

PIANGO SIXTH TRIENNIAL COUNCIL MEETING

**10-11 AUGUST, 2008
RENDEZVOUS HOTEL
AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND**

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

The Pacific Islands Association of Non Government Organisations (PIANGO) held its Sixth Triennial Council Meeting from 10-11 August, 2008 at the Rendezvous Hotel, in Auckland, New Zealand. The Council was held to coincide with the 2008 Civil Society Organisation (CSO) Forum, also held at the Rendezvous Hotel from 12-14 August, 2008. The 2008 Pacific CSO Forum preceded the 2008 Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in Niue.

The Council was attended by PIANGO Board Members and Executive Directors of PIANGO's National Liaison Units (NLUs), including development partners (NZAID, AusAID, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and the United Nations Development Programme Pacific Sub-regional Centre).

The Council unanimously endorsed and adopted the following Resolutions:

1. GDP PROGRAMME

That PIANGO seek ways to transfer ownership of the Graduate Diploma Programme (GDP) from UNITEC (NZ) to the Secretariat by 2011. Furthermore, that while the programme would be based in Suva, it would work in partnership with national and regional NLUs and that UNITEC would continue its support, where needed, until CSO training centres are strengthened. *(Fiji motion)*

That the Secretariat prepare a Concept Paper on the above proposal for presentation to the PIANGO Board. *(Fiji motion)*

That, as per the recommendation endorsed at the 5th Triennial Council Meeting in 2005, urgent consideration be given to the extension of the PIMI/GDP courses to Micronesia and the Northern Pacific. *(FSM motion)*

2. FUNDING

In welcoming the overall new strategic direction being taken by the Secretariat, and in relation to the Small Grants Scheme, the Council proposed that the Secretariat allocate adequate funding via the Scheme to NLUs and their members, particularly NLUs such as the Tuvalu Association of Non Government Organisations (TANGO) for whom the lack of core funding continues to be an ongoing struggle. *(Tuvalu motion)*

3. FRANCOPHONE TERRITORIES

That, as a regional organisation and one working in two official languages, PIANGO provide French interpretation services for its French-speaking membership and representatives of other French-speaking Civil Society Organisations present at regional meetings organised by the Secretariat. *(RMI motion)*

4. INDEPENDENCE

That PIANGO allow individual NLUs who wish to form their own relationships with Governments to be able to do so. *(Tahiti Nui motion)*

5. SECRETARIAT FINANCIAL REPORT

That the Council receives, unaudited, the Financial Report of the Secretariat and requests that the Secretariat submit the audited Financial Report to the Board for approval by September 2008.

(Fiji motion)

That the audited financial reports of 2005 and 2006 be accepted, on the proviso that the audited 2007 financial report would be made available to Board Members by September 2008.

(PNG motion)

6. CAPACITY BUILDING

That the Secretariat make capacity building a priority concern, particularly in the context of the needs of Kiribati and Micronesia and explore ways to obtain funding for the recruitment of staff for these NLUs. *(PNG motion)*

That the Secretariat begin working on a needs analysis to assess the capacity of NLUs, particularly those without office premises. *(Samoa motion)*

7. That the Council accept in principle, the proposal to establish a “Sharing-Well” (capacity building fund/envelope) and that the Secretariat prepare a Concept Paper on the proposal for presentation to the PIMER meeting and disseminated to NLUs for consideration by their Members before endorsement by the Board. *(Fiji motion)*

That a regional meeting be convened with interested donors to brief them on the concept and seek their assistance in its establishment. *(Fiji motion)*

8. SECRETARIAT REPORT ON PROGRESS

The Council agreed that the Report of the PIANGO Executive Director be accepted with amendments and with priority being given to capacity building courses (via GDP etc) for the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM); the consideration of additional staff for NLUs and the interim acceptance, but not endorsement, of the PIANGO 2007 Financial Report.

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