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To Whom This May Concern:

Re: Invitation to Participate in Fishackathon

The University of the South Pacific in collaboration with the United States of America Department of State and US Embassy is hosting a global event at the Japan Pacific ICT Centre between 22nd-24th April, 2016.

A Problem Statement was developed within the United States which will be released to all competitors at the time of the competition. The global prize of \$10,000USD is sponsored by Virgin Group and each participant will be given a free dot co domain for hosting for a year.

To pre-register, you are invited to submit names of those who may wish to participate by the 16th April, 2015, this is to organise and plan catering and equipment etc. Kindly get those that are interested to pre-register <https://goo.gl/ISjFcY>

Fishackathon is a public-private partnership that aims to capitalize on the expansion of mobile phone and internet use across the developing world to address sustainable fishery challenges. The annual Fishackathon event calls on coders and science enthusiasts from all around the world to come together to create new applications and tools for use on mobile phones and other devices, which can help fishers work smarter and more safely in sustainable fishing.

The United States [Secretary's Office of Global Partnerships](#) organized the inaugural Fishackathon around the Secretary's Our Ocean conference in 2014. The 2014 Fishackathon took place at aquariums and tech hubs in [five cities](#) across the United States, and the 2015 event expanded to thirteen cities around the world.

Thank you kindly,

Yours faithfully,

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