



2023 Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants Congress

Theme: Fiji's Tomorrow Today.

Friday June 23 – Saturday June 24

Congress speakers

Head of advocacy and policy to speak at annual event

THE Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants (FICA) is pleased to announce Vicki Stylianou the Head of Advocacy and Policy from the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA), Australia to speak at the 2023 Congress from 23 – 24 June.

Ms Stylianou is an experienced director, lawyer, and advocate with a demonstrated history of working in public policy. Enthusiastic supporter of fintech and regtech.

Strong professional graduate from University of Western Australia.

Before joining IPA in June 2007, she worked at the Federal Treasury where she worked in tax policy, financial literacy, prudential regulation and in the Office of Best Practice Regulation on secondment.

Prior to this, Ms Stylianou worked as a lawyer in private practice specialising in commercial litigation both in Australia and overseas and she holds a Bachelor of Jurisprudence, Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration (International Business).

Currently, at IPA her role covers member technical re-

sources, a media spokesperson and editorial content of IPA's publications.

Ms Stylianou leads the team responsible for policy and advocacy work, as well as the innovation part of the business unit, which focuses on matters of interest to small business and small to medium practices.

Apart from her full-time role at IPA Group, she is a volunteer lawyer at the Animal Defenders Office.

Animal Defenders Office is a community legal centre which uses the law to protect animals, from domestic animals to kangaroos and other native and non-native animals, to sharks and others marine animals.

It is run solely by committed volunteers since June 2015 to present in Canberra.

Ms Stylianou currently serves on several boards as a director for Hero360 a Fintech services company with a proven technology, team, and leadership since 2018 in Melbourne.

She currently is a director and Senior Vice President for International Council for Small Businesses (ICSB) since 2017.

ICSB is a peak global organization for education and developments for Small Business or

Small & Medium Enterprises. FICA Congress platform is also a good initiative to promote participation and encourage women to take up leadership roles as well.

The committee anticipates with Vicki's presence and vast experience will certainly have an impact to all participants and in particular women in general at the upcoming Congress.

She is one of nine 9 speakers to be featured at the FICA Congress 2023 major sponsored by Vodafone which will be held on the 23-24 June at Shangri-La Yanuca Island, Fiji.

The theme for this year's Congress is Fiji's Tomorrow Today with the subthemes Resilience, Empowerment and Embrace.

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■ **Vicki Stylianou is the Head of Advocacy and Policy from the Institute of Public Accountants (IPA), Australia.** Picture: SUPPLIED



Meet the founder and director Encore Speakers – Michael Arnot

THE Fiji Institute of Chartered Accountants (FICA) has been in collaboration with Encore Speakers since 2018.

Encore Speakers is an international speaker agency, led by founder and director Michael Arnot, originally from the UK and currently resides in Australia, where he ran business events for more than 15 years and a speaker bureau for five years.

Encore proudly represents some of the best business content, motivational and inspiring professional speaker talent from Australia, the UK and beyond. Since 2018, the Institute has engaged a few speakers for Congress from the agency. In 2020, FICA had commenced work with the agency in identifying possible Congress speakers however due to the Covid-19 pandemic Congress was postponed.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in International



Michael Arnot.
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Business, operates five businesses and currently run two businesses with over \$1 million turnover. He is a recipient of three STEVIE International Business Awards for Innovation in Business Pro-

cess and Newcomer for his latest business.

He was responsible for the essential business engagement activity for a successful £16.5m Government Regeneration contract, that led to hundreds of new business start-ups and jobs in a deprived area. He has designed, organised, coordinated and delivered events with Lord Admiral George Michael Zambellas, the head of the British Navy and a separate event with Prince Edward, The Duke of Kent, as well as hundreds of Corporate, Business and Industrial events, including a two week series of events for Shell - for the world's first ever entire decommissioning of an oil rig.

Having founded and ran a successful Speaker Bureau in the UK before moving to Australia, Encore's Director has been the go-to Agent for many event and conference organisers across Europe.

With over 15 years' experience in the design, coordination and delivery of large, high profile and smaller business events, Encore understand what it takes to make an event work.

They have a wide, international network and a reputation for the most superior quality of service and client attention - truly the success of client event is highest priority.

Mr Arnot is currently a guest lecturer professor for Newcastle University master's degree course. He is currently organizing speakers for some of the world's premier events, including nine main stage keynote speakers in 2023 for Million Dollar Round Table with a total of 18,000 paying attendees in Nashville and Singapore.

The Congress Committee has been working with Mr Arnot and Encore Agency since 2021 ensuring that the speakers are aligned

to the Congress theme and sub-theme delivering to the expectations of the Institute and most importantly to the participants for the 2023 Congress. This involves reviewing, assessing potential speakers via YouTube link videos, client testimonials and on-going zoom meetings with Michael ensuring that our needs will be met by Encore. We anticipate that participants will enjoy, learn and experience firsthand the very most talented top class international speakers at our very own local and premier Congress Event next month.

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