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WHO ARE WE?

The Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) is a regional network of national umbrella NGOs.

It has focal points or coordinating bodies known as National Liaison Units (NLUs) in 21 Pacific Island countries and non – self - governing countries.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Conch Shell is widely used within the islands of the Pacific. It symbolises “Communication”. The sound of the conch shell is a summons for people to gather in a particular place.

The circular sand drawing reflects “Spiritual Unity” or “Oneness” and originates from the South Pacific Island of Bali Hai or Ambae (as commonly known).

Legend has it that Tagaro (the God of Creation) requires that everyone who shares in his “Spiritual” kingdom must be familiar with this symbol and its significance.



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Strengthening NGO Effectiveness
in the Pacific

VISION - Strong and effective NGO and civil society sector for a just and peaceful Pacific community.



PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

Facilitate active networking among NGOs at all levels throughout the region.

Promote and enable access to, sharing and dissemination of information, ideas, experience and resources (including human resources) among NGOs throughout the region.

Enable NGOs to better understand, fulfill and develop their roles and functions, and strengthen their organisation and program capacities.

Assist in identifying, monitoring and analysing the needs of people in the Pacific and ways of increasing their roles in their own development, with emphasis on Pacific women and youth.

Provide means for collective voice and action on issues of concern to NGOs and the people they serve.

Play an active role in promoting regional Pacific identity and Pacific ways of thinking and responding.

Cooperate with other network organisations within or beyond the region which have similar sentiments.

MISSION - PIANGO exists to enable the Pacific extended family of NGOs to effectively promote and advance the interests and well-being of Pacific people. More specifically, PIANGO is a network of Pacific national umbrella NGOs, existing to facilitate communication, provide a common voice at regional and international fora, strengthen Pacific forms of social action, and improve the well-being of the communities NGOs serve. To make this happen, PIANGO will have sufficient ongoing funding and skilled staff to ensure this mission is realised.

CORE VALUES & BELIEFS

The following core values and beliefs are grounded in a collective view of the world and guide the work of the PIANGO network:

Wholeness and inclusiveness

PIANGO views development as a holistic process encompassing the spiritual, cultural, social, economic and political spheres of human experience. These aspects must be considered together in any development initiative aimed at enhancing the growth and wellbeing of people in the Pacific with explicit focus on those who are excluded from mainstream development.

Stewardship

PIANGO believes development should ensure environmental and economical sustainability for the wellbeing of present and future generations and encourage actions that nurture, protect and conserve Pacific peoples' total inheritance.

Cultural Diversity

PIANGO recognises and appreciates the rich cultural diversity within the region as a source of incredible strength and strives to preserve and sustain the unique values, traditions and identity of Pacific people.

Social Justice

PIANGO adheres to the principles of social justice, respects the individual and collective rights of all people including those stated in core UN conventions and promotes equality between men and women.

Self-Reliance and identity

PIANGO supports the right of people to organise in pursuit of their own interests and promotes actions that empower people, especially the poor, the oppressed and the marginalised, to define and lead their own development efforts. This includes the right of Pacific indigenous people to self-determination, sovereignty over their own territories and cultural integrity.

Interdependence

PIANGO believes in the power of collective action through dialogue, information exchange, consultation and teamwork, and actively pursues opportunities for working in solidarity with others to achieve common goals.

Peace

PIANGO values social harmony and unity within the region and advocates for the peaceful resolution of conflict between people through tolerance, understanding and compassion

PIANGO STRUCTURE



AREAS OF STRATEGIC FOCUS

Four main strategic focus areas will guide PIANGO towards achieving this vision:

1. **Sharing Information** for equitable and universal access to relevant and timely information on issues and concerns to NGOs and civil society in the Pacific.
2. **Building Capacity** for well governed, managed and resourced NGOs and NGO sector
3. **Strengthening Key Relationships** for high quality, responsive relationships within the Pacific NGO sector and between NGOs and their stakeholders
4. **Ensuring Quality Performance** towards an organisational structure, governance and management that will ensure productive, efficient, and cost-effective service delivery.