

# Press Releases: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Participation in the APEC-Pacific Islands Countries Leaders' Informal Dialogue

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert: □

Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan met with Pacific Island and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders on November 17 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The discussion highlighted mechanisms for closer coordination between APEC and Pacific Island Countries (PICs) to promote development cooperation and to build awareness of and capacity to address digital issues. The United States is committed to the Pacific Island Countries and recognizes their importance in achieving a free and open Indo-Pacific. Our partnership with the Pacific Island Countries in tackling global and regional challenges, including promoting regional security and stability; advancing sustainable growth and prosperity; addressing environmental challenges; preparing for and responding to natural disasters; and strengthening our people-to-people ties.

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