

KINGDOM OF TONGA
2015 PACIFIC GAMES BID

1ST PROGRESS REPORT

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One Ocean One Dream

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1 Introduction

Tonga is pleased to present this first progress report in our committed efforts to showcase what we can offer to the nations of the region in our quest to host the Pacific Games of 2015.

We share the same ocean, the Pacific Ocean, and likewise most countries share the same dream that one day we will have the honour of hosting the Pacific Games. This dream can only be achieved by the uniting spirit of the 'Pacific Way' in sharing and caring, and allowing us the opportunity to host the Pacific Games for the first time in 2015 and to demonstrate Tonga's motto of **One Ocean, One Dream**.

2 Per Diem

Tonga's per diem will remain at a maximum rate of USD\$50 a day. The rate may be lower depending on a favourable inflation rate but regardless of the future economic situations the rate will not be more than USD\$50 a day.

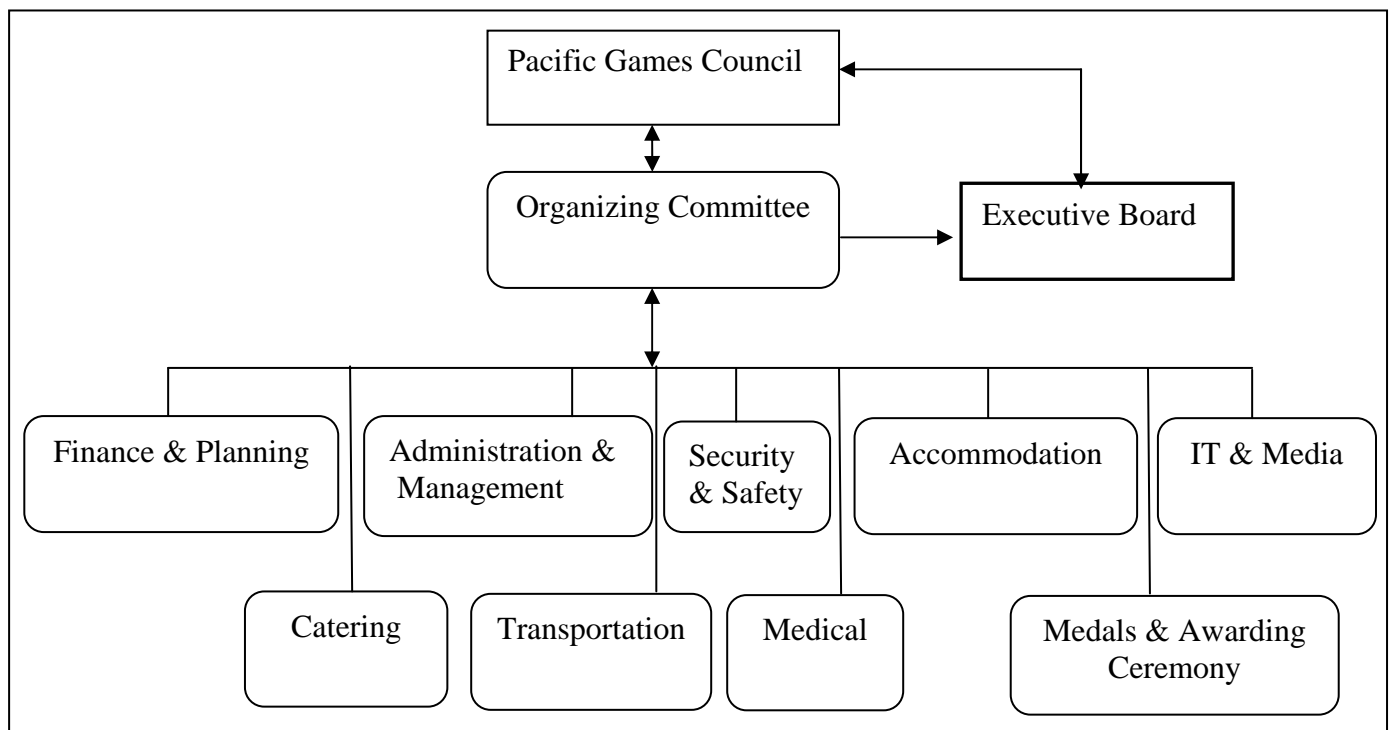
3 Sports Schedule

The proposed date for the Pacific Games in Tonga is a great opportunity for all Pacific countries to prepare for the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG), which is scheduled to be held in the month of September in Apia, Samoa. As Tonga is only an hour and a half away from Samoa by plane, it will be an opportunity for those countries in the Northern territory of the Pacific region to also prepare and consider this as a cost effective strategy. Come to Tonga in August and proceed to Samoa in September, 2015.

4 Games Governance Structure

Essential to the smooth delivery of the Games, fundamental aspects of establishing of various Committees are outlined below.

Fundamental to the successful organisation and administration of the Games, an Organising Committee will be established as a separate legal entity under existing laws of Tonga. Tonga is adamant that the Organising Committee will be formed within three months after declaring the right to host the Games.



Improving the standard of administration and organisation as well as maintaining the integrity of the Pacific Games, is an integral part of Tonga’s proposed governance structure of the Games. To ensure that the Executive Board will maintain a balanced view and dialogue with accurate and timely advice on the Games, a representative from the Pacific Games Council is proposed to be a member of the Executive Board. This is essential given that the Executive Board will be mandated to oversee the work of the Organising Committee. Therefore, the composition of the proposed Executive Board will be as follows (page 10-11 of the bid document):

Executive Board Members:

- Three representatives to be nominated by GOT
- Three representatives to be nominated by PGA
- One representative from the Pacific Games Council*

The composition of the Finance and Planning Committee demonstrates that Government will lead this Committee. The Finance and Planning Committee will be responsible for managing the financial matters of the Games and lead the activity of sourcing funds for sport facilities and equipments including donor negotiations.

Finance & Planning:

- Minister of Finance & Planning*
- Secretary for Finance & Planning
- Secretary for Foreign Affairs*
- Director for Training, Employment, Youth and Sports
- CEO – Pacific Games
- Co-opt members

The role of the Administration and Management Committee will focus primarily on staging of the Games. This will be led by the proposed new Minister for 2015 Pacific Games and Secretary of TASANOC.

Administration & Management Committee:

Minister for 2015 Pacific Games

Secretary General of TASNOC

Minister of Education, Women's Affairs & Culture

Secretary for Foreign Affairs

Co-opt members

5 Sports Offered

In addition to the 12 compulsory sports and 16 optional sports listed in the bid document (page 13), nine optional sports, namely badminton, touch rugby, squash, rugby 7's (women) sailing, snooker, karate, cycling, and shooting will be offered as a backup sport. This would mean that should any sport being offered not meet the numerical criteria by the required deadline as stated in the PGC Charter, and provided that time permits, alternative sports will be considered from the 9 remaining sports mentioned above.

Technical Officials

Thirty-six key technical officers are essentially needed per sport, however we will liaise with the respective International Federation for the number of technical officials each respective sport requires. It is anticipated that about 300 technical official will be required, similar to that of Samoa in 2007.

6 Facilities

We believe in demarcating of staging the games from the responsibility of sourcing funds for facilities because we want to ensure effective preparation and delivery of the Games. As demonstrated in the Games Governance Structure, the Finance and Planning Committee is mandated to lead the donor negotiation and funding of facilities. This Committee is made up primarily of government officials to undertake the lead role in donor negotiation and sourcing funds for the facilities. The People's Republic of China has approved the construction of the Tonga High School Recreational Centre Project Phase II. It is anticipated that other foreign donor agencies will be approached for dialogue and negotiation. Development of new sporting facilities will be conducted in a framework to ensure that sporting facilities will be sustainable and maintenance will be affordable.

On the other hand, the administration and management of the Games are disclosed to represent the combine efforts between the local Pacific Games Association (PGA) and government to deliver an effective staging of the Games. This task will be led by the new Minister for the 2015 Pacific Games.

7 Games Village

The reconstruction of Nuku'alofa centre is currently underway and is scheduled for completion by 2012. Thus the physical structure of Nuku'alofa will be modernised but appealing to maintain its cultural integrity and Tongan-ness. All the entertainment services, banking services, airline services, shopping centers, cafés, restaurants, internet services, video rental, taxi stations, church services, grocery shops, local markets, trading fairs and most government organisations are located within the Games Village – Nuku'alofa.

7.1 Accommodation

It is anticipated that all teams will be accommodated in various schools in Tongatapu such as, Queen Salote College, 'Apifo'ou College, Tupou High School, Tonga High School, Tailulu College, Liahona High School, and St Andrew College, most of which are located within the Games Village and are only 10 minutes of travel time by public transportation amongst one another. Refurbishment of school facilities to meet the required standard for accommodation and sanitary facilities are an essential task that will be carried out. Dry-cleaning

and laundry facilities are planned to be provided at each allocated accommodation area. It is estimated that these schools will cater for 5000 people at a dormitory form of accommodation.

Accommodation for official delegates and technical officials will be made in accordance to the arrangement stipulated in the Pacific Games Charter.

Tonga High School



Queen Salote College



‘Apifo’ou College



St Andrew College



Tailulu College



Tupou High School



7.2 Dining Halls

Meals will be served at the following four main dining halls.

Queen Salote Memorial Hall



Queen Salote College Hall



Sir Sofele Kakala Hall – ‘Apifo’ou College



St Andrew College Hall



The location of the dinning halls are within walking distance from the schools that are being proposed to accommodate the athletes. However, transport will be arranged to operate between schools and dinning halls. There will be closing hours for the main dinning room although sporting activities may dictate the closing time.

7.3 Transportation

This is a standard practice in most Games so we expect to provide free shuttle services to operate every half hour within the Village including dinning, to competition venues, to the PGA accommodations.

Transport privileges will be organised for athletes and officials in accordance to Regulation 11 of the Pacific Games Charter. However, additional buses, mini-vans and/or cars will be allocated for exclusive use of respective teams and officials depending on the team number.

As a basic requirement, we will provide one bus, one mini van and one car for countries with athletes not exceeding 50, for countries exceeding 50 but less than 150, we expect to provide two buses, two mini vans, and two private car and for countries exceeding 150 athletes, additional transportation will be arranged. We have witnessed in past Games how important the transportation requirements of countries are and we intend to ensure that all countries will not have any problems with its transportation requirtements.

7.4 Medical Facilities – Vaiola Hospital & Drug Test Laboratory

Phase II of the refurbishment of Vaiola Hospital is scheduled to commence in October 2009. At the completion of the project, Vaiola Hospital is expected to gain a reputable and high standard of service delivery and quality facilities. Such development will maintain the high standard of universal access to health services and continuous strict control of communicable diseases to a very low level in Tonga. Malaria, typhoid and other communicable diseases are not a health issue in Tonga.

Work is currently done to finalise Tonga's Anti Doping Rules and requirements with ORADO and WADA. Laboratory facilities and space for anti doping and drug test will be allocated for the Games at Vaiola Hospital.

8 Finance

The proposed budget for the 2015 Games is: USD\$50m

The proposed budget is presented in greater detail in the following table.

Table 1: Proposed Revenue and Expenditure

Proposed Budget	USD\$
Projected expenditure	50,000,000
Capital costs	40,000,000
Operating costs	10,000,000
Revenue	USD\$
Tonga Government ¹	5,000,000
Foreign Government & Donor agencies ²	39,000,000
Per Diem ³	2,500,000
International sponsorship ⁴	2,400,000
National sponsorship	500,000
Ticketing ⁵	250,000
others	350,000
Total Revenue	50,000,000
Expenditures	USD\$
Capital costs	
Proposed New Sporting facilities	30,000,000
Upgrade of existing sporting facilities	3,000,000
Transportation	1,200,000
Upgrade of accommodation facilities	1,800,000
Competition sport equipments	2,000,000
sub-total	38,000,000
Operational costs	USD\$
Marketing	2,000,000
Administration	3,500,000
Catering services	1,500,000
sub-total	7,000,000
Contingency	5,000,000
Total expenditure	50,000,000

¹ Anticipated contribution of GOT is USD\$5m, equivalent to about TOP\$10m but variation in the exchange rate will determine the exact amount.

² People's Republic of China, France, and Japan will be approached for assistance primarily on building the necessary sporting facilities

³ \$50X10 daysX5000 athletes and officials

⁴ PGC will assist with the marketing side of the Games. Anticipated revenue from the International sponsors is likely to be higher than the stated amount.

⁵ Average ticket price is \$15

9 Guarantees

Government has warranted their full support for the 2015 Games. The Attorney General and Solicitor General have examined the Host Contract and the legality of the contract is well received by Government. The 2015 Bid Committee is finalising a briefing to Government to endorse the Hon. Minister for Sports to sign the Host Contract in September should Tonga be successful in its bid to host the 2015 Pacific Games.

10 ‘Green and Clean’ Environment

Tonga has been strong and will continue to be a strong advocate of a “green and clean” environment. Removal of hazardous wastes and cleaning up of community residential areas are fundamental aspects of the environmental work in Tonga. The priority accorded to environment at the national level and sustainability of the environmental work will remain at the heart of development in Tonga. The health implication of this is obviously represented by the low level of communicable diseases in Tonga. Thus, the priority for health is to address the prevalence of non-communicable diseases and this is reflected in Tonga’s Eighth Strategic Development Plan and Millennium Development Goals target for health.

11 Concluding Remarks

The Kingdom of Tonga is progressing well in its strategic development efforts and this will coincide with the preparation of Tonga to host the 2015 Pacific Games. To host the Games will mean over a thousand jobs and at least \$20 million TOP being injected into the Tongan economy. In a time of desperation, the people of Tonga cannot ask for any greater gift, but for the opportunity to host the Pacific Games of 2015.