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Association des ONGs des Iles du Pacifique**

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1. Secretariat Briefs

NZAID supporting women leaders in the Pacific - Applications close Monday 29 January 2007

Women have a crucial role to play in maximising the potential of Pacific Island nations and in recognition of this New Zealand is funding six Pacific women to attend the prestigious leadership development programme at the John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in July 2006. Further information available at <http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/library/docs/newzaid28.pdf>

nzaid - Governance and Conflict Prevention Fund

In regards to a previous posting for applications, nzaid will not be considering any future applications for the Governance and Conflict Prevention Fund for the present financial year (ie to June 2007).

International Women's Development Agency call for project proposals, due no later than 15 February 2007

The International Women's Development Agency (IWDA) calls for project proposals for the 2006/2007 financial year. Projects supported are located in the Pacific, and the key areas are Freedom from Violence, Participation in Decision-Making, Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS, Economic Empowerment, and Environment and Natural Resource Management. Proposals need to be received by the office no later than 15 February 2007. Further information at <http://www.iwda.org.au/wp/2006/12/10/how-do-i-apply/#more-101>

Complete NGO Survey and Training Manuals Available

The secretariat would like to give a special thank you to Sharon and her team in DSE for successfully completing the NGO Survey and Training Manuals available in the Solomon Islands. PIANGO secretariat wish to announce that the following information re NGOs providing capacity building services and published NGO Training Manuals are available for people who wish to use them in their trainings:

- Participatory Rural Appraisal (CPRA) Tool Kits
- Practicing Peace
- Good Governance
- Forest Management Training Manual
- Governance Training Manual for Women Resource Centre
- Training Manual for Young Leaders
- Community Based Disaster Management
- Credit Union Operating Manual, Savings club operating Manual

Monitoring & Evaluation Training for Staff using Results-Based Management (RBM)

Training for PIANGO Staff on Monitoring & Evaluation was conducted by the Programme Officer – Capacity Building. The Results-Based Management is one of the M & E management tools that focus on monitoring and evaluating the results including outputs, outcomes and impact. A follow up training one on one will continue until staff are able to make sense of this M & E tool and able to use in monitoring and evaluating their own individual works.

United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific

UNIC, based in Canberra, Australia, is the formal UN presence in Australia, and its information related

responsibilities also extend to Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Samoa, Tuvalu, Tonga and Vanuatu. UNIC is the principal local source of information about the United States system. Its responsibilities include the facilitation and dissemination of UN information to the wider community, such as government agencies, non-governmental organisations, educational institutions and the general public. Assisting the media on all UN-related issues, and promoting better public awareness and understanding of the aims and principles of the organisation, is a critical function of the office. For further information contact UNIC on tel: 61 2 62738200, fax: 61 2 62738206, email: jwatson@un.org.au

PIANGO Link

The next PIANGO Link newsletter will be published and distributed in the New Year.

PIANGO Secretariat closed for Christmas & New Year

The PIANGO Secretariat's last working day for 2006 will be Wednesday 20th December. The office will reopen on Wednesday 17th January 2007.

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

2. Pacific NGO Briefs

Solomon Islands - 1 December - World AIDS Day

Solomon Islands joined the world to mark World AIDS Day. A parade was held to mark the Day from Lawson tama to the Central market. The parade was led by the Solomon Islands Police Band and stakeholders from Non-Government Organisations took part in the event. There was large support from the public who participated in the activities at the Central market. Speeches from the women's, youth, church, Honiara City Council, and the HIV unit within the Ministry of Health was presented. As part of the program, there was an opportunity for questions and answers from the public to participate and expand their knowledge of this virus.

New Coordinator for the Nauru Island Association of NGOs (NIANGO)

The secretariat wish to congratulate Ms Julie Olsson who has been selected as the Coordinator for NIANGO. The secretariat would like to assure Julie and NIANGO Board for continuing support and assistance whenever required.

3. GDP Courses and Dates

Please submit one application for all required courses for 2007. Priority will be given to students who submit their enrollments by 1 February 2007. Contact details below.

Advanced Training of Trainers, Auckland, 12-16 February

ATOT enables participants to design and deliver effective interactive training sessions to clients/workers in not-for-profit organisations.

Culture and Values, Samoa, 19-23 February and Fiji 12-16 March

This course explores what is different about managing a NFP organisation than a business or government department. Students examine the distinct values, culture and characteristics of NFP organisations in Aotearoa, overseas and of your organisation in particular. Students analyse what this means for their approach to management, leadership and their learning on this programme.

Governance, PNG 12-16 March

This course enables students to clearly distinguish between governance and management, to critically evaluate the relationship between the two roles and to understand the complex functions of a not-for-profit governing body. On successful completion students will be able to work effectively with and within the governing body of a not-for-profit organisation.

Facilitation, Small Team Leadership, Negotiation. Vanuatu, 26-30 March

This course equips students with the skills needed to create and sustain effective teams, design and run training for staff and clients, make the most of meetings, and facilitate groups and teams at work. Students will also analyse the nature of conflict within an organisation and will be able to harness it creatively to

empower individuals and teams. Theories and models are actively tested and the learning is designed for students to develop skills and strategies that can be applied directly to their organisation.

The GDP course timetable and the GDP brochure for 2007 are available on the PIANGO website at <http://www.piango.org/pimi.htm>

To find out more about the GDP, read the brochure and the 2007 timetable. To apply for a place on these courses, please contact your local country contact:

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4. Pacific Donor News

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

1 December 2006: Australia Continues Strong Leadership in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS in Asia-Pacific Region

On World AIDS Day, Minister for Foreign Affairs Alexander Downer, announced new programs in the Asia-Pacific region worth \$215 million as part of Australia's extensive commitment to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Further information at:

http://www.ausaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=3815_842_8049_7552_561

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

12 December 2007: How Climate Change Affects the People

"When I was a young girl, you would know which month we would have rain, which month would be dry, so as a farmer you could prepare what you were going to plant. But things are different now, everything has changed. The rainy month turned to drought, the dry month turned rainy, in the hot month a storm was blowing. Everything has changed."

Further information at: http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/news/news/detail.cfm?id=282&cat_id=137

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

15 December 2006: Environment reforms must accelerate to reach 2015 poverty goals, says UN report

Egypt, Peru, Vietnam and Mongolia are among a number of countries taking the lead in putting the environment at the heart of their plans to cut poverty by 2015, according to a new report launched by UNDP in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). However, unless more

governments take more ambitious steps to protect the natural world, overall development goals will be jeopardized.

Further information at: <http://content.undp.org/go/newsroom/december-2006/20061215-environment-reforms.en>

5. Other News

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

December issue out now, including Young Person of the Year, Politics, and Biofuels in the Pacific.

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

Oxfam International: <http://www.oxfam.org>

12 December 2006: One year after Hong Kong: trade talks at standstill, no progress on development

One year after the inconclusive World Trade Organisation (WTO) Ministerial in Hong Kong, negotiators have failed to make progress on agreeing trade reforms to promote development, and pressure on poor countries is building, said international agency Oxfam. Despite stating their continued commitment to multilateral negotiations, the EU and US have not significantly improved their offers made in Hong Kong.

Further information at http://www.oxfam.org/en/news/pressreleases2006/pr061212_wto

Pacific Concerns Resource Centre (PCRC): <http://www.pcrc.org.fj>

14 December 2006: Say "Yes" to the Arms Trade Treaty Resolution, Pacific UN Members urged!

As the United Nations General Assembly prepares to vote for the formal adoption of the resolution "Towards an Arms Trade Treaty" this week, the PCRC calls on all Pacific Island member states to again rally their support by voting for the resolution.

Further information at:

<http://www.pcrc.org.fj/index.cfm?go=main.resources&cmd=forumview&uid=press2006&cid=161>

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

7 December 2006: Third Government/RAMSI Consultation Held

Senior Solomon Islands Government and RAMSI officials came together on Wednesday 6 December to provide strategic oversight of their joint programs.

Further information at: <http://www.forumsec.org/pages.cfm/newsroom/press-statements-2006/press-statements-2006/newsroom/press-statements/press-statements-2006/third-governmentramsi-consultation-held.html>

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

7 December 2006: SPREP/PINA Environmental Media Awardees Announced

The recipients of the 2006 SPREP/PINA Environmental Media Awards have been announced, including an item broadcast on Cook Islands TV about the "Tereora College Recycling Project" and a feature article in the Fiji Sunday Sun called "Rebirth of a harbour".

Further information at: http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=327

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

5 December 2006: USP Hosts Fisheries Stock Assessment workshop

The University of the South Pacific hosted a fish stock assessment and statistics workshop attended by 27 fisheries officers from 17 regional countries. The workshop, which is being funded by the Icelandic Government through the United Nations University-Fisheries Training Program (UNU-FTP) and the Commonwealth Secretariat is the first training of its kind to be organised jointly between SPC and USP.

Further information at: <http://www.usp.ac.fj/news/story.php?id=167>

13 December 2006: Pacific Plan updated

The Pacific Plan has now been revised in line with its status as a 'living' document, responding to the region's challenges and emerging priorities. The Pacific Forum Leaders meeting in October 2006, and the resultant 'Nadi Decisions on the Pacific Plan', prioritised a number of key commitments in order to further strengthen regionalism in the Pacific.

Further information at: <http://www.forumsec.org/pages.cfm/newsroom/press-statements/press-statements-2006/pacific-plan-updated.html>

15 December 2006: Forum Leaders to consider alternative Chairing arrangements for the Forum

The Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum, Greg Urwin, has advised that the position of Fiji in the Forum is now under consideration. The Secretary General has also expressed his deep regret over developments in Fiji over the past two weeks.

Further information at: <http://www.forumsec.org/pages.cfm/newsroom/press-statements-2006/press-statements-2006/newsroom/press-statements/press-statements-2006/leaders-consider-chairing-arrangements-forum.html>

6. Calendar of Meetings & Activities

2007		
Date	Body	Meeting / Activity
22 – 27 Jan	Forum Secretariat	WTO NAMA Workshop, Suva, Fiji
March – April	WTO	ILO Forum on Decent work for a Fair Globalisation
29 May – 14 June	WTO	96 th Session of the International Labour Conference
4-20 Dec	WTO	Conference of International NGOs, UNESCO, Paris, France

Note:

Further information is available at the following websites:

ADB - <http://www.adb.org/News/calendar.asp>

Forum Secretariat - <http://www.forumsec.org.fj/> -> Events

Pacific Plan - <http://pacificplan.org/> -> Calendar of Events

SOPAC - <http://www.sopac.org/> -> Calendar

SPREP - <http://www.sprep.org/> -> Event

WTO - <http://wto.org/> -> Events Calendar

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 January e-Update is Friday 26 January 2007. Article submissions 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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