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From the Director's desk:

Bula vinaka and warm greetings from the PIANGO Secretariat in Nasese, Suva. We last sent out an e-Update in November last year after the 5th PIANGO Council and the 6th Regional CSO Forum that were held in Port Moresby last October. This is the first of the e-Update for 2006 and we plan to send monthly updates, now that we have an ITC Officer, Julie Kerrigan, curtesy of AVI. Though Julie is an IT person, we have asked Julie to temporarily look after our print based information activity until the Communication Manager is appointed in the next month or so.

In addition to Julie who arrived in March, new staff appointed in the last five months include Bakanebo Tamaroa (former head of KANGO) as the Programme Officer (Capacity Building) and Litiana Domokamica (former employee of the Great Council of Chiefs of Fiji) as the bilingual Receptionist/typist. Litiana, who was brought up in Vanuatu, also carries out basic French translation.

January-May were heavy months at the secretariat. The final work on the PIANGO Strategic Plan 2006-20010, was concluded with the assistance of the contracted strategic reviewer Mary Jane Rivers, and this will be available on line by mid June and in print by end June. We coordinated the delivery of four courses offered at a distance by Unitec under its Graduate Diploma in Not for Profit Management (GDP) and worked with other Pacific regional NGOs (PRNGOs) and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) to conclude the final draft of the PIFS NSA accreditation policy framework. In March we held the first Board meeting 1/06 for the year, and in April an extraordinary Board meeting preceded the 1st PIANGO NLU Consultation on PIMER attended by

NLUs, Board members and partners. The consultation was such a great success that PIANGO partners are keen to support this annual mechanism.

Let us know how PIANGO can contribute to enhancing our partnership and we are keen to get suggestions on how we can all work together to strengthen the Pacific CSO/NGO sector.

Cheers
Cema

Secretariat briefs

Staff

PIANGO welcomes Bakanebo Tamaroa to the role of Programme Officer (Capacity Building). Bakanebo comes with vast NGO and NLU experience, as his last position was as Coordinator of KANGO (Kiribati Association of NGOs).

We welcome Julie Kerrigan to the role of Information, Communication and Technology Officer. Julie is an Australian Volunteer and comes from an online communications background in Australia.

Litiana Domokamica has come to us from the Great Council of Chiefs of Fiji as the bilingual receptionist/typist. Litiana, who was brought up in Vanuatu, also carries out French translation.

Board members elected at 5th Council, Port Moresby, October 2005

The newly elected PIANGO Board members were introduced to the NLUs and partners at the recent workshop.

The Board members are:

- Chairperson: Adimaimalaga Tafunai of SUNGO
 - Madeleine Ayawa of UTLN Kanaky
 - Claire Baiteke is the Deputy Chairperson of KANGO
 - Douglas Ngwele is the Chairperson of VANGO
 - Drew Havea is the Chair of the Tonga CSO Forum
 - Ahohiva Levi, a Board member of NIUANGO
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Pacific NGO Briefs

Tongan relief

We were very glad to hear from our partners in Tonga shortly after the earthquake. Board member Drew Havea wrote "All is well in the Kingdom. I thought the house was going to float away and it seems it will not end but then it stops and I looked at the ocean, it was very calm and smooth. I knew then that the tsunami will spare us. No damage in Nuku'alofa except for a few crack in some of the concrete buildings. Today is a national holiday for the birthday of the Crown Prince and it came with a bang."

Solomon Islands & DSE

We were also glad to hear that DSE, our NLU in the Solomon Islands, and its staff were all well after the recent troubles in the capital. DSE office which is located in Chinatown, the focus of the burning, was not damaged and they are now working again, with telephones and internet having been reconnected.

Capacity Building of CSOs: Advancing the Realisation of the MDGs in the Pacific

This two day workshop was conducted by UNDP and was held at JJ's Park (YWCA Building) from 11th – 12th April 2006. 18 Pacific Regional NGOs were invited but only 10 turned up. The objective of the workshop was to foster ownership among CSOs for this Project Proposal and expected to lead to the refinement of the proposal to ensure that the initiative is CSO-driven rather than led by the agenda of the donor community.

Memorandum of Understanding among Pacific Regional NGO (PRNGOs) members

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among PRNGO members is proposed to ensure there is a coordinated approach amongst Pacific Regional NGOs in articulating concerns at the national, regional and international fora. It also provides ways of working together as a team keen to look at issues and concerns of the NGO sector at all levels.

ADB Project Proposal on Pilot Strengthening of Civil Society Participation in Development in the Pacific.

The ADB has developed a project proposal on Strengthening of Civil Society participation in development in the Pacific and identified the Pacific Concerns Resource Centre (PCRC) and the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO) as implementing partners in this project. There are two major components of the project; 1. Focuses on enhancing the competence of Pacific CSO Staff to better understand and comment on the region's broad development policy agendas and 2. Consists of formal training for CSO and government staff in the planning of participatory processes, together with practical engagement with ADB, other external funding agencies, and other members of civil society and government in the participatory formulation of the next two ADB country strategies and programs (CSPs) in 2007 for (Fiji and Samoa), and two loan designs in (PNG health sector support and FSM Waste management)

PIMER – 1st PIANGO NLU Directors meeting

The inaugural PIANGO consultation for Planning, Implementation, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (PIMER) was held from Monday 24th to Friday 28th April 2006 at the Forum Secretariat in Suva, Fiji. PIANGO Secretariat and Board hosted the consultation to discuss the PIANGO Strategic Plan 2006-2010 as presented by the Board. These strategies, and the implementation planning process, provide guidance for the NGOs on communicating and sharing information, building capacity, strengthening key relationships and ensuring quality performance. In addition presentations were heard from guest speakers; Carol Flore-Smrecznik about the MDGs, Nainasa Whippy and the Pacific Plan, Jese Sikivou and the Commonwealth Values, and other regional bodies such as NZAIAD, USAP, PIFS, and SPC, giving directors a good understanding of how these international and regional strategies and goals interact with the PIANGO and national NGO Strategic Plans.

Pacific Plan Reporting Project

PIFS provided PIANGO with a modest grant to enable the Secretariat to organize CSO/NGO reporting against Pacific Plan initiatives. The focus of the report is the NLUs and their membership's activities as well as the activities of the regional NGO. The initiatives are listed under the four pillars of the Pacific Plan namely economic growth, sustainable development, good governance and security.

New NLU in Tonga

We would like to welcome the Civil Society Forum of Tonga (CSFT) as the new NLU representing Tonga within the PIANGO network. The Tongan Government's recognition of CSFT and its potential role has resulted in its support for CSFT to take the lead in promoting of collective efforts

and to play the executing agency role for NGOs. The Civil Society Board members are Mr Drew Havea, Tonga National Youth (Chairman); Mr Sione Taumoefolau, Tonga Red Cross (Treasurer); and Penisimani Fifita, Vava'u High School (Secretary); and the Executive Director for CSFT is Mr. Edgar Cocker. CSFT is also responsible for 10% of the EU funds under the European Development Fund (EDF) # 9 for development activities in Tonga including Vava'u, with the focus is on health and educational activities.

Regional NGO Mapping Project

The regional NGO mapping project is an initiative of the Pacific Plan to establish accurate baseline data on the numerous and wide-ranging civil society organisations in the Pacific. The project is currently on hold while funding is being sourced through PIFS, but will be conducted by PIANGO in partnership with the Development Resource Centre from New Zealand.

PIANGO Link quarterly newsletter submissions

Submissions for inclusion in the next PIANGO Link quarterly newsletter are required by Friday 23rd June 2006. Submissions are to be limited to 500 words and can include images. Please email to piango@connect.com.fj

GDP courses and dates

Culture and Values ~ 19th-23rd June in Papua New Guinea

To explore what is different about managing a NFP organisation than a business or government department. You examine the distinct values and culture of NFP organisations in the Pacific, overseas and of your organisation in particular. You analyse what this means for your approach to management, leadership and your learning on this programme.

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

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.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/>)

3 May 2006 - ADB President Calls for Enhanced Collaboration with Civil Society

Collaboration between ADB and civil society organizations is needed at all levels to attain the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific, says ADB President Haruhiko Kuroda
Further information at <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2006/9794-Annual-Meeting-civil-society/>

5 May 2006 - The Two Faces of Asia: Working Together for a Poverty-Free Region,”

Asia and Pacific countries should work together to reduce disparities within the region by sustaining high economic growth and spreading the advantages of growth to the disadvantaged”, ADB President Haruhiko Kuroda told the official opening of ADB's 39th Annual Meeting of its Board of Governors.

Further information at <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2006/9827-Annual-Meeting-Board-of-Governors/default.asp>

15 May 2006 - ADB Partnering with Australian Govt on Private Sector Development Initiative

ADB has strengthened its long-term commitment to the Pacific region by partnering with the Australian Government to boost a private sector development (PSD) initiative in the region.
Further information at <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2006/9864-Pacific-private-sector/>

23 May 2006 - Developing Stronger Partnerships against HIV/AIDS in Papua New Guinea

An ADB grant of US\$15 million is supporting a new project to help the Government of Papua New Guinea control and stabilize the spread of [HIV/AIDS](#) infection in the country.

Further information at <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2006/9911-Papua-New-Guinea-HIV/>

29 May 2006 - Cooperation with Nongovernment Organizations and Civil Society

ADB cooperates with a broad range of nongovernment organizations (NGOs) and other civil society organizations (CSOs) to improve the effectiveness, quality, and sustainability of its operations. A new workplan for cooperating with civil society is now being developed. The website contains further information about funding for NGOs and how NGOs can engage ADB.
Further information at <http://www.adb.org/NGOs/default.asp>

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

20 April 2006 - Australia to Build New Police Headquarters in Samoa

Australia will build a new police headquarters in the Samoan capital Apia, as part of a major initiative to strengthen the Samoa Police Service. Construction will begin in the next two months so that the new headquarters will be operational before Apia hosts the 2007 Pacific Games.

Further information at

http://www.ausaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=2796_9831_8783_4372_1009

26 April 2006 – Launch of the White Paper on Australia's overseas aid program

The White Paper will direct the delivery of Australia's aid over the next 10 years. The White Paper focuses on four key themes: accelerating economic growth, fostering functioning and effective states, investing in people, and promoting regional stability and cooperation.

Further information at

http://www.ausaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=9645_7684_7297_6640_8423

9 May 2006 - Australian Scholarships - Establishment

The Australian Government will provide nearly \$1.4 billion over the next five years in support of education cooperation across the region through an enhanced scholarships programme. Australian Scholarships will provide over 19,000 scholarships during the five year period from 1 July 2006.

Further information at

http://www.aisaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=4953_580_2444_8072_1927

10 May 2006 - Pacific 2020: Promoting a Regional Vision for Growth

Minister For Foreign Affairs Alexander Downer launched the report Pacific 2020: Challenges and Opportunities for Growth which highlights the key economic growth challenges facing the Pacific, Papua New Guinea and East Timor in the next 15 years

Further information at

http://www.aisaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=3147_8129_4300_3193_7185

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

April 2006 – NewZAID

NewZAID's bi-monthly newsletter, updates you in brief on key issues and events on the NZAID agenda.

Further information at <http://enews.nzaid.govt.nz/index.php?id=143>

1 May 2006 - New Zealand Election Observers to Fiji

The New Zealand team, invited to observe by Fiji's Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase, will join others from Australia and Pacific Island countries in a team led by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. The European Union and Commonwealth Secretariat are also contributing observer teams.

Further information at <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=25614>

22 May 2006 – NZ Foreign Affairs Minister restates NZ commitment to Solomon Islands

Solomon Islands continues to face considerable challenges but has great potential, says New Zealand Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Peters.

Further information at <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=25876>

24 May 2006 – NZ Foreign Affairs Minister concludes successful PNG visit

Foreign Minister Winston Peters departed Papua New Guinea after having concluded a successful bilateral visit. Papua New Guinea is traditionally New Zealand's largest development partner, with an aid programme amounting to NZ\$18 million in the current financial year.

Further information at <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=25912>

April 2006 – NewZAID

NewZAID's bi-monthly newsletter, updates you in brief on key issues and events on the NZAID agenda.

Further information at <http://enews.nzaid.govt.nz/index.php?id=143>

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

16 May 2006 - Lights, Camera, Development: The Millennium Goals make their debut at Cannes

Renowned directors Jane Campion and Gaspar Noé have trained their lenses on a new cast of stars: The United Nations' Millennium Development Goals.

More information at <http://content.undp.org/go/newsroom/may-2006/MDG-cannes-20060516.en>

19 May 2006 - Good governance improving in the poorest countries, says UN
The 'People First Network' in the Solomon Islands is one example of the pioneering democratic governance initiatives captured in the first UN report on governance in the fifty most vulnerable countries in the world.

Further information at <http://content.undp.org/go/newsroom/may-2006/good-governance-20060519.en>

Other news

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

6th CIVICUS World Assembly

Power to the people and peace for all: The 6th CIVICUS World Assembly will be held in Glasgow, Scotland from 21- 25 June 2006. CIVICUS World Assembly is a forum for international civil society representatives to get together, exchange ideas, experiences and build strategies for a just world.

Further information at <http://www.civicassembly.org.uk/>

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

May 2006 - ADB predicts a 2.9% growth this year

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) expects the Pacific region to grow by 2.9 percent this year and three percent in 2007.

Further information at

http://www.islandsbusiness.com/islands_business/index_dynamic/containerNameToReplace=MiddleMiddle/focusModuleID=5739/overrideSkinName=issueArticle-full.tpl

Pacific Plan

April 2006 - DRAFT PACIFIC PLAN REPORT

The Pacific Plan e-bulletin is a monthly update to provide recipients with information on the development of the Pacific Plan.

Further information at <http://pacificplan.org/tiki-page.php?pageName=E-Bulletin>

Pacific Regional Rights Resource Team

4 May 2006 - Pacific human rights lawyer joins international jurists commission

For the first time in nearly two decades, the Pacific will once again be represented on the renowned International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) with the appointment this week of Imrana Jalal, Human Rights Adviser at the Pacific Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) and Board Member of the Fiji Women's Rights Movement, to the position of Commissioner.

Further information at: http://www.rrrt.org/page.asp?active_page_id=193

SPC

15 May 2006 - Nauru responding to lifestyle diseases

The island nation of Nauru has taken significant steps towards improving the health of its people with the development of a draft national strategy to tackle lifestyle diseases.

Further information at http://www.spc.int/AC/Tobacco/lifestyle_PR_NauruWorkshp.html

SPREP

10 May 2006 – Focus on national capacity building at SPREP

Building capacity to manage the complex environmental issues that Pacific island countries are facing was the focus of a recent regional workshop in Apia.

Further information at http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=266

Inquiry into Australia's aid program in the Pacific

Submissions are due June 15 2006

The Human Rights Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade will review the impact of Australian aid to the Pacific in promoting and enhancing human rights and security in the region.

The inquiry will focus on:

- Strengthening law and justice;
- Improving economic management and public accountability institutions;
- Maintaining access to basic services (especially health);
- Anti-corruption and good governance measures; and
- Supporting peace-building and community and civil society development

The Committee invites interested persons and organisations to make submissions addressing the terms of reference by **Thursday 15 June 2006**.

Further information at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/pacificaid/index.htm>

Calendar of meetings and activities

May		
Date	Body	Meeting / Activity
1-5	SOPAC	REEEP Meeting / Australian Business Council (Brisbane, Australia)
1-5	SPREP	Sustainable Use of Renewable Energy, Tonga
1-12	SOPAC SPREP	CSD14 –Energy for Sustainable Development, Industrial Development, Air Pollution/Atmosphere and Climate Change (New York, USA)
2-6	SPREP	Meeting of the French Coral Reef Initiative Steering Committee. (New Caledonia, Hienghene)
2-9	SOPAC	Training, Guidelines Consultation and Initiation of ICM in the Solomon Islands
3-4	SPREP	Department of Environment & Heritage Workshop on Frameworks for determining the Ecological Character of Ramsar Wetlands, 3-4 May 2006. (Canberra, Australia)
4-6	SPREP	11th Session of the WMO Regional Association V (RA V) Tropical Cyclone Committee and 14th Session of the WMO Regional Association V (Adelaide, Australia)
8-12	SOPAC	MBP Sub-Regional ² Workshop for FSM, Palau & RMI (Majuro, RMI)
8-12	Pacific Plan	Training Programme - Workshop on Market Access for the Pacific Region, Holiday Inn, Suva, Fiji
8-12	Forum Secretariat	UN CSD14 Meeting, New York, USA (Sustainable Development)
8-12	Forum Secretariat	Training Programme - Workshop on Market Access for the Pacific Region, University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji (Economic Governance)
8-16	SPREP	Scoping of CRISP Projects (New Caledonia, Noumea)
8-19	Forum Secretariat	Fiji Election Observer Team Office, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Political & Security)
9-10	SPREP	NCSA Cross-Cutting and Action Plan training for Tonga

		NCSA Team (Nuku'alofa, Tonga)
9-16	SOPAC	Stakeholder Awareness and Development of Coastal Management Action Plan (Vanuatu)
11-26	SPREP	24th Meeting of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body (Bonn, Germany)
15-19	SOPAC	Risk Program Management Workshop (Barbados)
15-19	SPREP	Annual Session of the Officials and Ministerial Forum Fisheries Committee Meeting (Nadi, Fiji)
18	Forum Secretariat	Staff Association Annual General Meeting, Committee Room B, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji
22-24	Forum Secretariat, Pacific Plan	PACP Negotiating Group Meeting, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji
22-26	SPREP	PILN first annual meeting (Koror, Palau)
23-25	Forum Secretariat	2006 CROP Remuneration Review, Committee Room B, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Corporate Services)
23-26	SPREP	8th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas, PNG 2007 (Alotau, Papua New Guinea)
24-25	Forum Secretariat	ComSec/PIFS SME Financing Workshop, Main Conference & Fale,* Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Economic Governance)
25-30	Forum Secretariat	Pacific Islands Trade Exhibition, Tokyo, Japan (PIC Tokyo)
25-27	Forum Secretariat	Pacific Leaders Meeting (PALM), Okinawa, Japan (Political & Security)
26	Forum Secretariat	Seminar Series, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Economic Governance)
30-2	SPREP	13th Meeting of the Ramsar Convention's Scientific & Technical Review Panel (STRP) (Gland, Switzerland)
31	Forum Secretariat	Steering Committee Meeting with ADB Consultants, Committee Room B, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Sustainable Development)

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)

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 June e-Update is 20th June 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 22 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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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

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