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### **PACIFIC ISLAND FORUM IN CAIRNS**

Before the Pacific Island Forum brings the leaders of 15 nations to Cairns in August 2009 for their annual meeting, a great deal of planning and logistics has to happen.

To assist them review and select meeting facilities, accommodation, restaurants, venues for social events and tour experiences for the delegates the organising committee turned to Tourism Tropical North Queensland and Cairns and Region Convention Bureau.

As well as the delegates and their entourages, a worldwide media contingent will be reporting on the forum.

According to Tourism Tropical North Queensland CEO, Rob Giason "The Pacific Island Forum will put Cairns and Great Barrier Reef region centre stage, via close to 100 media networks, for a few days in August. Pictures of this great holiday region will be the backdrop for news stories about this important international meeting that is being hosted in Cairns."

The Pacific Island Forum organising committee said "Australia is hosting the 2009 Pacific Island Forum and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is this year's Chairman. Preparation for the forum is well advanced. Cairns is a fantastic destination to hold the meeting and we're certain that the leaders will enjoy their stay."

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