

# Talanoa with Pacific Leaders

JOIN US FOR A CANDID PAU HANA *conversation on Pacific regional security, art, diplomacy, and scholarship, hosted by the Pacific Islands Development Program*

**FEB. 28, 2020**

**FRIDAY**

**5 PM – 6 :30 PM**

## LOCATION

**East-West Center**  
Koi Room (Garden Level)  
Hawai'i Imin International  
Conference Center  
1777 East-West Road

## EVENT DETAILS

A reception with light refreshments will precede the conversation from 5:00-5:30pm

Free and open to the public  
Seating is limited, please RSVP.

## RSVP

Please RSVP by Feb. 27 to:  
944-7111 or  
PIDP@EastWestCenter.org

## PARKING

UHM campus parking is available for \$7 payable at the parking & security kiosk on East-West Road. After 4 pm, visitors may park in any parking zone, in any stall not marked RESERVED

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## SPEAKER PANEL ▾



**Oscar Kightley, MNZM.** Actor, writer, director, journalist, television presenter and com-edian. Mr. Kightley has written and performed in numerous films, plays and TV shows. He is the recipient of the 2016 Senior Pacific Artist Award from the Creative New Zealand Arts Pasifika Awards, and the 2019 Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency.



**Isabela Silk, Consul General,** Republic of the Marshall Islands Consulate in Honolulu. Prior to her arrival in Hawaii on January 2019, Consul General Silk served as Director in the Office of Compact Implementation in Majuro, Marshall Islands, where she covered all matters related to the Compact of Free Association with the United States.



**Major General Suzanne Vares-Lum, USA.** Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. In this role, she has served as Acting Deputy Commander and Acting Chief of Staff. General Vares-Lum is the recipient of the Defense Superior Service Medal and the 2017 Ellis Island Medal of Honor, and is a graduate of the UH Manoa ROTC program.



**Dr. Tarcisius Kabutaulaka,** Director and Associate Professor, Center for Pacific Islands Studies (CPIS) at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. He is a political scientist with a PhD from the Australian National University and under-graduate and MA degrees from the University of the South Pacific (USP). He has written extensively on governance and geopolitics in the Pacific, and has served as CPIS Director since August 2018.

## MODERATOR ▾



**Ambassador Karena Lyons,** Vice President of the East-West Center, Director of Research, and Director of the Pacific Islands Development Program. Vice President Lyons is a passionate advocate for Pacific peoples and Pacific excellence. At the Center, she is the strategic lead for the Center's Pacific work, which has contributed research, capacity-building, and education to the region for 60 years. Part of the Center's Pacific focus is supporting and promoting PIDP, which is a member of the Council of Regional Organizations of the Pacific (CROP).

