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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

- TO:** PIANGO National Liaison Units (NLUs) in Fiji, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Pacific Climate Action Network (PCAN) Members in Kiribati and the Solomon Islands.
- SUBJECT:** PIANGO Regional Climate Change Advocacy and Communications Workshop
- DATE:** 14-16 December, 2011
- LOCATION:** Nadi, Fiji Islands

PURPOSE OF NOTICE

1. The Pacific Islands Association of Non Government Organisations (PIANGO) would like to invite representatives from selected National Liaison Units (NLUs) in Fiji (FCOSS), Cook Islands (CIANGO), Kiribati (KANGO), Papua New Guinea (MNCL), Samoa (SUNGO), Solomon Islands, Tonga (CSFT) and Tuvalu (TANGO) to participate in a Regional Climate Change Advocacy and Communications Workshop to be held in **Nadi, Fiji Islands, from 14-16 December, 2011.**
2. This Notice serves as an official request for nominations from the above PIANGO member NLUs for an official representative to the workshop.
3. PIANGO will fund direct travel costs, accommodation and meals for nominated NLU representatives.

BACKGROUND TO MEETING

In October 2008, 82 NGO national platforms from around the world created the International Forum of NGO national platforms. The members of the forum ratified six priority themes on which they agreed to share their reflections and work, draw up position papers and lobby governments and international governmental organisations.

This process was given the term Non-Governmental Diplomacy Exercise (NGDE). The exercises decided on are: ODA and development funding; prevention and resolution of conflicts; access to water and sanitation; fight against inequalities and exclusion; regulation of agricultural markets and climate change. For each exercise, it was suggested that one platform spearhead the secretariat of the task force for a period of two years.

As a result, PIANGO was selected to spearhead the Non Government Diplomacy Exercise (NGDE) on Climate Change actions in the Pacific region.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

4. The purpose of the Workshop is five-fold.
5. Firstly, the workshop will contextualise the global situation on climate change and the ensuing challenges and issues as a result of development.
6. Secondly, it will focus on sharing Pacific stories, challenges and actions in the area of climate change with a view to consolidate activities and actions.
7. Thirdly, the workshop will identify and articulate the Pacific's religious and spiritual foundations and contexts in terms of climate change actions.
8. Fourthly, it will discuss advocacy and communications tools and strategies to advocate the issue of climate change at media, local and policy levels.
9. Fifthly, and taking into consideration the above, the meeting will discuss and develop a framework for a manual on climate change advocacy and actions for adaptation, translation and use at community and local levels in the Pacific Islands.

Expected Outcomes

1. Identification of Pacific challenges in the context of Pacific climate change actions and globalisation.
2. Identification of the Pacific's religious and spiritual foundations and contexts in terms of climate change actions.
3. Development of the required skills on climate change advocacy at media, local and policy levels.
4. Development of a framework for a manual on climate change advocacy and action for adaptation, translation and use at local and community levels in the Pacific Islands.

MEETING REPORT

5. The formal report of the meeting will be concise, and will consist of:
 - (a) A detailed “Summary of Discussions” report to be prepared by the meeting Rapporteur on behalf of the PIANGO Secretariat. This will be a summary record of discussions covering the meeting proceedings.

ACCOMODATION

6. PIANGO will pay for accommodation and meals.

TRAVEL

7. PIANGO will provide all participating NLU representatives with an economy class return air ticket via the most economical route. Should participants wish to travel by a route other than the one proposed, all additional travel costs incurred will be at their own expense. Ticketing will not be done until an official nomination has been received.

MEETING CONTACTS

8. Official nominations to be sent to: Ms Emele Duituturaga, Interim Executive Director, PIANGO Secretariat, Suva, Fiji Islands. Email: emele@piango.net with copy to Ms Colati Osborne, PIANGO Secretariat. Email: colatiosborne@gmail.com and Debbie Singh, Communications and Advocacy Coordinator, PIANGO Secretariat. Email: deb.singh@yahoo.com.
9. Administrative issues, visa information and documentation, airline bookings and ticketing and accommodation queries should also be sent to the above mentioned persons at the email addresses above.

INSURANCE

10. The Pacific Islands Association of Non Government Organisations does not insure participants while attending its meetings or during travel to and from meeting host countries. PIANGO will therefore, not be responsible for any expenses arising out of sickness, injury, other disability or loss of life. It is the responsibility of participants to ensure that their travel is covered by insurance.



Debbie Singh - On behalf of
Ms Emele Duituturaga
Interim Executive Director
Pacific Islands Association of Non Government Organisations (PIANGO)

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