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Secretariat Briefs

Staff

PIANGO would like to welcome Karalaini Naciqa-Waqanidrola as the Programme Officer (Information Sharing). Kara comes from the Sigatoka Valley in Fiji, and brings many years of journalism and media relations to PIANGO. She has also worked as Public Relations Officer for a corporate body.

Strategic Plan launch

On Monday 4th September, PIANGO launched its new five year Strategic Plan 2006 - 2010 at the Secretariat offices in Nasese, Suva. The Plan will see PIANGO strengthen and support non-governmental organisations (NGOs) across the Pacific region. The Strategic Plan 2006 - 2010 was launched by HE Mr Michael Green, the High Commissioner for New Zealand at an afternoon function. An introduction to PIANGO was presented by the Chair of the PIANGO Board Ms Adimaimalaga Tafuna'i, and the Executive Director Ms Cema Bolabola presented an overview of the new Strategic Plan 2006 - 2010. The Plan has been developed with the assistance of PIANGO members from NGOs around the Pacific. With its core focus on Sharing Information, Building Capacity, Strengthening Key Relationships and Ensuring Quality Performance, NGOs will be better equipped for their work with civil society, engaging with stakeholders and managing their organisations.

Executive Director visit to New Caledonia / Kanaky PIANGO member

The Executive Director, Cema Bolabola, recently made a successful visit to the PIANGO member in New Caledonia / Kanaky, with aims to:

- (i) assess the institutional strength of UTLN
- (ii) participate in the national CSO Forum on the Pacific Plan
- (iii) share with NGOs members the PIANGO Strategic Plan and
- (iii) meet with stakeholders and discuss the NGO sector in New Caledonia, especially Kanaky NGOs.

nzaid - Next round for Pacific Island countries Participation Fund applications due 9 October 2006

The Pacific Island Countries Participation Fund programme funds the attendance by Pacific Islanders at regional and international conferences. Funding may cover all or some of the cost of

travel, accommodation, per diems and conference fees. *More information at:*
<http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/pic/index.html>

International Programme Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) Training in Darwin (28 Aug – 2 Sept)

PIANGO wish to thank NZAID for their continuing support and for organising the IPDET Training for PIANGO and Pacific NGO staff. The training was based on the rationale that in evaluating a project or any plans and initiatives, it is important to evaluate the outcome in order to be realistic and understand that the project or any plans and initiatives are actually achieving what is expected with benefits to the target group. The significant message that comes out of this training is the phrase: “Be Careful, What You Pray For!!! You Might Get It” which simply means think realistically that you plan for what you can achieve. There were 24 participants in total including national and regional NGOs, whose works are related to Monitoring and Evaluation.

PIFS-CROP Agencies and PIANGO

PIANGO wish to extend its sincere thanks to the Forum Secretariat and the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) agencies for their interest and continuing support to PIANGO, especially in inviting the Secretariat to participate in the Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) and the Human Resource Working Group (HRWG) to discuss issues around the 10th European Development Fund (EDF 10) and criteria to be considered when submitting proposals for EDF 10.

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 (679) 330 2963 or email piango@connect.com.fj

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## **Pacific NGO Briefs**

### **Pacific Regional Volunteer Scheme**

Research is underway towards setting up a volunteer scheme which would see young Pacific people aged between 18 and 30 sent to a community in another country to share their skills and learn about other ways of life. Tonga-based consultants Drew Havea and Mary McCoy, of The Training Group of the Pacific, have been traveling around the region looking at volunteer programmes and investigating partnerships as they put together a proposal for what is so far being called the Pacific Regional Volunteer Scheme. PYB head Tangata Vainerere, who is a member of the scheme’s advisory committee, says the idea is that young people aged between 18 and 30 will be sent to live in a community new to them where help is needed. They will be expected to engage fully in daily life. The creation of a scheme for young volunteers emerged during Pacific Plan discussions in 2004 and 2005. The proposal is due to be put to the Forum meeting later this year.

*For more information contact: Tangata Vainerere, Youth Development Adviser, Email : [TangataV@spc.int](mailto:TangataV@spc.int)*

### **CSO Forum: Change of venue**

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and the Fiji Government have announced that the Pacific Leaders Forum will relocate from Tonga to Fiji. As such, the CSO Forum has also been moved to Nadi with the same dates of 20-23 October, and the Programme remains the same although with some changes to the speakers.

### **DSE - International Day for Disaster Reduction in Solomon Islands**

International Disaster Reduction Day (IDRD) falls on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October and preparation is now under way between the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) and the stakeholders. The theme for this year's IDRD is "Disaster reduction begins at School". A meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September to plan activities prior to the event. The planned activities include school visits and educational talks on Disaster Reduction, posters and poem competition. There is a need for school safety facilities and awareness of the importance of disaster risk education. The Disaster Risk Management stakeholders urges school principals to support them in this activity.

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GDP Courses and dates

Social Audit: 30 - 3 November in Samoa

This course is an organisational development process in which an organisation compares its impact against its stated values and goals as seen through the eyes of its stakeholders. This course too will enable participants to critically determine if a social audit is useful for an organisation and facilitate planning for a social audit in a not-for-profit organisation.

Further information: vango@vanuatu.comvu or bakanebo@piango.net

Ethical Management of Change: 2 - 6 October in Fiji

This course explores the implications for NFP organisations in the ethical management of change. It includes ethical decision making, strategic planning, quality management and the implementation of change. On completion you will be able to analyse and affect change in an ethical manner, initiate and manage the strategic planning process, and incorporate quality management systems into the operation of your organisation.

Further information: mnc1@online.net.pg or bakanebo@piango.net

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## **Pacific Donor News**

**Asian Development Bank (ADB):** <http://www.adb.org/>

### **25 September 2006: Ex-Japanese PM to Launch Water Forum for Asia and Pacific**

Former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori will visit ADB this week to officially launch a new network that will identify and adopt new approaches to tackling water issues in the region. The goal of the network, the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF), is to contribute to sustainable water management and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific.

*More information at:* <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2006/10672-regional-water/>

**AusAID:** <http://www.usaid.gov.au>

### **8 September 2006: International Literacy Day - Supporting Schooling Across Asia and the Pacific**

The Australian aid program will give children across Asia and the Pacific better access to primary and secondary education, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms Teresa Gambaro said on International Literacy Day. In 2006-07 Australia is providing over \$100 million to support education in the region.

*More information at:*

[http://www.usaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=8763\\_3697\\_131\\_25\\_1828](http://www.usaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=8763_3697_131_25_1828)

**Commonwealth Foundation:** <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com>

**7 September 2006: Job vacancies - Resource Development Officer and Project Manager, Commonwealth People's Forum 2007**

*More information: For details of the Resource Development Officer vacancy, [click here](#). For details of the Project Manager - Commonwealth People's Forum 2007 position, [click here](#).*

**Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme:**

<http://sgp.undp.org>

**21 September 2006: Publication: The Reaffirmation of Thinking Globally, Acting Locally**

This new publication, launched at the GEF assembly in Cape Town in August, documents experiences from NGOs and CBOs implementing GEF projects. The 28 case examples presented in this book highlight the successes, challenges and lessons learned for enhanced project implementation.

*More information at:*

<http://sgp.undp.org/index.cfm?module=ActiveWeb&page=WebPage&DocumentID=841>

**International Women's Development Agency (IWDA): <http://www.iwda.org.au>**

**Applications for Senior Overseas Program Manager close 19th October**

International Women's Development Agency (IWDA) is an Australian-based non-government organisation that works with partners in the Asia-Pacific region to promote positive change for women and address poverty and inequality. We are seeking an experienced Senior Program Manager to manage the IWDA programs team and the overall program strategy of IWDA.

*More information at: <http://www.iwda.org.au>*

**NZAID: <http://www.nzaid.govt.nz>**

**23 September 2006: Multilateralism that delivers**

Foreign Minister Winston Peters' speech to the 61st session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, in which he talks about New Zealand's unwavering in its support for the United Nations and New Zealand's relationship with the Pacific.

*More information at: <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=27205>*

**19 September 2006: Pacific Legal Information Institute's new building at USP Emalus Campus opened**

The Pacific Legal Information Institute (PacLII) will celebrate the completion of its new building at USP Emalus Campus, Port Vila, on Tuesday 19 September.

*More information at: <http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/library/press-releases/2006-portvila.html>*

**World Bank: <http://www.worldbank.org>**

**22 September 2006: 2007 Global Development Marketplace applications close 17 November 2006**

DM2007 is offering US\$4 Million in awards for proposals with innovative ideas to improve health, nutrition, population outcomes of poor people in developing countries.

*More information at:*

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/OPPORTUNITIES/GRANTS/DEVMARKETPLAC/E/0,,menuPK:180652~pagePK:180657~piPK:180651~theSitePK:205098,00.html>

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Other News

Australian Volunteers International: <http://www.australianvolunteers.com>

September 2006: Country Manager - Fiji and Kiribati. Applications close 9 October 2006

An opportunity exists to join Australia's leading international volunteer sending agency – a vibrant and agile contributor to the sustainable development of a wide range of communities. AVI is recruiting for a Country Manager Fiji / Kiribati, based in Suva. Applications close 9 October 2006
More information at: <http://www.australianvolunteers.com/involved/positions/staff/fijikiribati>

Greenpeace: <http://www.greenpeace.org>

6 September 2006: Pacific tuna stocks under threat

Tuna stocks worldwide are being critically overfished. More than half of the world's tuna comes from the Pacific yet two species in this region – Pacific bigeye and yellowfin – will be commercially extinct within three years.

More information at: <http://www.greenpeace.org/australia/news-and-events/news/overfishing/tuna-extinct>

21 September 2006: Greenpeace, local authorities target illegal fishing in Pacific waters

Greenpeace wrapped up a two week collaboration with the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), patrolling their fishing grounds for illegal fishing activity. It marks the first part of the Pacific leg of Greenpeace's global Defending our Oceans tour, highlighting the threats facing our oceans.

More information at: <http://www.greenpeace.org/australia/news-and-events/media/releases/overfishing/greenpeace-local-authorities>

22 September 2006: Future Pacific fish stocks in peril

If current (over) fishing trends in the Pacific continue then local communities in this region will face a drastic depletion in their future food resources.

More information at: <http://www.greenpeace.org/australia/news-and-events/news/overfishing/dodgy-pirate-fishing>

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

September issue out now, including Pacific trade and labour, Cook Islands tourism, and Pacific rugby.

More information at: http://www.islandsbusiness.com/islands_business/

Pacific Concerns Resource Centre (PCRC): <http://www.pcrc.org.fj>

3 September 2006: "Invest In Human Security Not Military Security"- NGO Tells Australia

The Pacific Concerns Resource Centre has called on the Australian government to put its priorities in order and invest more in human security rather than military security.

More information at: <http://www.pcrc.org.fj/index.cfm?go=main.resources&cmd=forumview&uid=press2006&cid=154>

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS): <http://www.forumsec.org>

3 September 2006: PIFS congratulate Vanuatu for first on Disaster Action Plan

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, on behalf of the members of the Pacific Islands Forum and the Council of Regional Organisations, congratulates the Government of Vanuatu for being the first country in the region to champion and design a draft National Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management.

More information at:

<http://www.forumsec.org/index.cfm?go=main.resources&cmd=forumview&cbegin=399&uid=newsroom001&catuuid=F082D999-CF43-E090-B761BA94E58BDFAFA&cid=368>

11 September 2006: First meeting for Secretary General's Pacific Plan Reference Group

Independent feedback is being sought to provide a platform for wider debate on Pacific regionalism and the longer term direction of the Pacific Plan. In doing so, the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Mr Greg Urwin, convened the first meeting of the Secretary General's Pacific Plan Reference Group at the Secretariat's headquarters in Suva, Fiji.

More information at:

<http://www.forumsec.org/index.cfm?go=main.resources&cmd=forumview&cbegin=399&uid=newsroom001&catuuid=F082D999-CF43-E090-B761BA94E58BDFAFA&cid=380>

13 September 2006: Pacific Island Forum to have representative in Solomon Islands

A resident representative of the Pacific Islands Forum will be appointed in Solomon Islands following agreement on the proposal between the government in Honiara and the Forum Secretariat.

More information at:

<http://www.forumsec.org/index.cfm?go=main.resources&cmd=forumview&cbegin=399&uid=newsroom001&catuuid=F082D999-CF43-E090-B761BA94E58BDFAFA&cid=383>

24 September 2006: SG Speech: EU Technical Cooperation Facility

We mark yet another important occasion in our long and successful partnership with the European Union with the signing of the Financing Agreement and Contribution Agreement for a Technical Cooperation Facility project, with a budget of Euro1.2 million, to be implemented by the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat, over a period of 4 years.

More information at:

<http://www.forumsec.org/index.cfm?go=main.resources&cmd=forumview&cbegin=400&uid=newsroom002&catuuid=F082D999-CF43-E090-B761BA94E58BDFAFA&cid=396>

Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC): <http://www.spc.int>

SPC Demography / Population Programme - Supporting Pacific Island governments to provide improved availability, analysis and utilisation of socio-economic data.

New data now available for 2006-2015 and 2005-2006 by sex and 5 year age group

More information at: <http://www.spc.int/demog/en/>

SPREP (Pacific Regional Environment Programme): <http://www.sprep.org/>

10 September 2006: Environmental Protocols for the Pacific adopted by the Parties

For the environment in the Pacific region, an historic event took place in Noumea on Sunday 10 September. Various Pacific island nations and others with an interest in the region, adopted three Protocols that deal with the protection of the regional environment from marine spills, and the dumping of hazardous and noxious substances.

More information at: http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=307

15 September 2006: Pacific Island Countries Sign New Agreement to Conserve Whales and Dolphins and their Habitats

A new international framework to conserve Pacific Island whales and dolphins (cetaceans) and their habitats came into effect today. Nine Pacific Island Countries (PICs) signed the agreement in Noumea, New Caledonia. The signing ceremony took place during the SPREP Environment Ministers Meeting.

More information at: http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=312

World Trade Organization (WTO): <http://www.wto.org>

25 September 2006: What WTO for the XXI Century?

Director-General Pascal Lamy, in his opening remarks to the WTO Public Forum on 25 September 2006, noted the “frustration and regret” of WTO members, academia and civil society over the risk of “losing a major — maybe unique — opportunity to integrate more vulnerable economies into international trade, and undermining their potential for contributing to sustainable growth and poverty alleviation”

More information at: http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/sppl_e/sppl38_e.htm

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**Calendar of meetings and activities**

| <b>October</b> |                   |                                                                                           |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Body</b>       | <b>Meeting / Activity</b>                                                                 |
| 2              | Forum Secretariat | Pacific Plan Taskforce Committee Meeting held at Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji            |
| 2-6            | SPREP             | Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change, FSM                                                 |
| 2-6            | Forum Secretariat | ICT Meeting held at Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji                                 |
| 3-4            | Forum Secretariat | Pre Forum FOC & FOC Budget & Work Prog Session held at Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji      |
| 5              | Forum Secretariat | Seminar Series, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Economic Governance)     |
| 7              | Forum Secretariat | ICT Taskforce Meeting held at Nadi, Fiji                                                  |
| 9-10           | Forum Secretariat | PASO Council Meeting held at Apia, Samoa                                                  |
| 9-13           | SPREP             | Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change, Nauru                                               |
| 10-11          | WTO               | WTO General Council                                                                       |
| 13–24th        | SOPAC             | MBD National Workshop for PNG, Madang, PNG                                                |
| 16             | WTO               | Launch of World Investment Report 2006                                                    |
| 16 – 18        | Forum Secretariat | PACP Negotiating Group Meeting, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji           |
| 16-20          | SPREP             | Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change, Tuvalu                                              |
| 18-20          | ADB               | 2006 Asian Regional Forum on Aid Effectiveness                                            |
| 19 - 20        | Forum Secretariat | Regional Negotiating Team (RNT), Meeting, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji |
| 23             | Forum Secretariat | SIS Leaders' Summit held at Nadi, Fiji                                                    |

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| 23      | Forum Secretariat | Pacific ACP Leaders' Summit held at Nadi, Fiji                                                        |
| 23 - 24 | Forum Secretariat | Joint PACP-EC Technical Working Group Meeting (JTWG), Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji |
| 23-27   | SPREP             | Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change, PNG                                                             |
| 23-27   | SPREP             | Pacific Environmental Information Network Phase III: National Activity, American Samoa                |
| 24      | Forum Secretariat | Official Opening of the 37th Pacific Island Forum held at Nadi, Fiji                                  |
| 24      | Forum Secretariat | Forum Leaders' Retreat held at Nadi, Fiji                                                             |
| 24-26   | ADB               | Workshop on Effective Implementation of Strategic Plans and Programs                                  |
| 25      | Forum Secretariat | 37th Pacific Islands Forum Formal Session held at Nadi, Fiji                                          |
| 26-27   | Forum Secretariat | 18th Post-Forum Dialogue Partners Meeting held at Nadi, Fiji                                          |
| 26-27   | Forum Secretariat | Joint PACP-EC Technical Working Group Mtg held at Brussels                                            |
| 30 - 31 | Forum Secretariat | Regional Negotiating Team (RNT) Meeting, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji              |

| <b>November</b> |                   |                                                                                    |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Body</b>       | <b>Meeting / Activity</b>                                                          |
| 6-7             | Forum Secretariat | Joint Meeting for PACP Trade & Fisheries Ministers held at Port Vila, Vanuatu      |
| 6-7             | WTO               | OECD Policy Dialogue with non-Members on Aid for Trade: from Policy to Practice    |
| 8-9             | Forum Secretariat | Pacific ACP Trade Ministers Meeting (PACPTMM) held at Port Vila, Vanuatu           |
| 12-13           | Forum Secretariat | APEC Concluding Senior Officials Meeting held at Hanoi, Vietnam                    |
| 12-23           | SOPAC             | Aggregates Assessment and EIA study in Namosi and Sigatoka, Fiji, by SOPAC and MRD |
| 15              | Forum Secretariat | ADB Steering Committee Meeting held at Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji               |
| 15-16           | Forum Secretariat | 18th APEC Joint Ministerial Meeting held at Hanoi, Vietnam                         |
| 15-17           | Forum Secretariat | PACPTMM & PACPTOM held at Nadi, Fiji                                               |

| <b>December</b> |             |                           |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Body</b> | <b>Meeting / Activity</b> |
| 20-21           | WTO         | WTO General Council       |

**Note:**

Further information is available at the following websites:

ADB: <http://www.adb.org/News/calendar.asp>

Forum Secretariat <http://www.forumsec.org.fj/> -> Events

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>

WTO: [http://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/events\\_e/events\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/events_e/events_e.htm)

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## 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 October e-Update is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2006. Article submissions should be brief and text only.

Please email to [piango@connect.com.fj](mailto: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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|------------------|---------------|
| Aotearoa / NZ    | ANGOA         |
| Australia        | ACFID         |
| Cook Islands     | CIANGO        |
| Fiji             | FCOSS         |
| Kiribati         | KANGO         |
| Micronesia (FSM) | FANGO         |
| Nauru            | NIANGO        |
| New Caledonia    | UTLN / Kanaky |
| Niue             | NIANGO        |
| PNG (interim)    | MNCL          |
| Samoa            | SUNGO         |
| Solomon Islands  | DSE           |
| Tahiti           | Hiti Tau      |
| Tonga            | CSFT          |
| Tuvalu           | TANGO         |

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|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bougainville    | Nikana Ma'atara |
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| Palau           | PCAA            |
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