



FIJI INNOVATION HUB

Dear readers, here is the January 2026 edition of the Fiji Innovation Hub e-newsletter which includes the latest industry news and developments, and upcoming events and activities. Let's dive in! 😊

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



As we step into the new year, we extend all our partners, stakeholders, and community members our warmest wishes for a prosperous and innovative 2026.

This year promises fresh opportunities, stronger collaboration, and impactful initiatives as we continue building a vibrant digital and innovation ecosystem for Fiji.

Thank you for being part of our journey – we look forward to building, creating, and innovating together in 2026.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Certificate in Mentoring: Building Better Mentors

The Fiji Innovation Hub, in collaboration with Creative HQ will be conducting a Certificate in Mentoring programme from 10 to 11 February 2026. A two-day program designed to train mentors with the skills and capability to guide innovators and founders effectively.

A select group from this programme will also take part as mentors at the Hackathon, providing them with an opportunity to directly support teams during the event.

Hackathon 2026: Update



Preparations for the Hackathon event in February are well underway, and excitement is building across the ecosystem.

Due to strong interest, an **additional 20 seats** have been released for public registration. We were overwhelmed with the interest, and the extra seats were all taken up by 27 Jan.

Behind the scenes, the team and partners are actively working on the programme design, mentor engagement, and logistics to ensure high-impact and rewarding experience for all participants.

To learn more about this, visit the Fiji Innovation Hub [Facebook](#) / [LinkedIn](#) page.

For each of the Three Themes: \$3,000 1st Prize, \$2,000 2nd Prize. Consolation prizes will also be awarded.



The hackathon will focus on the following three key thematic areas that reflect national priorities and emerging opportunities within Fiji's digital and innovation landscape.

Fintech: Ideas that improve digital payments, financial inclusion, efficiency, and security across Fiji's financial ecosystem.

Ease of Doing Business: Digital innovations that simplify processes and improve how businesses and individuals interact with services and institutions. Focuses on reducing barriers, enhancing efficiency and supporting entrepreneurship and MSME growth.

Sustainability: Support environmental sustainability, climate resilience, and long-term development. Focuses on innovation that balances economic growth with social and environmental responsibility. Participants are encouraged to explore bold, practical, and scalable solutions aligned with these themes.

🏆 **Total cash pool of \$15,000 to be won** and will be awarded to the winning team (\$3,000) and the runner-up (\$2,000) in each thematic area. Beyond the prize money, teams will gain valuable exposure, mentorship, and the opportunity to further develop and showcase their solutions with Fiji's innovation ecosystem.

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A NEW HOME FOR INNOVATION

Hub Physical Space Update

The Fiji Innovation Hub will soon open a **new physical space** at the Reserve Bank of Fiji building. Logistics and fit-out arrangements are currently underway to ensure the space is fully equipped.

This space will serve as a dedicated environment for collaboration, innovation activities, and community engagement – bringing innovators, partners, and stakeholders together under one roof.

Stay tuned for further updates and announcements.

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Farewell to a Valued Member



The Fiji Innovation Hub recently farewelled **Ms Aneth Kasabele**, a valued member of the Hub's Advisory Group. She has been an ardent supporter of the Hub since its early stages, contributing her expertise in digital financial services and innovation to help shape the Hub's strategy and initiatives, including its digital and Fintech workstreams and panel discussions at the **Unconference 2025**. Her thoughtful guidance has played an instrumental role in strengthening our ecosystem, fostering collaboration across partners, and championing financial inclusion for innovators and communities in Fiji.

We thank Aneth for her unwavering dedication, strategic insight, and collaborative spirit, and extend our best wishes for the next chapter in her journey.

CALL TO ACTION

CONNECT & COLLABORATE

We invite all stakeholders – financial institutions, technology providers, investors, academic institutions and government bodies – to actively engage with us.

Whether through mentorship, partnership opportunities or participation in our upcoming initiatives, your contribution is invaluable in co-creating a dynamic and inclusive digital economy for Fiji and the wider Pacific region.

Be part of our growing innovation community! Follow us on our social media pages for daily insights, event announcements, video content, and real-time updates on our launch and programs.

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