

FORUM ISLAND COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1971

INDEPENDENCE DAY

1 January 1901 / 26 January every year

CAPITAL

Canberra

AREA

7.6 million sq km

EEZ

8.6 million sq km

POPULATION

23.94 million estimated (Dec 2015)

LANGUAGE

English

CURRENCY

Australian dollar

ECONOMY

Agriculture, manufacturing, mining, livestock farming and tourism

STATUS

Constitutional monarchy under HM Queen Elizabeth II

HEAD OF STATE

Governor-General the Hon Sir Peter Cosgrove

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister The Hon Malcom Turnbull MP

WEBSITE

www.australia.gov.au

COOK ISLANDS

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1971

INDEPENDENCE DAY

26 July, 1965

CAPITAL

Avarua, Rarotonga

AREA

240 sq km

EEZ

1.8 million sq km

POPULATION

13,100 (2015) - resident

LANGUAGE

Cook Islands Maori, English

CURRENCY

New Zealand dollar

ECONOMY

Tourism, Pearl Industry, Fishing

STATUS

Parliamentary Democracy - Free Association with New Zealand

HEAD OF STATE

HM Queen Elizabeth II represented by Queen's Representative HE Tom John Marsters

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister The Hon Henry Puna

WEBSITE

www.cook-islands.gov.ck

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1987

INDEPENDENCE DAY

3 November, 1986

CAPITAL

Palikir, Pohnpei

AREA

702 sq km

EEZ

2.9 million sq km

POPULATION

103,000 (2015)

LANGUAGE

English, Micronesian languages

CURRENCY

United States dollar

ECONOMY

Agriculture, tourism, fishing, services

STATUS

Constitutional Confederation in free association with the USA

HEAD OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

President HE Peter M. Christian

WEBSITE

www.fsmgov.org/; www.fsmpio.fm/

FIJI

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1971

INDEPENDENCE DAY

10 October, 1970

CAPITAL

Suva

AREA

18.3 thousand sq km

EEZ

1.26 million sq km

POPULATION

890,000 (2015)

LANGUAGE

English, Fijian, Hindi

CURRENCY

Fijian dollar

ECONOMY

Agriculture, manufacturing, mining, livestock farming, tourism, fishing, sugar, construction.

STATUS

Parliamentary representative democratic republic.

HEAD OF STATE

President Major General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister Rear Admiral (Retired) The Hon Voreqe Bainimarama

WEBSITE

www.fiji.gov.fj

KIRIBATI

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1977

INDEPENDENCE DAY

12 July 1979

CAPITAL

Tarawa

AREA

810 sq km

EEZ

3.6 million sq km

POPULATION

114,000 (2015)

LANGUAGE

English, Kiribati

CURRENCY

Australian dollar

ECONOMY

Agriculture, Fisheries

STATUS

Republic with an executive president

HEAD OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

President HE Taneti Maamau

WEBSITE

www.president.gov.ki/web-portal/

NAURU

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1971

INDEPENDENCE DAY

31 January 1968

CAPITAL

Yaren

AREA

21 sq km

EEZ

320,000 sq km

POPULATION

10,800 (2015)

LANGUAGE

English, Nauruan

CURRENCY

Australian dollar

ECONOMY

Phosphate mining, fishing, revenue from offshore processing centre and service providers

STATUS

Republic with an Executive President

HEAD OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

President HE Baron Divavesi Waqa

WEBSITE

www.naurugov.nr

NEW ZEALAND

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1971

INDEPENDENCE DAY

6 February

CAPITAL

Wellington

AREA

271 thousand sq km

EEZ

2.2 million sq km

POPULATION

4.7 million (2015)

LANGUAGE

English, Maori

CURRENCY

New Zealand dollar

ECONOMY

Agriculture, livestock farming, manufacturing, services and tourism

STATUS

Constitutional monarchy under HM Queen Elizabeth II

HEAD OF STATE

HM Queen Elizabeth II represented by Governor-General HE Lt Gen The Right Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister The Rt Hon John Key

WEBSITE

www.beehive.govt.nz

NIUE

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1975

INDEPENDENCE DAY

19 October 1974

CAPITAL

Alofi

AREA

260 sq km

EEZ

390,000 sq km

POPULATION

1470 (2015)

LANGUAGE

English, Niuean

CURRENCY

New Zealand Dollar

ECONOMY

Subsistence agriculture, fishing, tourism

STATUS

Full self government in free association with New Zealand

HEAD OF STATE

HM Queen Elizabeth II represented by Governor-General of NZ - HE Lt Gen The Right Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Premier The Hon Toke Talagi

WEBSITE

<http://www.gov.nu/>

PALAU

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1995

INDEPENDENCE DAY

1 October 1994

CAPITAL

Melekeok, Babeldoab

AREA

460 sq km

EEZ

600,900 sq km

POPULATION

18,000 (2015)

LANGUAGE

English, Palauan

CURRENCY

United States Dollar

ECONOMY

Tourism, services, subsistence agriculture, fisheries

STATUS

Constitutional government in free association with the US

HEAD OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

President HE Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr

WEBSITE

www.palau.gov.org

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1974

INDEPENDENCE DAY

16 September 1975

CAPITAL

Port Moresby

AREA

463 thousand sq km

EEZ

3.1 million sq km

POPULATION

7.7 million (2015)

LANGUAGE

English. Tok Pisin, Hiri Motu, local languages

CURRENCY

Kina

ECONOMY

Agriculture, timber, mining, gold, copper, silver) and natural gas

STATUS

Constitutional Monarchy

HEAD OF STATE

HM Queen Elizabeth II represented by Governor-General HE Michael Ogio

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister Hon. Peter O'Neill

WEBSITE

www.parliament.gov.pg; www.pm.gov.pg

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1987

INDEPENDENCE DAY

21 October 1986

CAPITAL

Majuro

AREA

180 sq km

EEZ

2.1 million sq km

POPULATION

55,000 (2015)

LANGUAGE

English, Marshallese

CURRENCY

United States Dollar

ECONOMY

Tourism, subsistence agriculture, fisheries

STATUS

Constitutional government in free association with the US.

HEAD OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

President HE Hilda C. Heine

WEBSITE

www.rmi-op.net

SAMOA

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1971

INDEPENDENCE DAY

1 January 1962

CAPITAL

Apia

AREA

2,830 sq km

EEZ

120,000 sq km

POPULATION

193,000 (2015)

LANGUAGE

English, Samoan

CURRENCY

Tala

ECONOMY

Agriculture, fisheries, tourism

STATUS

Republic

HEAD OF STATE

HH Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister The Hon Tuila'epa

Lupesoliai Neioti Aiono Sailele

WEBSITE

www.samoagovt.ws

SOLOMON ISLANDS

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1978

INDEPENDENCE DAY

7 July 1978

CAPITAL

Honiara

AREA

27.9 thousand sq km

EEZ

1.6 million sq km

POPULATION

588,000 (2015)

LANGUAGE

English, Pijin, local languages

CURRENCY

Solomon Islands dollar

ECONOMY

Agriculture, fisheries and forestry

STATUS

Constitutional monarchy under HM Queen Elizabeth II

HEAD OF STATE

HM Queen Elizabeth II represented by Governor-General HE Sir Frank Ofagioro Kabui

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister The Hon Manasseh Sogavare

WEBSITE

www.parliament.gov.sb

TONGA

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1971

INDEPENDENCE DAY

4 June 1970

CAPITAL

Nuku'alofa

AREA

720 sq km

EEZ

700,000 sq km

POPULATION

104,000 (2015)

LANGUAGE

English, Tongan

CURRENCY

Pa'anga or Tongan dollar

ECONOMY

Agriculture, fisheries and tourism

STATUS

National monarchy

HEAD OF STATE

HM King Tupou VI

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister Hon Samuela 'Akilisi

WEBSITE

www.mic.gov.to

TUVALU

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1978

INDEPENDENCE DAY

1 Oct 1978

CAPITAL

Funafuti

AREA

30 sq km

EEZ

757,000 sq km

POPULATION

11,000 (2015)

LANGUAGE

English, Tuvaluan

CURRENCY

Australian dollar

ECONOMY

Agriculture and fisheries

STATUS

Constitutional monarchy under HM Queen Elizabeth II

HEAD OF STATE

HM Queen Elizabeth II represented by the Governor-General The Hon Sir Iakoba Taia

Italei

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister The Hon Enele Sopoaga

WEBSITE

www.tuvaluislands.com

VANUATU

FLAG



FORUM MEMBERSHIP

1980

INDEPENDENCE DAY

30 July 1980

CAPITAL

Port Villa

AREA

12.2 thousand sq km

EEZ

680,000 sq km

POPULATION

269,000 (2015)

LANGUAGE

Bislama, English, French, local languages

CURRENCY

Vatu

ECONOMY

Agriculture, fisheries, tourism and livestock farming

STATUS

Republic

HEAD OF STATE

President HE Womtelo Reverend Baldwin Lonsdale

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Prime Minister The Hon Charlot Salwai

WEBSITE

www.governmentofvanuatu.gov.vu