the formulation of Trade Policy Frameworks and Diagnostic Trade Integration Studies in the Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, Palau, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu. Prior to this, Mr Khan held senior positions at Investment Fiji, Fiji’s official investment promotion agency, where he also managed Fiji’s largest Special Economic Zone -the Kalabu Tax Free Zone and facilitated the requirements of leading clients such as ANZ and Mindpearl. Mr Khan holds postgraduate qualifications in Management, Public Administration and Economics from the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji. In his role as Director Programmes and Initiatives, Mr Khan seeks to improve the lives of Pacific Islanders through initiatives targeted at deepening regional economic integration and connectivity in the Pacific, building from a platform of sustainable and inclusive growth and development.

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