

PROGRAM

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28th Micronesians Islands Forum (MIF)

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

“Promote *Healthy* Communities,
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August 17-21, 2026



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Governor's Conference Room | Peilapalap, Kolonia Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia



Message from Joseph-Movick Administration

"Kaselehlie maingko and welcome to Pohnpei. It is with great honor and heartfelt pleasure that the people and Government of Pohnpei welcome you to our island home for the 28th Micronesia Islands Forum. Pohnpei is a land rich in cultural heritage, ancient traditions, and natural beauty, where respect, unity, and hospitality remain at the heart of our way of life.

As leaders, partners, and friends gather from across Micronesia, we celebrate not only our shared aspirations for the future but also the unique cultures and histories that bind our islands together. May this Forum strengthen our regional solidarity, deepen our cooperation, and inspire collective action for the benefit of our peoples and future generations.

On behalf of the people of Pohnpei, I extend our warmest welcome and wish you a productive, meaningful, and memorable stay in our island paradise."

Stevenson A. Joseph
Governor
State of Pohnpei

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PRE-FORUM – August 17, 2026 (Monday)

All Day

- Welcoming of Delegation
- Designated Representatives meeting
- Standing Committee Meetings
- Registration of Participants

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PRE-FORUM – August 18, 2026 (Tuesday)

All Day

Welcome of the Delegation

Designated Representative Meeting & Standing Committee
Presentations

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Formal welcome presided over by Mwoalen Wahu Ileilehn Wein
Pohnpei - Welcome at Mangrove Bay (All visiting delegations and
invited guests) *sponsored by Bank of Guam, ASC Trust, BOG*

6:30 pm

Investment Services. Traditional performance by Nett Municipal
Youth

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DAY No. 1

August 19, 2026 (Wednesday) – OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 28TH MICRONESIAN ISLAND FORUM

Masters of Ceremony: Mr. Patterson K. Shed/Keana Segal

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| 8:00-9:00 | Registration and arrival of Leaders |
| 9:00-9:05 | Invocation by Vicar Augustine Barnabas |
| 9:00-10:00 | Opening Session |
| | Posting of the Micronesia Islands Forum Flags and the Pohnpei State Flag |
| | FSM & Pohnpei State Anthems by <i>Ohmine Student Choir</i> |
| | Call to Order by the Outgoing 27th MIF Chair, Her Excellency Hilda C. Heine, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. |
| | Transfer of Chairmanship to the incoming 28th MIF Chair, The Honorable Stevenson A. Joseph. |
| 10:00-12:00 | Delivery of Statements |
| | Opening Statement by the Chair, the Honorable Governor Stevenson A. Joseph |
| | His Excellency Surangel S. Whipps Jr., President of the Republic of Palau |
| | His Excellency Wesley W. Simina, President of the Federated States of Micronesia |
| | Her Excellency Hilda C. Heine, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands |
| | His Excellency David W. R. Adeang, President of the Republic of Nauru |
| | The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of the U.S. Territory of Guam |
| | The Honorable Alexander Narruhn, Governor of Chuuk State, FSM |
| | The Honorable Tulensa W. Palik, Governor of Kosrae State, FSM |
| | The Honorable Francis Itimai, Governor of Yap State, FSM |

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DAY No. 1 - Continue

August 19, 2026 (Wednesday) – OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 28TH MICRONESIAN ISLAND

The Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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| 12:00–1:30 | Leaders' Lunch/Presentation Sponsored by <i>UN Human Rights Council on site (Principals plus two)</i> |
| 1:30–1:45 | Annual Report from MIF Secretariat |
| 1:45–2:00 | Presentation by the Regional Education Committee |
| 2:00- 2:15 | Presentation by the Regional Health Committee |
| 2:15–2:30 | Presentation by the Regional Transportation Committee |
| 2:30-2:45 | Presentation by the Regional Tourism Committee |
| 2:45- 3:00 | Afternoon Tea |
| 3:00-3:15 | Presentation by Regional Trade Committee |
| 3:15- 3:30 | Leaders Dialogue/Discussion on Presentations |
| 3:30–3:45 | Wrap-Up and Announcements |
| 3:45- 4:00 | Drafting Committee |
| 6:30 PM | <p>Welcome Reception at Hide Away, Principals + 2 (by invitation) <i>sponsored by UNICEF</i></p> <p>Traditional Performance at Hideaway by Mwoakilloa Youth</p> |

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DAY No.2
August 20, 2026 (Thursday) –28TH MICRONESIAN ISLAND FORUM

Masters of the Ceremony: Mr. Patterson K. Shed/Keana Segal

8:00–9:00	Registration & Arrival of Leaders
9:00-9:05	Introduction of Day 2 by the MC Chief of Staff
9:05–9:20	Presentation by the Micronesians Challenge Committee (MC)
9:20–9:35	Presentation by the Regional Invasive Species Council (RISC)
9:35–9:45	Presentation by the Pacific Islands Regional Recycling Initiative Council
9:45-10:00	Presentation by the Regional Energy Committee
10:00-10:15	Morning Tea
10:15-10:30	Presentation by the Regional Ocean Resource Committee
10:30-11:00	Leaders' Dialogue/Discussion on Presentations
11:00-12:00	Lunch <i>sponsored by SPC (Principals plus two support staff)</i>
12:00-12:15	Presentation by the Regional Climate Change Committee
12:15-12:30	Presentation by the Regional Gender Equality Committee
12:30-12:45	Presentation by the Regional Information Communication Technology Committee
12:45-1:00	Presentation by the Regional Workforce Development Council
1:00-1:30	Leaders' Dialogue/Discussion on Presentations
1:30-1:45	Afternoon Tea
1:45-2:00	Youth Group Presentations

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3:00-4:00

Drafting Committee

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Day No. 2 - Continue

August 20, 2026 (Thursday) – POST FORUM

4:30 PM

Dinner Reception hosted by U Paramount Chief, Wasalapalap Sahngoro, and Traditional Leaders at Saladak Gym, Weisohn U

6:30-7:00

Traditional Pohnpeian Chant & Cultural Presentation by U Municipal Youth

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Day No. 3
August 21, 2026 (Friday) – POST FORUM

All Day	Picnic or Sightseeing (Registered Participants)
9:00 AM	Retreat at AA GetAway by Principals plus two support staff
12:00-1:00	Lunch hosted by <i>Micronesia Challenge & Micronesia Conservation Trust</i>
	Traditional Pohnpeian Chant & Cultural Presentation by Sokehs Youth
5:00-9:00	Closing Reception at South Park, Kolonia, Pohnpei, <i>sponsored by the Office of the President, Federated States of Micronesia.</i>
	Signing of the 28th MIF Resolutions and Communiqué
5:30-6:00	Traditional Pohnpeian Chant & Cultural Presentation by IHoM Group
6:00-6:30	Traditional Pohnpeian Chant & Cultural Presentation by Sapwuafik Group
	Senpehn Community Folk Singers

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28th MICRONESIAN ISLANDS FORUM (MIF) - LOGISTICS NOTE

1. Contact Persons

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2. Meeting Dates and Venue

The **28th Micronesians Islands Forum (MIF)** will be hosted by the Pohnpei State Government, Federated States of Micronesia, from **17–21 August 2026**.

The Forum Leaders' Meeting, Standing Committee Meetings, and related official functions will be held at designated venues in the Governor's Administration Complex Conference Room, **Pei Lapalap, Kolonia, Pohnpei**. A detailed Provisional Program is attached to this note.

3. Hospitality

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The Pohnpei State Government will extend the following courtesies to Leaders and Heads of State for the duration of the Forum:

- (a) Hotel accommodation for designated Principal Leaders and official delegates from the date of arrival until departure.
- (b) Ground transportation, including designated vehicles and liaison officers for Heads of State and official delegations.
- (c) Official airport reception and departure assistance.

Please note that personal expenses, including international telephone charges, laundry services, room service, and other incidental expenses, remain the responsibility of Heads of State and delegates unless otherwise advised.

4. Registration

Participating Governments and Organizations are kindly requested to reaffirm participation.

Updated delegation information should be sent to the Secretariat at the earliest opportunity to facilitate logistical and protocol arrangements.

5. Arrival and Departure

The Pohnpei State Government will coordinate transportation and logistical arrangements for Heads of State and official delegates throughout their stay.

Heads of State and Delegates will be met upon arrival at the Dekehtik **Pohnpei International Airport** and assisted through arrival formalities. Appropriate protocol courtesies will be accorded to Leaders, Ministers, and Heads of Delegation.

Airport departure assistance will likewise be provided.

Delegations are requested to provide flight itineraries and travel details to the MIF Secretariat as soon as they become available.



6. Accommodation

Accommodation arrangements at the Villa Hotel for Heads of State and funded delegates will be coordinated by the MIF Secretariat.

Due to limited room availability, delegates are encouraged to confirm attendance and accommodation requirements as early as possible.

Any incidental hotel expenses not covered by the host government shall be settled directly with the hotel by the respective delegates.

Additional accommodation information for self-funded delegates can be found at this link: <https://visitpohnpei.travel/dining-in-pohnpei/> for self-booking.

7. Attire

The recommended attire for the Forum is as follows:

Opening Ceremony and Leaders' Meeting: Island Formal

Standing Committee Meetings: Business Casual / Island Business Attire

Official Dinner and Cultural Events: Island Formal

Delegates are encouraged to dress appropriately for tropical weather conditions.

8. Official Meetings and Social Functions

A detailed program outlining all official meetings, side events, cultural activities, and social functions will be provided separately by the MIF Secretariat and host.

Delegates are encouraged to review the provisional program carefully and observe all scheduled reporting times.

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9. Security Arrangements

The Pohnpei State Government accepts responsibility for the security of visiting Heads of State, Ministers, and official delegates during the Forum.

Delegations intending to travel with personal security personnel are requested to notify the MIF Secretariat in advance and provide relevant details to facilitate necessary clearances and coordination.

10. Final Delegation Composition

Participating Governments and Organizations are requested to submit their final delegation composition, including names, titles, and contact information, to the MIF Secretariat at the earliest opportunity.

This information is required to finalize accreditation, transportation, protocol, and accommodation arrangements.

11. Daily Subsistence Allowances

Delegates are advised that the official currency of the Federated States of Micronesia is the **United States Dollar (USD)**.

Participants should ensure that they have adequate funds available for personal expenses not covered by the host government.

Major hotels and businesses accept credit cards; however, delegates are encouraged to carry some cash for incidental purchases.

12. General Information

Pohnpei experiences a tropical climate with warm temperatures and is known for sudden rainfall throughout the year. Delegates are encouraged to bring appropriate attire and any necessary personal medications.

The Pohnpei State Government and the MIF Secretariat look forward to welcoming all participating Heads of State, Ministers, officials, and regional development partners to Pohnpei for the 28th Micronesia Islands Forum and wish all delegates a productive and enjoyable stay.

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