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Monday 14 September 2026

8.00–9.00	Registration Open	
9.00–9.50	Welcome Ceremony Hon. Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Jiang Long WPRO	Ballroom 2
9.50–10.50	Opening Plenary Session Chair: Jo Robinson Talanoa – Lameka Keli Koroi, Margaret Eastgate, Jeremaia Merekula Climate Change and Suicidality – Prof Kairi Kølves, Prof Jemaima Tiatia-Siau	Ballroom 2
10.50–11.15	Coffee Break	Ocean Veranda
11.15–11.45	Partnerships for Life: Progress and New Phase Professor Kairi Kølves, Dr Luke Bayliss	Ballroom 2
11.45–12.45	Ideas Exchange #1 The future of social media regulation and safety by design. 1. What are the challenges/opportunities presented by social media in suicide prevention? 2. What does safety by design look like in this field? 3. What opportunities does social media provide that we do not yet capitalise on?	Ballroom 2
11.45–12.45	Ideas Exchange #2 Opportunities and challenges presented by artificial intelligence, legislative action and whose voice shapes it. 1. Whose voice matters?	Ballroom 1

	- How do we create a climate where all voices matter? - What are the challenges/opportunities presented by AI in suicide prevention?	
11.45–12.45	Ideas Exchange #3 Suicide perspectives and plans for the Pacific Islands. - What are the advantages of a collectivist culture for Suicide prevention over an individualist culture? - What are the challenges/role of Mental Health in the Pacific region/people? - What short term actions can be taken to advance Suicide Prevention in the Pacific?	Ballroom 5
12.45–13.45	Lunch	Bazaar Kitchen Restaurant
13.45–15.15	Workshop #1 Safe and effective media and online communication about suicide: Opportunities for local implementation. Facilitators: Dr Jaelea Skehan, Prof Jane Pirkis, Prof Jo Robinson, Dr Elise Carrotte	Ballroom 2
13.45– 15.15	Workshop #2 Mānava Ola – The Breath of Life Workshop. Facilitators: Leilani Clarke, Tiana Watkins, Dr Elizabeth Mati	Ballroom 1
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9.00–9.30	Plenary Can an Algorithm hold the Va? – Dr Elizabeth Mati	Ballroom 2
9.30–10.45	Workshop #3 The role of mortality review in preventing suicide. Facilitators: Assoc Prof Sarah Fortune, Tania Papalii	Ballroom 2
9.30–10.45	Workshop #4 What are the clinical tools/safety planning required to work through a Suicide crisis for culturally specific adaptation. Facilitators: Prof Nicholas Procter, Dr Lakshmi Vijayakumar	Ballroom 1
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13.30–14.30	Lightning Presentations #1 Chair: Katrina Witt 1.1 Building carer-inclusive suicide aftercare: Strengthening practice with family, friends and carers through a train-the-trainer workforce development model. Dr Jaelea Skehan 1.2 Public Perceptions of Suicide in Tajikistan: The Role of Stigma, Attribution, and Treatability Beliefs. Dr Shahnaz Savani	Ballroom 2

	1.3 Temporal distribution of suicide within a day among children and adolescents in Japan, 1995–2023. Dr Yoshikazu Komura 1.4 Trauma Centers as Critical Sites for Suicide Prevention: Insights from a Rural Level II Hospital. Dr RoseAnne Droesch 1.5 Ko Wai Ka Ora (Who will survive)? Rethinking Government Policy to Confront the Māori Suicide Crisis in Aotearoa New Zealand. Suzu Taylor	
13.30–14.30	Lightning Presentations #2 Chair: Jemaima TiaTia Siau 2.1 Strengthening Suicide Prevention in Fiji: Advancing National Coordination, Community Action, and Hope through NCOPS. Lameka Keli Koroi 2.2 Accountability by Design: Legislative Models for Suicide Prevention. Christopher Stone 2.3 The Impact of Australia's Suicide Prevention Research Fund, Advancing Evidence, Translation and System-Level Change. Christopher Stone 2.4 Development and implementation of mental health promotion program for adolescents in China. Prof Yongsheng Tong 2.5 Users' Experiences and Perceived Effectiveness of the eRAPPORT Mobile App for Suicide Prevention Among Young Adults with Mental Health Vulnerability: A Retrospective Qualitative Secondary Analysis. Jinyeong Kim	Ballroom 1
13.30–14.30	Lightning Presentations #3 Chair: Annie Crooks 3.1 Machine Learning Model for Predicting Suicidal Ideation Using Baseline and Smartphone Data in the Clinical High-Risk for Psychosis Population. Josh Nguyen	Ballroom 5

	3.2 The #chatsafe Youth Participation Model: a toolkit for participatory workshops involving young people in the design of suicide prevention initiatives. Dr Elise Carrotte 3.3 Outcomes of a Multi-Stakeholder Co-Designed Digital Psychosocial Needs-Based Assessment Protocol for Young People. Assoc Prof Jacinta Hawgood 3.4 Developing an Evidence-Informed Postvention Framework for Psychiatric Nurses: Implications for Suicide Prevention. Chie Tanimoto 3.5 A Five-Pillared Peer Support Framework for Responding to Workplace Sudden Death and Suicide. James Lacey	
14.30–16.00	Workshop #6 Designing Safe AI for Crisis Moments: A Hands-On Workshop. Facilitators: Grace Curtis, Michelle Eisenberg	Ballroom 2
14.30–16.00	Workshop #7 The role of coronial investigations in preventing suicides: How can we ensure coroners' recommendations are fully-informed, culturally responsive and effective? Facilitators: Callum Goodwin, Antonia Lyons, Suzy Taylor, Clive Aspin	Ballroom 1
14.30–16.00	Workshop #8 Talia na Veiwekani e Vakabulabulataka na Bula – "Weaving Connections that Sustain Life" Facilitators: Margaret Eastgate, Jeremaia Merekula, Lameka Koroï	Ballroom 5
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13.30–14.30	Panel #2 Religion, Culture and Suicide Prevention in the Pacifica Jeremaia Merekula (Chair), Sefanaia Qaloewai, & Tiana Watkins	Ballroom 1
13.30–14.30	Panel #3 Youth Suicide Prevention. Jemaima Tiatia–Siau (Chair), Leilani Clarke, Elise Carrotte, Dr Devina Nand	Ballroom 5
14.30–16.00	Lightning Presentations #4 Chair: Jacinta Hawgood 4.1 Our stories matter: Storytelling for change through lived and living experience perspectives on suicide. Dr Jaelea Skehan 4.2 Strengthening Suicide Prevention in Fiji: A Situation Analysis for Adapting the WHO mhGAP Community Toolkit. Shawal Sanjeshni Prasad 4.3 Community-Led Mental Health Awareness Walks as Culturally Grounded Pathways to Care, Stigma Reduction, and Indigenous Healing in Pacific Islander Communities. Dr Eric Orr 4.4 Trust, Pathways, Case Management and Peer–Led Suicide Support in Construction. Nicholas Thompson 4.5 Demonstrating the Effectiveness of the MATES Program in Reducing Stigma and Improving Mental Health Literacy in FIFO Workforces. Prof Rebecca Loudoun	Ballroom 2

	4.6 Understanding Suicidal Behavior in Fiji: Assessing the Three-Step Theory for the Fijian Context. Mercy Gogoi 4.7 Advancing Suicide Prevention Through Workforce Innovation: A Mixed-Methods Evaluation of PM+ Training in Social Work Education. Dr RoseAnne Droesch 4.8 Perceptions and experiences of experts in media and suicide on implementation of attempts to engage media on responsible suicide reporting in LMICs. Reihaneh Moniri	
14.30–16.00	Lightning Presentations #5 Chair: Sarah Fortune 5.1 Prevalence of help-seeking for self-harm and suicidal ideation amongst adolescent and young adult populations: A meta-analysis. Dr Long Le 5.2 From Storytelling to System Change: Embedding Lived Experience Across Suicide Postvention. Kristy Steenhuis 5.3 Exposure to suicide-related information through the media among university students and related factors: An exploratory study. Haruka Sugiyama 5.4 The Role of Family Problems in Self-Harm: A 5-Year Retrospective Chart Review. Dr Shahnaz Savani 5.5 Building Resilience Through Holistic Self-Defense: Effectiveness of the Girls Lead Girls Program in Puducherry. Lokitha Kamachi 5.6 Developing Surveillance Systems for Suicidal Behavior in Fiji: Challenges and Opportunities. Dr Annie Crookes	Ballroom 1

	5.7 Development and co-design of a telehealth referral service aimed to reduce recurrent self-poisoning in substance use disorder. Prof Kirsten Morley 5.8 Suicidal behaviour, attitudes towards suicide, associated risk factors and peer response among Fijian youth. Sofia Sandys	
14.30–16.00	Lightning Presentations #6 Chair: Luke Bayliss 6.1 Braving the elements: Extreme weather events and male suicidality based on an Australian male cohort study. Prof Kairi Kölves 6.2 Prevalence and Factors Associated with Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviours in Vietnam: A Systematic Review and Meta Analysis. Josh Nguyen 6.3 Unacceptable loss thresholds: A qualitative exploration of the transition from suicidal readiness to active suicidality. Prof Andrea Lamont-Mills 6.4 Early Impact, Lasting Consequences: Adverse Childhood Experiences and Suicide. Christopher Stone 6.5 An Exploratory Study on Children's Coping Methods for Stress and the Effectiveness of Lessons on How to Seek Help. Dr Hiroko Matsunaga 6.6 Belonging and Recovery: Reframing Suicide Prevention through Peer Support and Inclusion in Fiji. Sera Blanche Maude Baleivuna Osborne	Ballroom 5

	6.7 Are Suicide Prevention Interventions Effective for Current and Ex-Serving Military Personnel? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Based on the Suicide Prevention Trials Database. Dr Luke Bayliss 6.8 Rethinking Suicide Loss Survivorship: Theoretical and Empirical Examinations. Prof Daisuke Kawashina	
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16.30–17.00	Plenary Interpersonal Violence and Suicide Prevention Permanent Secretary Selina Camaibau Kuruleca	Ballroom 2
17.00–17.30	Circling back on Ideas Exchange Closing Remarks Professor Ann John	Ballroom 2

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