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Secretariat Briefs

ADB Grants available for NGO initiatives to prevent HIV/AIDS: Applications close 30 September 2006

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a US\$ 1.5 million grant for NGO initiatives to prevent HIV/AIDS. Financed by the HIV/AIDS Trust fund, funded by the Government of Sweden, the NGO grant is part of a package of sub-projects set-up to help us fight this dreaded disease. Grant awards up to US\$ 50,000 per initiative... or more. If your NGO is working in one of ADB's developing member countries (DMCs) in the Pacific, and is active in HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and/or treatment, this fund is open to you. *More information at:*

<http://www.adb.org/NGOs/Grants/hiv-aids-grant.asp>

nzaid - Next round for Governance and Conflict Prevention Fund applications due 29 September 2006

The Governance and Conflict Prevention Fund, as part of the Pacific Programme for Strengthening Governance, provides funding to strengthen governance at all levels of society in developing countries in the Pacific. It is open to organisations working in the Pacific who are seeking support for their work in conflict prevention, human rights, gender equity, and civil society participation in governance. *More information at:* <http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/programmes/r-pac-governance.html>

nzaid - Next round for Pacific Island countries Participation Fund applications due 9 October 2006

The Pacific Island Countries Participation Fund programme funds the attendance by Pacific Islanders at regional and international conferences. Funding may cover all or some of the cost of travel, accommodation, per diems and conference fees. *More information at:*

<http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/pic/index.html>

Conference Room available for use

The Conference Room located at the PIANGO Secretariat in Nasese, Suva, is available for use by NGOs. The Conference Room will hold up to 15 people, is air conditioned with a whiteboard

and has kitchen and bathroom facilities attached. For bookings, contact the PIANGO Secretariat on (679) 330 2963 or email piango@connect.com.fj

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## **Pacific NGO Briefs**

### **CIANGO launches PIANGO Strategic Plan in Cook Islands**

The PIANGO Strategic Plan 2006-2010 was launched in the Cook Islands on Friday 25 August by the Minister Responsible for NGOs in the Cook Islands Hon Ngamau Munokoa. Also attending were the Minister of Internal Affairs Aunty Mau and the Hon Tom Marsters, along with various government representatives, NGO representatives, public figures and well wishers.

### **CIANGO - Freer Pacific trade promoted at workshop**

Non-government organisations in the Cook Islands are seeking a formal process of consultation with government as work on developing negotiating positions proceeds with the PICTA agreement. In June, Cook Islanders Anthony Brown and Anthony Turua attended a trade negotiation workshop in Fiji, and on their return, they recommended holding a workshop to allow Cook Island NGOs a better understanding of what the agreement involves. In addition, the workshop also focused on the Pacific Plan, enabling them to make constructive plans and recommendations for the NGO contribution to the Pacific report for the Pacific Island Leaders Forum in October.

### **Free CD-ROM version of the Global Invasive Species Database now available**

Pacific islands have a powerful new tool to help manage invasive species, thanks to the May 23, 2006 launch of the CD-ROM version of the Global Invasive Species Database (GISD). Invasive species have far reaching economic and environmental effects around the world, but small island states are especially vulnerable to the threat of introduced plants and animals that may have devastating effects in a very short time. The GISD has been freely available on-line at [www.issg.org/database](http://www.issg.org/database) since 2000. Now, the CD-ROM version will allow more people to access the information where internet access is restricted or non-existent. For a free copy of the CD-ROM, just send your name and postal address to Michael Browne at [m.browne@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:m.browne@auckland.ac.nz)

### **Solomon Islands: RAMSI/Civil Society Meeting**

There have been two meetings so far between Civil Society and RAMSI. The first meeting was held on 2nd August and the second one was held on 10th August. The first meeting was informative as RAMSI presented its mid-term strategies and update of other activities that have been implemented. RAMSI provided copies of draft reports on Phase I; Capacity Building Phase II: Law and Order and the Performance Framework Baseline Report. The purpose of the second meeting was to look at three key questions and obtain feedback from civil society. The questions are; what would a functioning and effective state look like; what is the role of non-government actors; Monitoring RAMSI's progress – Is RAMSI on track to achieve its objectives?. If you wish to contribute your thoughts/views, please contact Stefan Knollmayer

[Stefan.Knollmayer@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Stefan.Knollmayer@dfat.gov.au) RAMSI has developed a website: [www.ramsi.org](http://www.ramsi.org)

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GDP Courses and dates

Ethical Management of Change: 4th - 8th September in Papua New Guinea

This course explores the implications for NFP organisations in the ethical management of change. It includes ethical decision making, strategic planning, quality management and the

implementation of change. On completion you will be able to analyse and affect change in an ethical manner, initiate and manage the strategic planning process, and incorporate quality management systems into the operation of your organisation.

Further information: mncl@online.net.pg or bakanebo@piango.net

Social Audit: 18th - 22nd September in Vanuatu

This course is an organisational development process in which an organisation compares its impact against its stated values and goals as seen through the eyes of its stakeholders. This course too will enable participants to critically determine if a social audit is useful for an organisation and facilitate planning for a social audit in a not-for-profit organisation.

Further information: vango@vanuatu.comvu or bakanebo@piango.net

Culture and Values: 25th - 29th September in Tonga

To explore what is different about managing a NFP organisation than a business or government department. You examine the distinct values and culture of NFP organisations in the Pacific, overseas and of your organisation in particular. You analyse what this means for your approach to management, leadership and your learning on this programme.

Further information: csft@kalianet.to or bakanebo@piango.net

Social Audit: 16th - 20th October Samoa

This course is an organisational development process in which an organisation compares its impact against its stated values and goals as seen through the eyes of its stakeholders. This course too will enable participants to critically determine if a social audit is useful for an organisation and facilitate planning for a social audit in a not-for-profit organisation.

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Ethical Management of Change: 30th October - 3 November in Fiji

This course explores the implications for NFP organisations in the ethical management of change. It includes ethical decision making, strategic planning, quality management and the implementation of change. On completion you will be able to analyse and affect change in an ethical manner, initiate and manage the strategic planning process, and incorporate quality management systems into the operation of your organisation.

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## **Pacific Donor News**

**ADB (Asian Development Bank):** <http://www.adb.org/>

#### **2 August 2006: ADB Must Harness Civil Society for Poverty Reduction, Report Says**

ADB and governments need to recognize the dual role of civil society organizations as critics and allies to broaden strategic alliances for poverty reduction. That is the conclusion of a new report released by ADB's Operations and Evaluation Department (OED) that analyzed the complex relationship between ADB and CSOs.

*More information at:* <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2006/10355-regional-poverty-reduction/>

#### **9 August 2006: Grant to Improve Rural Roads in Solomon Islands**

A US\$16.2 million grant package should help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the national network of rural roads in Solomon Islands.

*More information at:* <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2006/10399-Solomon-Islands-roads/>

**21 August 2006: ADB Launches Second Governance and Anticorruption Action Plan**

ADB launched a government and anticorruption action plan which aims to improve the effectiveness of ADB's development assistance and to contribute to poverty reduction throughout the region.

More information at: <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2006/10472-regional-governance/>

**AusAID:** <http://www.ausaid.gov.au>

**8 August 2006: Australian Aid - Helping Health Systems Deliver**

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer launched the Australian Government's new overseas aid health policy: Helping Health Systems Deliver. This underlies our commitment to significantly increase health expenditure over the next five years, boosting health systems in the Asia-Pacific region and improving the treatment and prevention of illness and disease for millions of people.

More information at:

[http://www.ausaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=72\\_5807\\_9451\\_9773\\_9905](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=72_5807_9451_9773_9905)

**23 August 2006: Australia to Boost Regional Linkages Through Fellowships Program**

Australia's ties within the Asia Pacific region will be strengthened with the opening of the inaugural round of the Australian Leadership Awards Fellowships Program by Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs Teresa Gambaro.

More information at:

[http://www.ausaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=4850\\_1084\\_936\\_5579\\_9173](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=4850_1084_936_5579_9173)

**Focus - vol. 21 no. 3 - Sept-Dec 2006**

Focus is AusAID's flagship magazine. It aims to make Australia's overseas aid program more widely known and encourage discussion on development issues. You can subscribe to Focus online.

More information at:

[http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/pubout.cfm?ID=1078\\_4163\\_8022\\_1141\\_5515](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/pubout.cfm?ID=1078_4163_8022_1141_5515)

**30 August 2006: Australia Continues its Strong Commitment to Helping the Environment in Developing Countries**

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Alexander Downer, announced that the Australian Government will commit \$59.8 million to help developing countries protect their environment and promote environmentally sustainable economic growth. The funding, through the Global Environment Facility (GEF), will help developing countries reduce the impact of desertification and climate change, and maintain biodiversity. The funding will also help maintain the health of international waterways and reduce damaging pollutants and ozone depleting substances.

More information at:

[http://www.ausaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=9741\\_7117\\_6389\\_3830\\_3357](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=9741_7117_6389_3830_3357)

**Commonwealth Foundation:** <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com>

**22 August 2006: An Agenda for Growth and Livelihoods - New Publication**

Since 2002, the Commonwealth Foundation has helped to facilitate civil society input to the annual Commonwealth Finance Ministers Meeting (CFMM). In 2006, the Commonwealth Foundation undertook pan-Commonwealth e-consultations and organised an international workshop to facilitate civil society participation in the CFMM meeting in Sri Lanka, September 2006. The process led to the articulation of a pan-Commonwealth civil society position and recommendations on the special theme An Agenda for Growth and Livelihoods.

More information at:

[http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/news/news/detail.cfm?id=248&cat\\_id=45](http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/news/news/detail.cfm?id=248&cat_id=45)

**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP):** <http://www.undp.org>

**15 August 2006: 2006 Equator Prize nominations sought**

Honoring outstanding community projects that reduce poverty through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, the biennial Equator Prize pays tribute to local communities throughout the developing world that are achieving remarkable results in their grassroots efforts to promote sustainable economic development and achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In addition to international recognition for their work and an opportunity to help shape international policy and practice in the field, each winner will receive a prize of US\$30,000. Nominations will close October 31, 2006.

More information at: <http://content.undp.org/go/newsroom/august-2006/2006-equator-prize-20060815.en>

**World Bank:** <http://www.worldbank.org>

**13 August 2006: Access To Seasonal Work In Neighbouring Economies Vital To The Pacific's Development**

Giving unskilled workers from the Pacific Islands access to seasonal employment in neighbouring developed economy labour markets is essential to the future development of the region, a new World Bank report has found.

More information at:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK:21021183~menuPK:51062075~pagePK:34370~piPK:34424~theSitePK:4607,00.html>

**28 August 2006: World Environment Body gets a US\$ 3.13 Billion Boost**

The world's largest environmental funding body—Global Environment Facility (GEF)—received its biggest ever financial boost with 32 governments agreeing to contribute US\$ 3.13 billion to finance environmental projects over the next four years.

More information at:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK:21034588~pagePK:34370~piPK:34424~theSitePK:4607,00.html>

**29 August 2006: Development under Climate Threat**

The World Bank urged the international community to integrate climate risk concerns now in development strategies in order to safeguard economic growth and poverty reduction gains in the short and long term. "The impacts on investments, through increased costs or significant redirection, are estimated at 1 to 2 percent of the investment portfolio, or about \$200 million to \$400 million per year within the World Bank Group, and at least \$1 billion for all official development assistance and concessional lending."

More information at:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK:21035991~pagePK:34370~piPK:34424~theSitePK:4607,00.html>

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Other News

Australian Development Gateway: <http://www.developmentgateway.com.au>

28 August - 8 September 2006 Ask the IT Specialist

Lyndon Voigt answers your questions on using Information and Communication Technologies to achieve greater development effectiveness.

More information at: <http://www.developmentgateway.com.au/jahia/Jahia/pid/251>

Islands Business: <http://www.islandsbusiness.com>

August issue out now, including Pacific Plan, RAMSI and aviation.

More information at: http://www.islandsbusiness.com/islands_business/

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS): <http://www.forumsec.org>

7 August 2006: Forum Secretariat Employs Disability Coordination Officer

The issues of people with disabilities in Pacific Island Countries are to get a better hearing with the employment, for the first time, of a Disability Coordination Officer at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in Suva, Fiji.

More information at:

<http://www.forumsec.org/index.cfm?go=main.resources&cmd=forumview&cbegin=360&uid=newsroom001&catuid=F082D999-CF43-E090-B761BA94E58BDFAFA&cid=347>

10 August 2006: CROP work together on Pacific Plan implementation

The chief executive officers of the Council of Regional Organizations of the Pacific (CROP) have agreed to pull together their resources to assist the implementation of the Pacific Plan at the national level throughout the region.

More information at:

<http://www.forumsec.org/index.cfm?go=main.resources&cmd=forumview&cbegin=360&uid=newsroom001&catuid=F082D999-CF43-E090-B761BA94E58BDFAFA&cid=349>

22 August 2006: SIS Desk Officer urged to help implement Pacific Plan

Desk Officers appointed in Small Island States (SIS) of the Pacific Islands Forum have been strongly urged to assist their national governments with the implementation of the Pacific Plan.

More information at:

<http://www.forumsec.org/index.cfm?go=main.resources&cmd=forumview&cbegin=360&uid=newsroom001&catuid=F082D999-CF43-E090-B761BA94E58BDFAFA&cid=354>

24 August 2006: In-country capacity key to Pacific Plan progress

National mechanisms must be strengthened to ensure Forum Members are in the driver's seat of strengthened regionalism under the Pacific Plan. This was one of the central points of discussion at the Pacific Plan Action Committee (PPAC) meeting underway recently in Nadi, Fiji.

More information at:

<http://www.forumsec.org/index.cfm?go=main.resources&cmd=forumview&cbegin=360&uid=newsroom001&catuid=F082D999-CF43-E090-B761BA94E58BDFAFA&cid=360>

24 August 2006: Partnerships in Education

The building of strong partnerships across the region will be a key to the success of the Pacific Plan and a good example has begun in the education sector with entities working together to harmonise approaches in the sector.

More information at:

<http://www.forumsec.org/index.cfm?go=main.resources&cmd=forumview&cbegin=360&uid=newsroom001&catuid=F082D999-CF43-E090-B761BA94E58BDFAFA&cid=358>

29 August 2006: PIFS to work with PICs on UN disability convention

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat will work with Forum Island Countries to encourage them to sign up to a draft United Nations disability convention approved by a Committee of the UN's General Assembly in New York last week. The draft text of the convention safeguarding the world's 650 million disabled people from discrimination was approved by a UN general assembly panel on 26th August and is expected to take effect as early as 2008 or 2009.

More information at:

<http://www.forumsec.org/index.cfm?go=main.resources&cmd=forumview&cbegin=362&uid=newsroom001&catuid=F082D999-CF43-E090-B761BA94E58BDFAFA&cid=362>

Pacific Regional Economic Integration Programme (PACREIP):

www.pacreip.org

22 August 2006: PACREIP launches website to assist EPA negotiations

Pacific Island Countries negotiation of an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the European Union (EU) will be assisted with the launch of a website containing information on the Pacific Regional Economic Integration Programme (PACREIP). The website is – www.pacreip.org

More information at: www.pacreip.org

Pacific Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT): <http://www.rrrt.org>

30 August 2006: HIV/AIDS coordinator calls for more government commitment

Vanuatu's National HIV/AIDS Coordinator yesterday called for greater commitment from Government on addressing HIV/AIDS. Speaking in Port Vila at a "refresher" workshop for local Community Paralegals organised by the Pacific Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) and Vanuatu Rural Development and Training Centres Association (VRDTCA), Marina Laklotal said HIV/AIDS had an impact on all aspects of social life.

More information at: http://www.rrrt.org/page.asp?active_page_id=198

Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC): <http://www.spc.int>

SPC recently farewelled its Deputy Director General, Yves Corbel

Yves has served SPC since 1996, initially as SPC's first Cultural Adviser and later as Deputy Director-General (2000–2006). Under his leadership, the division expanded considerably. In particular, his forward-looking policy of collaboration between sections and programmes has enabled SPC to deliver enhanced services to the people of all SPC member countries and territories.

More information at: <http://www.spc.int/>

SPREP (Pacific Regional Environment Programme): <http://www.sprep.org/>

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More information at: http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=298

17 August 2006: Last CROP Meeting for FFA Director-General

The Director-General of the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), Feleti Teo, bowed out of his last Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) meeting as his six-year term comes to an end in November.

More information at: http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=299

University of the South Pacific (USP): <http://www.usp.ac.fj>

21 August 2006: Japanese Collaboration to Promote Environment and Sustainable Development in the Pacific Islands Countries

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the University of the South Pacific and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) of Japan as part of the phase II activities of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Environment and Development (APFED), aimed at promoting environmentally sustainable development.

More information at: <http://www.usp.ac.fj/news/story.php?id=150>

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## Calendar of meetings and activities

| August  |                   |                                                                                                      |
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| Date    | Body              | Meeting / Activity                                                                                   |
| 1-4     | SPREP             | Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change National Consultation, Port Vila, Vanuatu                       |
| 7 – 11  | SPREP             | Pacific Environmental Information Network (PEIN) Phase 2, Niue                                       |
| 7-11    | SPREP             | Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change National Consultation, Honiara, Solomon Islands                 |
| 8 - 9   | Forum Secretariat | Training by Corporate Services, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Corporate Services) |
| 9 – 11  | SPREP             | CROP Executives Meeting, Apia, Samoa                                                                 |
| 14 – 18 | SPREP             | PEIN Phase 1: Technical Assessment of facilities, personnel and audience, Pohnpein, FSM              |
| 14-18   | SPREP             | Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change National Consultation, Avarua, Cook Islands                     |
| 17 & 24 | Forum Secretariat | Seminar Series, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Economic Governance)                |
| 21 – 25 | Forum Secretariat | First Regional Consultation of Trade Officials (venue tba)                                           |
| 21 – 25 | SOPAC             | CROP ICT WG / PAC – NET, Samoa                                                                       |
| 21-25   | SPREP             | Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change National Consultation, Niue                                     |
| 21 - 26 | SPREP             | Fifth annual Conference and AGM of PICISOC – PacINET 2006, Samoa                                     |
| tba     | Pacific Plan      | Second Pacific Plan Action Committee Meeting (PPAC), venue (tba)                                     |

| <b>September</b> |                   |                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Date</b>      | <b>Body</b>       | <b>Meeting / Activity</b>                                                                                                         |
| 5-12             | SOPAC             | PIF Diesel Training Workshop, Japan                                                                                               |
| 6                | Forum Secretariat | Seminar Series, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Economic Governance)                                             |
| 7-8              | SPREP             | Meeting of the Parties of the Apia, SPREP and Waigani Conventions, New Caledonia, Noumea                                          |
| 11-14            | SPREP             | 17 <sup>th</sup> SPREP Meeting and Associated Meetings, New Caledonia, Noumea                                                     |
| 14               | Forum Secretariat | Seminar Series, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Economic Governance)                                             |
| 15               | SPREP             | 6 <sup>th</sup> Environment Ministers' Forum, New Caledonia, Noumea                                                               |
| 8-19             | Forum Secretariat | TWG on Goods combined with TWG on Fisheries, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji                                      |
| 18-25            | SOPAC             | Aggregates Guidelines Presentation to Stakeholders and STAR Presentation, Solomons                                                |
| 20-22            | Forum Secretariat | TWG- Services combined with TWG-Investment, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji                                       |
| 22-28            | SOPAC             | STAR and the 35th Annual Session of the SOPAC Governing Council, Honiara, Solomon Islands                                         |
| 25-26            | Forum Secretariat | TWG-Legal, Institutional and Capacity Building (TWG-LICB) Issues, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji                 |
| 28-29            | Forum Secretariat | Hire of Main Conference & Fale, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji by Flowers for Life (for info)                                      |
| tba              | Forum Secretariat | Pacific ACP Leaders Meeting to consider reports from RNT and PACPTMM on progress of negotiations held back to back with the Forum |

| <b>October</b> |                   |                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Body</b>       | <b>Meeting / Activity</b>                                                                                |
| 2-4            | Pacific Plan      | Pre-Forum FOC and Budget Work Programme Session, Entire Conference Centre, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji |
| 2-6            | SPREP             | Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change, FSM                                                                |
| 5              | Forum Secretariat | Seminar Series, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji (Economic Governance)                    |
| 9-13           | SPREP             | Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change, Nauru                                                              |
| 13-24          | SOPAC             | MBD National Workshop for PNG, Madang, PNG                                                               |
| 16 -18         | Forum Secretariat | PACP Negotiating Group Meeting, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji                          |
| 16-20          | SPREP             | Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change, Tuvalu                                                             |
| 19-20          | Forum Secretariat | Regional Negotiating Team (RNT), Meeting, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji                |
| 23             | Pacific Plan      | Smaller Islands States Leaders' Summit                                                                   |

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| 23-24 | Forum Secretariat | Joint PACP-EC Technical Working Group Meeting (JTWG), Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji |
| 23-27 | SPREP             | Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change, PNG                                                             |
| 23-27 | SPREP             | Pacific Environmental Information Network Phase III: National Activity, American Samoa                |
| 24    | Pacific Plan      | Pacific ACP Leaders' Summit<br>Official Opening of the 37th Pacific Islands Forum                     |
| 25    | Pacific Plan      | Forum Leaders' Retreat                                                                                |
| 26    | Pacific Plan      | 37th Pacific Islands Forum                                                                            |
| 26-27 | Forum Secretariat | Joint PACP-EC Technical Working Group, Brussels (JTWG)                                                |
| 27    | Pacific Plan      | 18th Post-Forum Dialogue Partners Meeting                                                             |
| 28    | Pacific Plan      | 18th Post-Forum Dialogue Partners Meeting                                                             |
| 30-31 | Forum Secretariat | Regional Negotiating Team (RNT) Meeting, Committee Room A, Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji              |

**Note:**

Further information is available at the following websites:

Forum Secretariat <http://www.forumsec.org.fj/> -> Calendar of Meetings

Pacific Plan: <http://pacificplan.org/tiki-page.php?pageName=Yearly+Calendar>

SOPAC: <http://www.sopac.org/tiki/tiki-index.php?page=Calendar+of+Events+2006>

SPREP: <http://www.sprep.org/event/Events/Events-2006last.pdf>

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Suggestions / Feedback

Your suggestions for future articles are welcome, as well as any feedback on recent articles.

The closing date for article submissions for the September e-Update is Friday 22nd September 2006. Article submission should be brief and text only.

Please email to piango@connect.com.fj

About PIANGO

The Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) is a regional network of NGO focal points or coordinating bodies known as National Liaison Units (NLUs) based in 21 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. PIANGO's primary role is to be a catalyst for collective action, to facilitate and support coalitions and alliances on issues of common concern, and to strengthen the influence and impact of NGO efforts in the region.

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