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Dates	Activity/Event	Location	Chairing Arrangements
January			
1	New Year's day	<i>Public Holiday</i>	
12	Secretariat Office opens after Festive Season	Port Vila	
19	Meeting with SPC on the MSG Roadmap for Inshore Fisheries & Management and Sustainable Development	Secretariat	
21-23	Governing Body Meeting (SOM & FMM WP & Budget Meeting)	Secretariat	FLNKS
26	Shipping study consultations commences	All members	
20	Meeting with SPC & Vanuatu Government Stakeholders on MSG Roadmap for Inshore Fisheries & Management and Sustainable Development	Secretariat	
February			
21	Lini Memorial Day	Vanuatu (Public Holiday)	
23	MSG SMS Travel Card internal consultations	All Members	
27	Governance of Central Banks High Level Consultation (FMGCB-HLC)	Vanuatu	
March			
	Thanksgiving Service		
5	Chiefs Day	Public Holiday (Vanuatu)	
12-13	Sports Committee Meeting (SCM)	Noumea	FLNKS
14	MSG Day	All Members	
	PSD Strategy Consultations commences Forestry Study	All Members	
10-13	Fact finding mission to ASEAN Secretariat to explore MSG/ASEAN FTA	ASEAN Vanuatu	
19	C24 First Session	New York	
19 - 20	10 th SCLII Meeting	Honiara	FLNKS/SI
25	C24 Second Session	New York	
25	Special Foreign Ministers Meeting	Port Vila, Vanuatu	FLNKS
27	MSGTA Rules of Origin Workshop	Vanuatu	
April			
3	Good Friday Study on the design and setup of the MSG Travel Card Desktop study on the proposed MSG Double Tax Treaty	Public Holiday	
4	Publication of Directory Assistance		

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6	Easter Monday	Public Holiday	
13-17	HERCC Workshop/Symposium/BCC/SCS Meeting/ Inaugural Defence Ministers Meeting	Port Moresby	FLNKS/SI
20-21	SCLII	Port Vila, Vanuatu	FLNKS/SI
23-24	TWG on MSGTA3 Goods and Services	Vanuatu	
25	Trade & Economic Officials Meeting	Vanuatu	
May			
1	Labour Day	Public Holiday	
	Sub-Committee for Economic & Finance Officials (SCEFO)	Vanuatu	
5-8	Subcommittee on Security (SCS), BCC , HERCC Symposium	Honiara, Solomon Islands	FLNKS/SI
8	EU Day 2015	Suva, Fiji	
9	Ascension Day	Public Holiday (Vanuatu)	
11	SPEITT Meetings		
11-15	Police Commissioners' Conference, Regional Combined Working Group (RCWG) Meeting, DPKO Symposium and soft launching of DPKO	Honiara, Solomon Islands	
	Small and Indigenous Business Dialogue	Vanuatu	
18	MSG-Griffith Australia Award Fellowship Begins	Griffith University, Qld, Australia	
19-20	KICCOFF Conference /KOSOPFF 5 th Fiji Symposium – Community- based Fisheries in South Pacific Islands	Suva, Fiji	
26-28	United Nations Convention Against Corruption : Follow up to the Solomon Islands' Review, Discussions on Anti-Corruption Strategies/Commission	Honiara, Solomon Islands	
June			
2-4	Conference on Women's Leadership and Political Participation	Honiara, Solomon Islands	
3	MSG-Griffith Australia Award Fellowship Ends	Griffith University, Qld, Australia	

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9-15	Bandung Spirit Program with Pacific Countries on Enhancing the Competitiveness of Small and Medium Enterprises	Jakarta-Bandung-Kupang-Kota Soe, Republic of Indonesia	
15-26	UN C24 Resumed Session	New York	
18-26	20 th MSG Leaders' Summit (Senior Official's Meeting (SOM), Foreign Minister's Meeting (FMM), Leader's Plenary, Leader's Retreat)	Honiara	
July			
7	Independence Day (37th Anniversary)	Solomon Islands	
24	Children's Day	Public Holiday (Vanuatu)	
29	Thanksgiving Service		
30	Independence Day (35th Anniversary)	Public Holiday (Vanuatu)	
August			
3-13	European Development Fund Training (PIFS)	Lami/Suva, Fiji	
3-7	Traditional Knowledge Workshop	Honiara, Solomon Islands	SI Representative
5	UNCTAD Consultation on Challenges and Opportunities on Oceans Economy, Trade and Sustainable Fisheries for Pacific SIDS	Port Vila, Vanuatu	
5-7	Workshop on Fight Against Illicit Trafficking in Cultural Objects and the 1970 Convention	Port Vila	
10-12	Environment & Climate Change Technical Advisory Committee (ECCTAC) and Environment and Climate Change Ministers' Meeting (ECCMM)	Fiji	Solomon Islands Minister
19-23	Chair of the MSG visit to MSG Secretariat/Capital Visit to Vanuatu	Port Vila, Vanuatu	
24	Technical Working Group Negotiations on Goods	Fiji	
24-25	Senior Finance Officers Meeting	Port Vila	SI Representative
25-26	Technical Working Group Negotiations on Services	Fiji	SI Representative
26-28	Governing Body Meeting SOM – 26-27 Aug 2015 FMM – 28 Aug 2015	Port Vila, Vanuatu	SI Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade (FMM) SI SOM hair
27	Heads of Investment Promotion Agencies & Industry Officials Meeting	Fiji	SI Representative
28	Trade and Economic Officials Meeting (TEOM)	Fiji	SI Representative
31	Trade Ministers Meeting (TMM)	Fiji	SI Minister



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31	Workshop on UN Convention Against Corruption UNCAC Port Vila, Vanuatu		UNDP/UNODC/Secretariat
31	Finance Officials Meeting	Honiara, Solomon Islands	SI Representative
September	Activity /Event	Location	Chairing Arrangements
1-2	Workshop on Arms Trade Treaty & Small Arms Light Weapons	Port Vila, Vanuatu	PSAAG/Secretariat
3-4	11 th Sub-Committee on Legal & Institutional Issues Meeting	Port Vila, Vanuatu	Solomon Islands Representative
7-11	46 th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders & Related Meetings	Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea	
	Orientation / Staff Retreat		
16	Independence Day (40th Anniversary)	Papua New Guinea	
24	Citizenship Day	Kanaky-New Caledonia (Public Holiday)	
28	UN 4 th Committee Meeting commences	New York	
October			
12	UN 4 th Committee Meeting ends	New York	
5	Constitution Day	Vanuatu (Public Holiday)	
10	Independence Day (45th Anniversary)	Fiji (Public Holiday)	
14-15	Heads of Universities	Port Vila, Vanuatu	
15	Aviation & Tourism Sectoral Dialogue (ATSD)	Port Vila, Vanuatu	
TBC	Chair of the MSG Capital Visits	Fiji, Papua New Guinea, FLNKS	
November			
18	TWG on Goods in the MSGTA3	Noumea, New Caledonia	SI Representative
19	TWG on Services in the MSGTA3	Noumea, New Caledonia	SI Representative
20	TEOM	Noumea, New Caledonia	SI Representative
24	Trade Ministers' Meeting	Noumea, New Caledonia	SI Trade Minister
25	MSG Trade Fair	Noumea, New Caledonia	
29	Unity Day	Public Holiday (Vanuatu)	
30	UNFCCC COP 21/CMP 11 – Twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties and the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. Nov 30 – Dec 11 2015	Paris	
December			
	Thanksgiving Service		

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11	UNFCCC COP 21/CMP 11 – Twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties and the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol	Paris	
25	Christmas Day	Public Holiday	
26	Boxing Day	Public Holiday	
OTHERS			
	Workshop MSG Travel Card (PMTI/PMGSD to confirm dates)		
	CEOs of Pension and Provident Fund Forum (CPPFF)	Honiara, Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands
	Finance Ministers' Meeting	Honiara, Solomon Islands	SI Minister of Finance
	MSG Heads of Immigration Meeting		
	Conference/Seminars at Universities in New Zealand on MSG (FLNKS) –(HFU to confirm)		
	WTO Ministerial Conference (TBC-EO/PMTI) – For noting		
	CRGA (TBC-EO) – For noting		
	MSG Sports Committee Meeting (PMGSD to confirm dates)		

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