



FIJI LABOUR PARTY

Annual Delegates Conference 2024

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Delegates Conference.

As we look forward to 2026, this gathering is an important one as we plan for what will be a very pivotal election.

The Fijian people continue to endure a deficit of good governance despite the promise for change.

The Coalition did oust the Fiji First government, however, they have replaced it with their own brand of nepotism, cronyism, incompetence and self-fulfilment. Many of those in high positions are not there on merit - the controversial appointment of the president is a case in point.

They have also failed to deliver on the promises they made in the lead up to the 2022 election such as: reduce the cost of living; 'slash' Ministers' salaries; decrease taxes; guarantee an independent legal system and 'separation of powers'; improve health care; invest in housing, invest in climate change mitigation and infrastructure; reorganise FRA into the former PWD; provide access to a reliable supply of drinking water for all; curb government debt; tackle out-migration; prioritise the sugar industry; develop agriculture; hold Sugarcane Growers Council and local municipal elections; reduce government wastage; increase trust in the police; foster social unity and combat drugs and domestic violence; address corruption; ensure transparency and accountability in governance; and lessen poverty.

There is a lot of talk but very little action. The economy is deeply troubled, and there is mounting social distress. The government lacks morality and decency and is becoming increasingly dysfunctional.

But Labour has stood by you. Often, we are the only voice of opposition.

In this year's conference, we would like to discuss our path ahead to the next election. There has never been a time when Labour has been needed more and we aim to make a difference in 2026.

Labour has a proven record of almost forty years of dedicated service to all the people of Fiji. The achievements of the Labour governments of 1987 and 1999 (short as they were) stand as true testimonies of our vision, and our ability to govern for the benefit of all.

Our compassion and sensitivity to the needs of our people and our courage and determination to maintain course in the face of adversity, remain unmatched.

We thank you all for your contribution, and together we shall toil for a better Fiji.

God Bless Fiji

Mahendra Chaudhry
Leader