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Pacific Civil Societies Play Crucial Role in Advocating for MDGs

Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) have crucial and significant roles in advocating and holding governments as duty bearers accountable for their respective country's progress on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

These were the comments of Gary Wiseman, Manager of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP Pacific Centre) this afternoon at the Pacific Regional CSO Forum in Tonga.

"UNDP Pacific Centre recognises that majority of the civil societies present here are already working in these areas and we continue to motivate you to promote and advocate the MDGs." he emphasises to participants.

According to Wiseman, CSOs could be part of the progress of monitoring and reporting (M&E) on MDG progress and participating in consultations and policy debates on planning and budgeting.

He added that CSOs play an important role in the MDG service delivery, particularly at decentralised levels and in outer islands and using M&E data as a basis for informed decision-making.

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