



## MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

### MEDIA RELEASE

#### Cook Islands Economic Development Conference

The Cook Islands Government is hosting the ***Economic Development Conference 2019: Working together to build quality growth*** on 15th November 2019 at the National Auditorium. The Conference will inform the development of the Economic Development Strategy 2030 (the Strategy). This follows consultation with the Pa Enua and Rarotonga communities and a broad cross-section of business, industry and community stakeholders.

The Conference will gather a cross-section of leading Cook Islands business, community and government representatives to discuss their vision of a future Cook Islands economy, and the key economic development constraints to be addressed, and opportunities to be pursued, along the way to further that vision. The Conference, and other consultation, will inform a draft Strategy that is expected to be released for public consultation in February 2020, with the Strategy expected to be finalised in July 2020.

A number of information papers have been prepared for the Conference and are available on the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management website at <http://www.mfem.gov.ck/economic-planning/economic-development-strategy>.

Queries regarding the Strategy can be directed to the Economic Planning Division at [mfem.economics@cookislands.gov.ck](mailto:mfem.economics@cookislands.gov.ck).

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