



## FIJI INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS

Press Release – Postponement of the 48<sup>th</sup> FIA Congress

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*Attribute this statement to the FIA President, Mr Nitesh Lal.*

In-light of the recent developments on the impact of the Corona Virus or COVID 19 in Fiji and the Pacific, the Fiji Institute of Accountants regrettably announces the postponement of the 48<sup>th</sup> FIA Congress scheduled for 15 & 16 May, 2020 at the Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa, Yanuca Island, Cuvu, Sigatoka. Although this is most unfortunate, the safety and wellbeing of our members and delegates is most paramount and we do not wish to put anyone at risk.

With the current regulations that have been put in place, the Institute believes that for our own safety we need to adhere to the advisories and public health awareness messages released by Government.

FIA will continue to monitor the situation and when appropriate a new date will be announced or if the situation does not allow, a cancellation until 2021. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this has caused.

We extend our gratitude to our major sponsor, Vodafone Fiji, all our support sponsors; SUN Insurance, Pernix Fiji, AON Fiji, Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand, Datec Fiji, Pure Fiji, Coca-Cola Amatil (Fiji), Fiji Water and the Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa, for their sponsorship and continued support to work together at this time.

We also thank our international and local speakers and our key note speaker the Attorney General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service & Communications Honourable Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, all of whom we hope to re-engage once we are able to confirm a new date.

We strongly advise our members and partners to exercise the preventative measures to prevent the spread of COVID 19. The threat of the COVID 19 pandemic is very real and to fight it we need to work together.

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