

# Carcasses opens 18th Pacific Telecommunications meet

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**THE 18TH ANNUAL GENERAL** Meeting of the Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA) was officially opened Tuesday morning at the Warwick Le Lagon Resort in Port Vila by Prime Minister Moana Carcasses.

Speaking before opening the 4-day session, the Prime Minister said he was pleased to speak at the opening of the PITA 2014 AGM being hosted by Telecom Vanuatu Limited (TVL).

He thanked PITA for choosing Vanuatu for this important meeting and thanks TVL, the host and the other sponsors.

The acknowledged the Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association “for its collaborative and important efforts to improve, promote, facilitate and provide telecommunications support and knowledge sharing in the Pacific region to all telecom players.”

He said PITA has done excellent work in fraud prevention, with careful analyses of problems in



Group photo of 18th PITA AGM participants outside Warwick Le Lagon Resort's Farea Pacific Conference Centre, with Prime Minister Moana Carcasses (seated center)

“grey-routing”, “re-filling”, “number-hijacking”, “SIM card fraud”, and “revenue assurance”.

And PITA has helped guide Vanuatu and other countries in achieving successes in ICTs, he added.

“So, many thanks to PITA and to all its members,

associate members, and Government members, and in particular TVL, our local service provider who set up this event,” he said.

The Vanuatu Prime Minister who is also Minister responsible for Information and Communications Technology (ICT) also took

a few minutes to talk about his country, the country's ICT achievements and goals and views on telecommunications development.

Members of the Vanuatu Government and other relevant bodies are well represented in this conference.

Over 250 people from within the Pacific Islands region, Asia and further afield are attending this meeting.

