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From the Editor's desk

Greetings from the PIANGO Secretariat in Suva. This month has been a busy one for the Secretariat and our NLUs. With our Executive Director, Cema Bolabola, attending the CIVICUS meeting in Scotland and taking the opportunity to meet with our donor CCFD, the Secretariat has been attending meetings and preparing for the upcoming Board meeting. Our NLUs have been coordinating GDP courses; KANGO has signed an MOU with their government for EDF9 while FCOSS held their National Conference on Social Development.

I'd like to say a big thank you to those NLUs and organisations who volunteered their articles.

Your contributions enhance our partnership and the knowledge within the sector, and we are keen to receive your suggestions on how we can all work together to strengthen the Pacific CSO/NGO sector.

Kind Regards

Julie

Secretariat briefs

Board Meeting

The next PIANGO Board meeting will be held from 7-10th July at the PIANGO Secretariat offices in Suva, Fiji. The Board will review the organisation's activities for the last quarter and plan for the next quarter.

Donor, Volunteer and CROP directories

A request was sent to all NLUs seeking their input for their requirements for the directories of Donor, Volunteer and members of the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP). These directories will provide a concise reference tool for NLUs and their members about these agencies working in the Pacific and their programmes. Please send your requirements for inclusion to julie@piango.net

Conference Room available for use

The Conference Room located at the PIANGO Secretariat in Nasese, Suva is available for use by NGOs. The Conference room will hold up to 15 people, is air conditioned with a whiteboard, and has kitchen and bathroom facilities attached. For bookings, contact the PIANGO Secretariat on 330 2963 or email piango@connect.com.fj

Pacific NGO Briefs

KANGO signed EDF9 MOU with Government

The Kiribati Association of NGOs (KANGO) has signed an MOU with Government on the 9th June 2006. The EDF9 is a project funded by the EU, where part of this project is directed to NSAs. It is this component part of the project that KANGO will be administrating and coordinating. The amount of money involved is \$A1.5million and it is for 4 years. This is the first time that a large sum of money is given to NGOs in Kiribati to carry out their activities. The project is based on health and KANGO is working in collaboration with the Ministry of Health.

KANGO joined IOPCC

KANGO continues to establish good working relationship and partnership with the Government of Kiribati. Recently, KANGO has been made a member of the Outer Island Project Coordinating Committee (OIPCC). This is a Government committee consisting of all Permanent Secretaries of each of the Government Ministries in Kiribati. The committee deals with all projects related to the outer islands. Under the current Government project funded by UNDP on "Strengthening Decentralized Governance in Kiribati", KANGO joins the Government team on a survey finding exercise on one of the outer islands scheduled for next month.

2006 Pacific Regional Civil Society Forum, 20-23 October, Nukualofa, Tonga

PIANGO is meeting with the Pacific Concerns Resources Centre (PCRC) to jointly host this years CSO Forum to be locally hosted by the Civil Society Forum of Tonga (CSFT) in October. CSFT has commenced preparatory planning toward the CSO Forum and has held formal and informal discussions with the senior officials of the Tonga Government who welcome the hosting of the CSO Forum prior to the Pacific Leaders Forum. This years CSO Forum will focus on NGOs and civil society interventions and the Pacific Plan. Regional NGO/CSO representatives that wish to participate in the 2006 Pacific Regional CSO Forum need to email csft@kalianet.to who are handling bookings for participants. For more information on the 2006 Pacific Regional CSO Forum, contact csft@kalianet.to or piango@connect.com.fj

MNCL - New email address for Papua New Guinea interim NLU

MNCL in Papua New Guinea's new email address is mncl@online.net.pg Please update your records accordingly.

FCOSS - National Conference on Social Development 2006

On 1 - 3 June, Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS) held it's National Conference on Social Development with a theme of Social Responsibility and Partnership in Action. The conference included plannery sessions on Corporate, State and Citizens social responsibility, and workshops on team facilitation and leadership, financial independence, community funding and social

entrepreneurism, rural women social leadership, youth and creative enterprise, culture and values, and volunteerism, employee motivation and management. In addition, there were reports from members, and strategic planning sessions looking at strategies and missions.

Seminar on Urban Futures and Policy Response

A one day workshop was organized by the University of the South Pacific (USP) to address the issue of Urbanization and Policy Response by actors including governments, donors, NGOs and other stakeholders. The aim of the workshop was to discuss and assess the criticality of emerging urban challenges and policy responses for future direction.

PACE-SD Advisory Committee

PIANGO has been invited by USP to be a member of the Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Developments Advisory Committee. PACE-SD has established itself firmly as a Centre of Excellence within USP for capacity building and education on issues related to environment and sustainable development challenges of the Pacific region. PIANGO's role in this committee is mainly to highlight and bring to USP's attention the needs of the NGO sector and civil society at large.

EU Consultation Meeting to evaluate Economic Development Fund (EDF8 & EDF9)

Pacific Regional NGOs (PRNGOs) were invited to participate in this consultation meeting. PRNGO's members who came to this consultation raised an important issue about the inclusion of Regional NSA Component (Envelope) to EU in the 10th EDF which is to be finalized soon. It was significant from the meeting that NSAs have not been well informed about the NSA component in the last two EDFs. PIANGO would be very keen to know at the EU's decision to consider a regional envelope for EDF 10.

PIANGO Link quarterly newsletter

The next PIANGO Link quarterly newsletter will be distributed in July. Submissions have now closed. Thank you to those that have contributed.

GDP courses and dates

Financial Management ~ 31st July-4th August in Papua New Guinea

Focuses on making accounting and financial systems work for NFP organisations. You analyse financial information, learn how to prepare and understand financial statements, evaluate accounting software and examine the differences between the needs of for-profit and NFP organisations.

Further information: Margaret Sete, ngocbpng@online.net.pg

Social Policy ~ 7th-11th August in Fiji

Participants who complete this course will be able to analyse the development of social policy, develop models for responding to social policy impacts, and influence social policy through a variety of strategies such as writing submissions, lobbying and advocacy.

Further information: Ashiana A Shah, fcoss@connect.com.fj

Governance ~ 14th-18th August in Samoa

A common cause of organisational conflict in the not-for-profit sector is the breakdown in the relationships between management and the governing committee. This course enables you to distinguish between governance and management, and to understand fully the functions of a

governing body. On completion you will be able to work effectively with and within the governing body of a NFP organisation.

Further information: Katrina, sungotraining@lesamoa.net

Pacific Donor News

ADB: (<http://www.adb.org/>)

1 June 2006 - Ensuring Gender Equality is Essential to Meet MDGs, Says New Report

If the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are to be achieved, ensuring gender equality and women's empowerment is essential, given the relevance of gender concerns to all of the MDGs. Yet despite formal commitments made by countries to guarantee equality between sexes, and despite the demonstrated benefits of gender equality to societies and economies, gender discrimination remains pervasive in the Asia and Pacific region.

Further information at <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2006/9974-regional-MDGs/>

5 June 2006 - Australia and New Zealand Provide US\$7 Million for AIDS Project in PNG

Australia and New Zealand signed an agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of Papua New Guinea to contribute grants of US\$3.5 million each to a project that will help contain the spread of HIV/AIDS in PNG.

Further information at <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2006/9992-Papua-New-Guinea-HIV/>

13 June 2006 - ADB Launches New Medium-Term Strategy to Strengthen the Poverty-Reducing Impact of its Assistance

ADB has launched its new medium-term strategy, covering 2006-2008, to strengthen the poverty-reducing impact of its assistance. To this end, it has adopted five priorities: (i) catalyzing investment, (ii) strengthening inclusiveness, (iii) promoting regional cooperation and integration, (iv) managing the environment, and (v) improving governance and preventing corruption. .

Further information at <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2006/10047-poverty-assistance/>

21 June 2006 - New Approaches Needed to Ensure Sustainable Water for Cities, World Urban Forum Told

Innovative approaches will be needed to quickly provide sustainable water and sanitation to serve Asian and Pacific cities, a senior official of ADB told a session at the World Urban Forum (WUF). About 700 million people in Asia and the Pacific are without safe water supplies and some 2 billion have inadequate or no toilet facilities, said Arjun Thapan, Deputy Director General of ADB's Southeast Asia Department.

Further information at <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2006/10090-regional-water/>

AusAID: (<http://www.ausaid.gov.au>)

June 2006 - Australian Leadership Awards - Applications for scholarships close 31 July 2006

Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) is a new award under which the Australian Government offers scholarships and fellowships for current and future leaders from the Asia-Pacific Region. Australian Leadership Awards provide scholarships for longer-term post-graduate study at masters or doctoral level and fellowships for short-term research, study or professional attachments.

Further information at <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/ala.cfm>

9 June 2006 - Australian aid: Approaches to supporting governance

This publication provides information on how Australia is working with partner governments in developing countries to improve governance. Australia's approach focuses on improving economic management, strengthening systems of law and justice, strengthening democratic institutions and processes and public sector reform.

Further information at

http://www.aisaid.gov.au/publications/pubout.cfm?id=3328_3513_6906_1240_8462

16 June 2006 – Trade, Development and Poverty Reduction

This brochure provide straightforward responses to some commonly held misconceptions about the role of trade in the developing world and highlights how Australia is helping poorer countries improve their trading prospects.

Further information at

http://www.aisaid.gov.au/publications/pubout.cfm?id=7004_6558_4451_8279_3649

Commonwealth Foundation (<http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com>)

20 June 2006 - Commonwealth Body Moves to Fill Gap in Fight Against AIDS

In the 25 years since the discovery of HIV/AIDS huge sums have been poured into the fight against the global pandemic, yet challenges remain. Now a Commonwealth organisation is taking steps to establish a new network that links those working in the front line.

Further information at

http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/news/news/detail.cfm?id=246&cat_id=45

NZAID (<http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/>)

6 June 2006 - New Zealand Foreign Minister Peters opens craft centre in Vanuatu

Foreign Minister Winston Peters began his visit to Vanuatu by opening a craft house in Port Vila, built with the assistance of New Zealand's international development agency NZAID. The building will house women entrepreneurs who until now have been selling their goods out of tents.

Further information at <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=26034>

6 June 2006 – New Zealand addressing poverty in Vanuatu

New Zealand will continue to play its part in assisting Vanuatu towards a secure and prosperous future, Foreign Minister Winston Peters said at the start of a three-day visit in early June.

Further information at <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=26033>

7 June 2006 – NZ Foreign Affairs Minister Peters opens TB ward at Port Vila hospital

Foreign Minister Winston Peters opened the new tuberculosis isolation ward at Port Vila Central Hospital, on the second day of his three-day visit to Vanuatu. The 16-bed ward was built by Rotary District 9910, with members from New Zealand and Vanuatu contributing significant amounts of time, money and materials to the project.

Further information at <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=26052>

UNDP (<http://www.undp.org/>)

5 June 2006 - UN declaration on HIV/AIDS will tackle the stigma that fuels the virus, says UNDP

The UN declaration adopted in New York last week is a 'political blueprint' that will strengthen the response to HIV/AIDS and tackle the stigma and discrimination that fuel the spread of the virus, according to UNDP Associate Administrator Ad Melkert.

Further information at <http://content.undp.org/go/newsroom/june-2006/un-declaration-aids->

20060605.en

9 June 2006 - Global Environment Facility appoints new CEO

The Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) yesterday appointed Mrs. Monique Barbut, a French national, to a three-year term as its Chief Executive Officer and Chairman. The Global Environment Facility (GEF) is an international financial mechanism with 176 member countries that addresses global environmental issues while supporting national sustainable development initiatives. GEF grants support projects in developing countries in the areas of biodiversity, climate change, international waters, land degradation, the ozone layer and persistent organic pollutants. GEF has also made more than 6,000 small grants, up to \$50,000 each, directly to nongovernmental organizations and community organizations.

Further information at <http://content.undp.org/go/newsroom/june-2006/gef-ceo-20060609.en>

29 June 2006 - Bold Agenda for Trade on Human Terms in Asia-Pacific

Developing countries of Asia and the Pacific need bold new domestic policies in order to benefit from free trade.

Further information at <http://content.undp.org/go/newsroom/june-2006/asia-hdr-20060629.en>

World Bank (<http://www.worldbank.org/>)

1 June 2006 - Kiribati: World Bank Announces GEF Grant to Help Adapt to Changing Environment

The World Bank Board of Directors announced a Global Environment Facility Trust Fund Grant to the Government of the Republic of Kiribati for \$1.8 million to help the isolated island nation adapt to further climate change.

Further information at

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK:20942629~pagePK:34370~piPK:34424~theSitePK:4607,00.html>

Other news

Australian Development Gateway (<http://www.developmentgateway.com.au>)

21 June - 5 July - Ask the Development Practice / Effectiveness Specialist

Dr Suzette Mitchell will be available from 21st June -5th July to answer your questions on gender and development in the Asia Pacific region. Suzette Mitchell is a gender and development specialist with experience across the NGO, commercial contracting and government sectors, and in the United Nations system. Suzette joined International Women's Development Agency Inc (IWDA) as Executive Director in August 2003.

Further information at <http://www.developmentgateway.com.au/jahia/Jahia/pid/3018>

CIVICUS (<http://www.civicusassembly.org.uk/>)

Opening Address to the Sixth CIVICUS World Assembly

'My dream is that in the coming decades the vast inequalities between the rich and poor within individual countries and the vast inequalities that exist between rich and poor countries will be significantly reversed and that one of the keys to realizing this dream, the elimination of the vast and unjust inequalities between men and women, will become a reality'. Kumi Naidoo, CIVICUS Secretary General.

Further information at <http://www.civicus.org/new/content/OpeningAddress-KumiNaidoo.htm>

Islands Business (<http://www.islandsbusiness.com/>)

June 2006 - Forum's ultimate goal: ICT for every islander

'Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) for every Pacific Islander'. That, very simply, is the ultimate goal of the Pacific Islands Digital Strategy—an important part of the Pacific Plan.

Further information at

http://www.islandsbusiness.com/islands_business/index_dynamic/containerNameToReplace=MiddleMiddle/focusModuleID=5807/overrideSkinName=issueArticle-full.tpl

Pacific Regional Rights Resource Team (<http://www.rrrt.org/>)

21 June 2006 - Narrow the gender gap: RRRT's Jalal calls for affirmative action in the legal sector

Low numbers of women in the judiciary and magistracy in the region should be addressed by affirmative action, according to Imrana Jalal, Human Rights Adviser at the Pacific Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT).

Further information at: http://www.rrrt.org/page.asp?active_page_id=194

SPREP (<http://www.sprep.org/>)

19 June 2006 – Teachers learn about the importance of mangroves

The importance of mangroves to Samoan culture, heritage and livelihoods was one of the topics covered at a teacher's training workshop held at the Toaa Salamasina Hall in Apia.

Further information at http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=277

21 June 2006 - Pacific Invasives Learning Network launched in Palau

Teams from Palau and five other island states will work to manage invasive species problems with new energy after the conclusion of a highly successful inaugural Pacific Invasives Learning Network (PILN) meeting held in Palau from 22 to 26 May.

Further information at http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=278

21 June 2006 - Regional Turtle Research and Monitoring Database Launched in Vanuatu

The new database for consolidating monitoring and research information on sea turtle species in the Asia-Pacific Region was launched for trial on 12 June in Vanuatu.

Further information at http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=279

26 June 2006 - Pacific Regional Workshop on Sustainable Land Management

A workshop on Sustainable Land Management is being held this week (26-30 June) at the Training and Education Centre on the SPREP campus in Vailima, Apia, Samoa.

Further information at http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=280

USP (<http://www.usp.ac.fj/>)

IPS Publications announces the imminent release of six new titles

- *Mocemoce, na Vanua: The Land Abiding* by Caitlin Scholl
- *Traditional Medicine of the Marshall Islands* by Irene J Taafaki, Maria Kabua Fowler & Randolph R. Thaman
- *Knowing and Learning: An Indigenous Approach* by Unaisi Nabobo-Baba
- *O Tama A'Aiga: The Politics of Succession to Samoa's Paramount Titles* by A. Morgan Tuimaleali'ifano
- *Doctor in Vanuatu* by Ted Freeman OAM
- *Lalanga Pasifika: Weaving the Pacific. Stories of Empowerment from the South Pacific* by Arlene Griffen (ed), Lia Maka, Adimaimalaga Tafuna'i, Brenda Tohiana

Lalanga Pasifika details the work of four women-based NGOs in the region - The Catholic Women's League (Tonga) and 'Aloua Ma'a Tonga (Tonga), the Leitana Nehan Women's

Development Agency (Bougainville) and Women in Business (Samoa). An order form is available on line at www.ipsbooks.usp.ac.fj
 Further information contact Wendy Tubman on: (679) 3232248 or view IPS Publications online catalogue at www.ipsbooks.usp.ac.fj

Calendar of meetings and activities

June		
Date	Body	Meeting / Activity
1	Forum Secretariat	Steering Committee Meeting with ADB Consultants, Committee Room B, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Sustainable Development)
1	Forum Secretariat	Seminar Series, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva (Economic Governance)
1-2	Forum Secretariat	Heads of Investment Promotion Agencies (HIPA) Meeting, Vava'u, Tonga (Economic Governance)
8	Forum Secretariat	Seminar Series, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva (Economic Governance)
11	Forum Secretariat	TWG on Investment, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji
12-30	SOPAC	3rd course Hydrological Training Programme (Suva, Fiji)
13	Forum Secretariat	Rules of Origin Committee (ROC) Meeting - review ROOs Study Report, Tanoa International Hotel
14	Forum Secretariat	PICTA Parties Meeting, Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji
15-16	Forum Secretariat	Pacific ACP Trade Officials Meeting (PACPTOM), Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji
15-16	Forum Secretariat	Regional Workshop, Gender, Peace & Security, venue (tba), Nadi, Fiji (Sustainable Development)
18-24	SPREP	Second PacNOG Meeting, Conference and Educational Workshop (Apia, Samoa)
19-20	Forum Secretariat	Forum Trade Officials Meeting (FTOM), Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji (Economic Governance)
19-23	Forum Secretariat	Forum Regional Security Committee and Related Meetings, Fiji Mocombo, Nadi, Fiji (Political & Security)
20-30	SOPAC	MBP Sub-Regional? Workshop for Vanuatu & Solomon Islands (Vanuatu)
21-22	Forum Secretariat	Pacific ACP Trade Ministers Meeting (PACPTMM), Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji
23	Forum Secretariat	Forum Trade Ministers Meeting (FTMM), Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji
24-25	Forum Secretariat	PIPSO Business Forum, Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji (Economic Governance)

26	Forum Secretariat	France-Oceania Meeting, Paris, France (Political & Security)
26	Forum Secretariat	PACP-EC Joint RNT/Ministerial Meeting, Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji
26-29	Forum Secretariat	Pacific Transnational Crime Network (PTCN), Committee Room B, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Political & Security)
26-30	SPREP	Pacific Regional Workshop : UNDP-GEF's Sustainable Land Management Portfolio Approach for SIDS/LDCs (Apia, Samoa)
27	Forum Secretariat	PACP-EC Joint Technical Working Group Meeting/PACP-EC Joint Negotiating Group Meeting (PACP-EC NG), Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji
28-30	Forum Secretariat	WTO/PIFS TBT Regional Training Workshop on the Implementation of the TBT Agreement for Pacific Island Countries, Fijian Resort, Sigatoka (Economic Governance)
30 Jun – 6 July	Forum Secretariat	Forum Economic Ministerial Meeting & Related Meetings, Entire Conference Centre, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Economic Growth)

July		
Date	Body	Meeting / Activity
1-22	SOPAC	Aggregates Assessment and related Activities in FSM and Palau (FSM, Palau)
3-5	Pacific Plan	Forum Economic Ministerial Meeting & Related Meetings, Honiara, Solomon Islands, venue (tba)
3-5	Forum Secretariat	Forum Economic Ministerial Meeting & Related Meetings, Honiara, Solomon Islands, venue (tba), (Economic Growth)
3-7	Forum Secretariat	Training by Corporate Services, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Corporate Services)
9-14	SPREP	Symposium on Mangrove responses to Climate Change and Sea Level Rise, Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS) 2006 Conference. (Cairns, Australia)
10	Forum Secretariat	TWG-Services/Tourism Meeting, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji
11	Forum Secretariat	TWG-Investment and Financial Instruments, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji
12-13	Forum Secretariat	TWG on Goods, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji
12-14	Forum Secretariat	UNDP Trade Facilitation Workshop, Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji (Economic Governance)
12-16	Forum Secretariat	Pacific Islands Law Officers Meeting (PILOM), Kiribati (Political & Security)
17	Forum Secretariat	TWG-Services/Tourism, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji
17-18	Pacific Plan	CROP Executives Meeting, SPREP, Apia, Samoa (tbc)
17-22	SPREP	Pacific Youth Festival (Tahiti, French Polynesia)

18	Forum Secretariat	TWG-Investment and Financial Instruments (TWG-IFI), Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji
20	Forum Secretariat	Seminar Series, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Economic Governance)
22	Forum Secretariat	TWG-Fisheries, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji
24-26	Forum Secretariat	TWG-Legal, Institutional and Capacity Building (WG-LICB), Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji
24-28	SOPAC	Pacific Power Association Annual Conference (Fiji) (www.ppa.org.fj)
Tba	Pacific Plan	Second Pacific Plan Action Committee Meeting (PPAC), venue (tba)

August		
Date	Body	Meeting / Activity
7 – 11	SPREP	Pacific Environmental Information Network (PEIN) Phase 2, Niue
8 - 9	Forum Secretariat	Training by Corporate Services, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Corporate Services)
9 – 11	SPREP	CROP Executives Meeting, Apia, Samoa
14 – 18	SPREP	PEIN Phase 1: Technical Assessment of facilities, personnel and audience, Pohnpein, FSM
17 & 24	Forum Secretariat	Seminar Series, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Economic Governance)
21 – 25	Forum Secretariat	First Regional Consultation of Trade Officials (venue tba)
21 – 25	SOPAC	CROP ICT WG / PAC – NET, Samoa
21 - 26	SPREP	Fifth annual Conference and AGM of PICISOC – PacINET 2006, Samoa
tba	Pacific Plan	CROP Executives Meeting, SPREP, Apia, Samoa (tbc)
tba	Pacific Plan	Second Pacific Plan Action Committee Meeting (PPAC), venue (tba)

Note:

Further information is available at the following websites:

Forum Secretariat: <http://www.forumsec.org.fj/> -> Calendar of Meetings

Pacific Plan: <http://pacificplan.org/tiki-page.php?pageName=Yearly+Calendar>

SOPAC: <http://www.sopac.org/tiki/tiki-index.php?page=Calendar+of+Events+2006>

SPREP: <http://www.sprep.org/event/Events/Events-2006last.pdf>

Suggestions / Feedback

Your suggestions for future articles are welcome, as well as any feedback on recent articles.

The closing date for article submissions for the July e-Update is 21st July 2006. Article submissions should be brief and text only.

Please email to piango@connect.com.fj

About PIANGO

The Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) is a regional network of NGO focal points or coordinating bodies known as National Liaison Units (NLUs) based in 21 Pacific Island countries and territories.

PIANGO was formally established in 1991 to assist NGOs in the Pacific to initiate action, give voice to their concerns and work collaboratively with other development actors for just and sustainable human development. PIANGO's primary role is to be a catalyst for collective action, to facilitate and support coalitions and alliances on issues of common concern, and to strengthen the influence and impact of NGO efforts in the region.

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National Members

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Country	Member
Australia	Australia Council for International Development (ACFID)
Cook Islands	Cook Islands Association of NGOs (CIANGO)
Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)	FSM Alliance of NGOs (FANGO)
Fiji	Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS)
Hiti Tau	French Polynesia/Tahiti
Kiribati	Kiribati Association of NGOs (KANGO)
Nauru	Nauru Island Association of NGOs
New Caledonia/Kanaky	Unité Territoriale de Liaison de Nouvelle-Calédonie (UTLN) Kanaky
New Zealand /Aotearoa	Association of NGOs of Aotearoa (ANGOA)
Niue	Niue Association of NGOs (NIANGO)

Papua New Guinea	Melanesian NGO Centre for Leadership (MNCL)
Samoa	Samoa Umbrella of NGOs (SUNGO)
Solomon Islands	Development Services Exchange (DSE)
Tonga	Civil Society Forum of Tonga (CSFT)
Tuvalu	Tuvalu Association of NGOs (TANGO)
Vanuatu	Vanuatu Association of NGOs (VANGO)
West Papua	

Interim members

Bougainville	Nikana Ma'atara
Guam	Sanctuary Inc.
Palau	Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA)
Wallis & Futuna	Association Culturelle de Vailala
East Timor	Civil Society Capacity Building Fnd (CSCBF)

Observers

American Samoa	
Hawaii	
Marshall Islands	Marshall Islands Council of NGOs (MICNGOs)

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