



Legislative Reforms to Foster Digital Transformation in the Pacific

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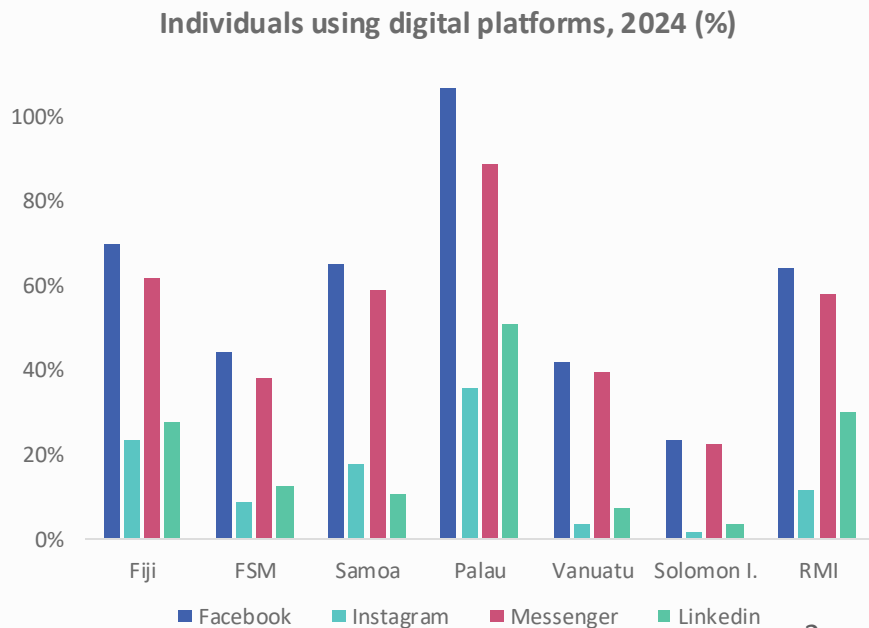
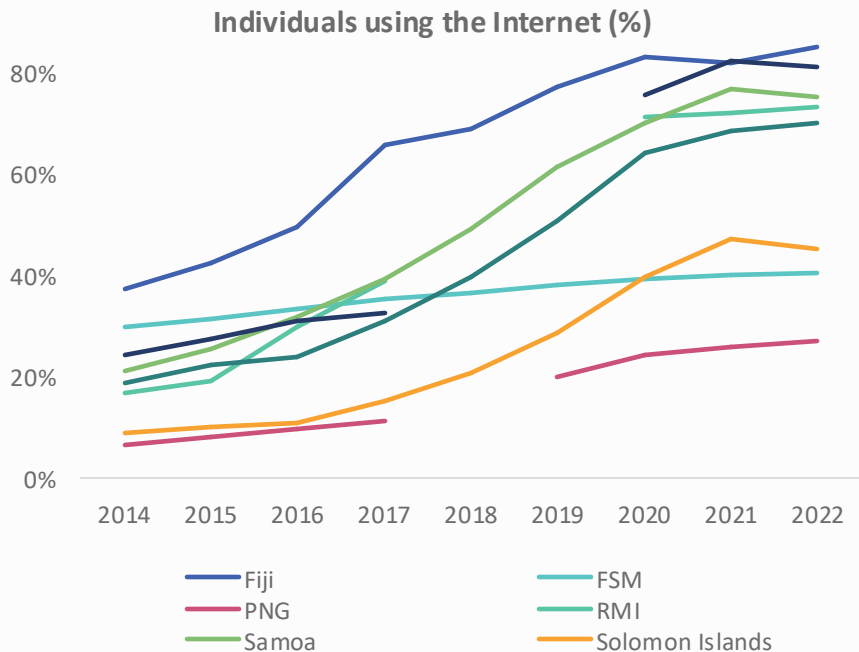
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Increased access to and use of internet in the region

- **Growing internet use** over the last decade (CAGR ~ 14%)
- On average, the region is **on par with worldwide internet use**

- Citizens **widely use different digital platforms** to communicate, interact, engage in commerce



Key pieces of enabling legislation to promote digital transformation

Six core focus areas



Electronic Transactions

Cybersecurity




Cybercrimes

Digital ID




Personal Data Protection

Online Safety



Enabling Legal Framework

Overview of developments in the Pacific region

	<h3>Electronic Transactions</h3>	<p>Laws</p>  <p>Vanuatu Fiji Samoa Kiribati PNG</p>	<p>Bills</p>  <p>FSM RMI</p>
	<h3>Personal Data Protection</h3>	<p>Laws</p>  <p>Palau</p>	<p>Bills</p>  <p>Vanuatu FSM RMI Kiribati</p>
	<h3>Cybercrimes</h3>	<p>Laws</p>  <p>Fiji Vanuatu Samoa Tonga PNG Kiribati</p>	<p>Bills</p>  <p>FSM RMI</p>
	<h3>Cybersecurity</h3>	<p>Strategies/Policies</p>  <p>Vanuatu Kiribati Samoa PNG Solomon I.</p>	<p>Bills</p>  <p>FSM RMI</p>
	<h3>Digital ID</h3>	<p>Laws</p>  <p>Samoa</p>	<p>Bills</p>  <p>FSM RMI Kiribati</p>
	<h3>Online Safety</h3>	<p>Laws</p>  <p>Fiji</p>	<p>Awareness raising</p>  <p>Vanuatu Kiribati Samoa PNG Solomon I. Palau</p>

Some lessons learned and recommendations

• Rationale for reforms

- What is the current state and goals of digital transformation in the market?
- Are there gaps in the current legislative framework?
- What are the benefits and costs of adopting or updating enabling legal frameworks for digital transformation?

• Drafting frameworks and building consensus

- Identify and engage with key lead agencies early on
- Ensure broad consultation with stakeholders, including public agencies, private sector, and international partners
- Draft fit-for-purpose legal frameworks consistent with local needs/capabilities and good practices

• Anticipating implementation challenges

- Explore whether existing agencies have capabilities to implement reforms
- Estimate resourcing requirements
- Provide enough lead time to effectively build-up capabilities to implement reforms
- Explore regional coordination opportunities
- Engage government agencies and international partners to secure resourcing support



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