

Lynn Sonden, Chair, COM-FSM Board of Regents
National Report 4Q'26

Chuuk Campus
August 31 – September 05, 2026

1. KAMORALE EXPO'26: July 21-24 [reaffirm our national unity]

* formerly the Micronesian Expo when it launched in 2022, the KAMORALE (coined by former board member from Yap – former Gov. (the 4reaffirm national unity) EXPO is THE platform to highlight and reaffirm our Nation's unique cultural heritage through dances, songs, traditional skills and how our people's lives are interwoven throughout our cultures. This year's Expo emphasized the nation's youth who continue to shape the Micronesian future through their creativity, leadership, and confidence in the digital era.

2. Micronesia Ministers for Women Conference meeting August 3 -

* FSMG – Dept of HSA Hosted the 3rd MMCW which brought together key decision-makers to identify priorities for gender equality and women's empowerment in the sub-region. Discussions focused on practical measures to expand women's economic participation, strengthen leadership pathways, and promote inclusive and sustainable development.

3. National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP)

President Simina has signed a National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP) to establish a coordinated national framework for agriculture investment and development. Five priority areas were identified for the development of the agriculture sector in the FSM:

- increasing the production and productivity of crop farming systems;
- increasing the production and productivity of the livestock sector;
- strengthening biosecurity services;
- promoting high-value horticulture value chains and linkages to local markets; and
- and enhancing training, capacity development, and institutional support

Implementation of this investment plan will require continued cooperation among the national and state governments, communities, farmers, development partners, traditional leaders, the private sector, and **educational institutions**. I hope our CRE Department is

4. Micronesian Island Forum: August 19 – 21

Pohnpei State hosted the 28th Micronesian Islands Forum and concluded with a broad set of agreements aimed at some of the region's most persistent problems:

- including high fuel costs, limited transportation, shortages of health workers, non-communicable diseases, climate change, telecommunications resilience and barriers to regional trade.

5. CFSM Fifth Regular Session – September 15 – October 04, 2026

The 5th Regular session of the 24th Congress, also known as the Budget Session, is the final process in the approval of FY-2027 Budget for all national entities funded from the FSM Government general fund and this is inclusive of the Compact Sector Funding. And so may I ask that we stand

ready for the call from Congress to justify our funding request and hopefully both Regent nominations for Yap and Pohnpei are addressed in this session.