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IECEX participates in WTO workshop in Fiji

Representing IEC, [IECEX](#) Secretary Chris Agius recently attended the World Trade Organization's workshop on the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) for the Pacific Island States, in Nadi, Fiji.

Organized with the cooperation of [Pacific Forum Island Secretariat](#) (PIFS) as part of its Technical Assistance Programme for 2006, the workshop was held to help participating countries consolidate their knowledge of the principles and disciplines of the [TBT Agreement](#). Another objective was to update participants on current issues in the TBT Committee, with the view of promoting a more effective participation of the region in its work.



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The meeting brought together officials responsible for carrying out the TBT Agreement from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu as well as representatives from international standard-setting organizations.

Agius was part of a panel group with representatives of the [International Organization for Standardization](#) and the [International Organization of Legal Metrology](#) that addressed capacity building activities in the Pacific region.

Led by PIFS, a session during the workshop also enabled participants to describe the national standardization and conformity activities in the region while PIFS took the opportunity to shed light on the current status of regional efforts to address these issues and metrology activities.



Apart from attending presentations, participants were encouraged to contribute thoughts on issues related to:

- Specific trade concerns that affect exports and that are relevant to the TBT Agreement;
- Standardization and conformity assessment activities; and
- The implementation and operation of the agreement's transparency provisions (enquiry point and notification authority).

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