



Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands

DRAFT AGENDA

Commonwealth Fiscal Response Summit

*Large Group by Virtual Means
(Zoom) & Small Group Venues
(TBD)*

**Thursday-Friday, April 23-24 &
Monday-Tuesday, April 27-28, 2020**





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To join the CNMI Fiscal Summit Plenary Session via **ZOOM**, visit <https://bit.ly/go-summit> on Thursday morning, April 23, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the Commonwealth Fiscal Response Summit is to support a broad-based, participatory leadership event that will allow for representatives of all stakeholders in the Commonwealth to:

- fully comprehend and deeply understand the size and nature of the current crisis
- have all questions and concerns answered with respect to the underlying fiscal and economic assumptions and findings; and then,
- work collectively and collaboratively to choose among a comprehensive set of policy options to create and endorse a Fiscal Response Policy Package sufficient to address the size and urgency of the current crisis.

A Briefing Paper has been drafted to support the Summit process. It can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/CNMI-BP>. Due to the need to honor physical distancing requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Summit will rely heavily upon virtual participation using Zoom conferencing tools to best replicate a large, open and participatory event. Still the organizing committee is confident that our approach will enable us to achieve our goal of *working together in a participatory, goal-oriented, “all for one and one for all” approach to solving our current crisis while also putting the Commonwealth in an improved fiscal position going forward.*



THURSDAY
APRIL 23, 2020

9:00 a.m.



Meeting for all Registered Participants

To access the meeting via [Zoom](#), visit <https://bit.ly/cnmi-summit>

Opening Prayer

Rev. Francis X. Hezel, SJ

Welcoming Remarks

- Hon. Ralph DLG Torres, Governor, CNMI
- Hon. Victor B. Hocog, President of the Senate
- Hon. Alexandro C. Castro, Chief Justice, CNMI Supreme Court
- Ms. Velma Palacios, President, Saipan Chamber of Commerce

9:30 a.m.



Agenda, Technology Review and Process Overview

Mr. Jason Aubuchon, Graduate School USA

9:45 a.m.



Morning Break (15 minutes)

10:00 a.m.



Keynote Address—Overview of the Briefing Paper: “Facing the Challenge: Addressing the CNMI’s Fiscal Crisis”

Mr. Kevin O’Keefe; Ms. Deborah Milks, CPA, Graduate School USA and Fiscal Task Force members

Including Q&A after the keynote presentation

12:00 p.m.



Lunch Break for all

1:15 p.m.



Technical Meeting of Chairs, co-Chairs and Technical Support Teams

Registered participants will be emailed a Zoom video-conference link.

Group A

Individuals listed below will meet in-person at the Office of the Governor’s Conference Room. Additional participants will join virtually at 2:00 p.m.

- Chairman – Hon. Ralph DLG Torres, Governor
- Co-Chairman – Hon. Victor B. Hocog, President of the Senate
- Fiscal Analyst – Tracy Norita
- Fiscal Analyst – Matthew Deleon Guerrero
- Rapporteur – Gilbert Birnbrich
- Technician – Maxine Laszlo



Registered participants will be emailed a Zoom video-conference link.

Group B

Individuals listed below will meet physically in the Office of the Lt. Governor's Conference Room. Additional participants will join virtually at 2:00 p.m.

- Chairman – Hon. Blas Jonathan Attao, *Speaker, NMI House of Representatives*
- Co-Chairman – Hon. Arnold Palacios, *Lt. Governor*
- Fiscal Analyst – Ryan Camacho
- Fiscal Analyst – Jazmin Camacho
- Rapporteur – Janina Maratita
- Technician – Franco Santos

2:00 p.m.



Summit Problem-Solving Process begins in two groups

Group A—Chairman, Co-Chairman, fiscal analysts, rapporteur and technician; joined virtually by 30 participants

Group B—Chairman, Co-Chairman, fiscal analysts, rapporteur and technician; joined virtually by 30 participants

4:30 p.m.



Adjourn Day One—Each group to break for the day *at the call of each Chair*

[End of day check-in conference: Chairs, Co-Chairs, Technical Support Teams and the Graduate School USA support team to discuss progress, questions and concerns.]

*FRIDAY
APRIL 24, 2020*

9:00 a.m.



Continuation of Group A & Group B Working Groups

12:00 p.m.



Lunch

Technical Teams and Graduate School USA support team available on-call to each Group

TBD



Adjourn Day Two — *at the call of each Chair*

[End of day check-in conference: Chairs, Co-Chairs, Technical Support Teams and the Graduate School USA support team to discuss progress, questions and concerns.]



MONDAY APRIL 27, 2020

9:00 a.m.



Continuation of Group A & Group B Working Groups

12:00 p.m.



Lunch

Technical Teams and Graduate School USA support team available on-call to each Group

TBD



Adjourn Day Three—at the call of each Chair

Progress anticipated at this point: near final Working Group consensus on a “Fiscal Policy Response Package” awaiting only technical/analytical inputs (if any still outstanding for weekend technical support)

[End of day check-in conference: Chairs, Co-Chairs, Technical Support Teams and the Graduate School USA support team to discuss progress, questions and concerns—determine needs for weekend technical and analytical work to support each group (if any).]

TUESDAY APRIL 28, 2020

9:00 a.m.



Final Deliberations (if needed)
Group A & Group B Working Groups

11:30 a.m.



Working Lunch: *Finalizing/Consolidating* the Group A and Group B Working Group outcomes

Chairs, Co-Chairs and technical support teams with Graduate School USA support team



1:30 p.m.



Summit Report Out: Process, Outcomes & Next Steps

Group A and B Chairs & Summit support team members

zoom Zoom invite will be sent to all who participated on Day One

Closing Remarks.

~ 3:30 p.m.



Adjourn.



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The Commonwealth Fiscal Response Summit is supported by a Briefing Paper which can be accessed at <http://cnmi.pitiviti.org>. Additional questions can be directed to cnmi@pitiviti.org.