



# PIANGO

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **1<sup>st</sup> PIANGO NLU Consultation for Planning, Implementation, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (PIMER) 24-28<sup>th</sup> April 2006, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji**

The inaugural PIANGO NLU consultation for Planning, Implementation, Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (PIMER) will be held from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at the Forum Secretariat in Suva, Fiji.

The consultation will discuss the PIANGO Strategic Plan 2006-2010, being presented by the PIANGO board, and the implementation of the new plan. As the lead umbrella organisation for national NGOs in the Pacific region, these strategies will provide guidance for the NGOs on communicating and sharing information, building capacity, strengthening key relationships and ensuring quality performance.

The strategic plan incorporates the Graduate Diploma in Not-for-Profit Management, the Pacific Plan, Millennium Development Goals, and CSOs in the Commonwealth.

Attending the week long consultation will be directors of National Liaison Units (NLU), umbrella organisations representing NGOs from their respective Pacific island countries, and PIANGO board members. PIANGO partners, donors, volunteer agencies, PIFS and UNDP will all be represented for various round table discussions.

“This consultation will provide valuable information, resources and tools for NLUs and subsequently the national NGO sector. The people of the Pacific island countries will greatly benefit from their NGOs having enhanced skills and resources to assist them to do their work better.” says Cema Bolabola, Executive Director, PIANGO.

The principal facilitator is Mary Jane Rivers, the PIANGO strategic planner, sponsored by NZAID.

PIANGO would like to thank NZAID, PIFS and UNDP PSRC for their generous sponsorship that has allowed this inaugural consultation to happen.

The consultation will be officially opened by the NZ High Commissioner, His Excellency Mr Michael Green.

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**About PIANGO:**

The Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) is a regional network of NGOs. It has focal points, or coordination bodies known as National Liaison Units (NLU) in 22 Pacific Island countries and territories.

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.

**Graduate Diploma in Not-for-Profit Management (GDipNFP):**

PIANGO, in conjunction with Unitec of New Zealand, has developed the graduate diploma for managers and co-ordinators of not-for-profit organisations, team leaders, volunteers and board members.

This is a professional qualification that directly addresses the complexity of working in a not-for-profit organisation. It highlights the differences between managing in the not-for-profit sector and a business or government department.

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