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## PIANGO Strengthens Northern Pacific NGOs

Assessing and identifying capacity building needs is the focus of the inaugural Northern Pacific NGO meeting to be convened by Pacific Islands Association of Non Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) in Palau from the 15 - 19 January, 2009.

The first of the Micronesian Sub – Regional meetings will include NGO representatives from Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Federal States of Micronesia (FSM), Guam, Palau and Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI).

The three day meeting will be facilitated by PIANGO Capacity Building Programme Manager, Arieta Moceica, will focus on developing a sub regional programme of support utilising the capacities of the Graduate Diploma Programme (GDP) students.

The meeting will also cover National Liaison Unit (NLU) leadership, organisation development, sector strengthening and fostering relationship with Governments for good governance and just community development.

Expected outcomes of the meeting will include a Strategic Strategies for local ownership of GDP and strategies for building the capacity of GDP graduates, Identified NLU leadership and organisational capacity building assessment, implementation of a sub-regional capacity building programme, regular support for NGOs and a standardised Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism for NGOs.

The second Micronesian Sub Regional meeting will include National Liaison Units from Nauru, Kiribati and Tuvalu and will be held in Kiribati in March this year.

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