

High-profile speakers for annual congress

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THE 2015 Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Congress in Nadi this week is expected to feature 12 international and local speakers at the Sheraton Fiji Resort.

Here are some of the speakers that will take centre stage at the two-day event.

* Sashi Karan

As the founder of home grown NGO, the Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises & Development (FRIEND), Sashi has been involved in development of adult education programs on good governance, financial literacy, food security including backyard garden establishment in villages and settlements, large-scale commercial production of grains, signature production of gourmet food products as income generation program for rural women, youths including deaf and rural farmers.

* Craig Richardson

Mr Richardson is Wynyard Group's CEO. He was previously the chief financial officer of Coca-Cola Amatil's Pacific operations and vice-president finance for BlueScope Steel for the region. Mr Richardson has also held senior executive roles in finance, strategy and planning with Vodafone in Sweden and Australia. He is a certified practising accountant and fellow of CPA Australia. He is currently a board member of Crown entity Callaghan Innovation.

* Allison Mooney

Ms Mooney's vibrant, entertaining and informative presentation "Pressing the Right Buttons" has made her an international speaking success having wowed audiences world-wide. In the past three years, she has spoken more than 50 times in cities around the world. As a multi-award winning speaker and author, she has won many sought after prestigious awards and is a three-time winner of the Speaker of the Year NSANZ-Auckland award.

* Dr Jone Hawea

Dr Hawea attained his secondary education at Marist Brothers' High School and furthered his studies at the Fiji School of Medicine. He was a medical registrar at the Ministry of Health. Since 2013, Dr Hawea has been the associate director at the Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises & Development (FRIEND). He has also participated in the acting and produced six health recipe videos with internationally renowned chef Robert Oliver, Zoom Slide Productions and producing four video documentaries with Arts & Soul Production.