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PIANGO Has a New Executive Director

The Pacific Islands Association of Non Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) Programme Manager for Capacity Building and former Coordinator of Kiribati Association of Non Governmental Organisations (KANGO), Bakanebo Tamaroa is the new Executive Director (ED) of PIANGO.

Mr. Tamaroa took up the position of ED last Friday. The Secretariat was without an Executive Director since December last year after the previous ED Cema Bolabola completed her contract of three years.

Drew Havea, PIANGO Board deputy chair, said that it was a significant day for PIANGO as the Board fully supported the new ED in taking the Secretariat forward.

“From the Board’s perspective, we are confident that Bakanebo with his experience can bring about NLU members to participate and move forward PIANGO’s vision and mission.

Bakanebo stood out in both exercises of the interview, where management skills, understanding of national NLUs and their issues, working with donors and other partners, internal workings of the Secretariat and leadership styles made him the best candidate”.

The panel for the selection included a PIANGO Board member, a PIANGO Fiji NLU Board representative, a PIANGO consultant and a representative from NZAID.

Mr. Tamaroa graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Management & Public Administration and Educational Administration in 2001 at USP. He has also gained training in MYOB Accounting Software, and International program for Development Evaluation Training.

He has worked with the Peace Corps Volunteers from 2000 to 2001 as a Language and Cultural Instructor before joining the Kiribati Technical Institute as a Management Trainer, training private and NGO workers on communication and management skills.

Bakanebo Tamaroa tremendously contributed to the Graduate Diploma Programme (GDP), a course for NGO coordinators managed by PIANGO in collaboration with Unitec of New Zealand.

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He was a school teacher by profession with vast knowledge of NGOs and their development needs before joining PIANGO as its Capacity Building Programme Manager.

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Caption; *PIANGO new Executive Director, Bakanebo Tamaroa (left) with the Secretariat staff. Kiji Faktaufon (PIANGO/AVI assistant), Katabwena Tawaka, Litiana Domokamica and Julie Kerrigan at the PIANGO Secretariat.*