

# Press Releases: Readout of Acting Assistant Secretary Susan Thornton's Meeting With Pacific Island Leaders

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On September 7, Acting Assistant Secretary Susan Thornton hosted a roundtable with the heads of delegation for 16 Pacific Island countries during the Pacific Islands Forum, Forum Dialogue Partners (PIF FDP). Acting Assistant Secretary Thornton emphasized continued U.S. commitment to the security, prosperity, and stability of the Pacific region. The leaders discussed our shared security concerns with regards to the North Korean threat and other issues of regional concern. Acting Assistant Secretary Thornton also briefed leaders on the U.S. bid to host Expo 2023.

For additional information on our assistance to the Pacific, including cooperation on economic development, law enforcement, sustainable fishing, environmental protection, and public health initiatives, please see our [fact sheet](#).

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