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Regional NGOs and Donors to Address NGO Capacity Building Needs and Priorities

Addressing the capacity building needs and priorities of Non – Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the region will be the focus of discussions between regional NGOs and donors at the 4th Multi – Stakeholders Workshop (MSW).

The consultation will be held at the Tokatoka Resort, in Nadi on the 12th and 13th September, 2007.

The deliberations will enable regional NGOs to revisit the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pacific regional NGOs and the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) on the Clearing House Framework for NGO Capacity Building.

The Clearing House Framework for NGO Capacity Building allows PIANGO to look for opportunities for collaboration in

- Enhancing ongoing capacity building initiatives and supporting new processes and programmes aimed at strengthening the organisational capacity of NGOs in the Pacific;
- Ensuring Pacific NGOs have ongoing access to sufficient financial and technological resources to achieve long-term sustainability of our organisations and development activities;
- Strengthening information sharing and cooperation between NGOs at all levels of the Pacific community;
- Strengthening key relationships effecting the growth and development of the Pacific NGO sector;
- Raising awareness on the role and impact of customary and introduced laws and promoting an enabling environment for the growth and development of NGOs;
- Strengthening the capacity of NGOs to effectively advocate on issues of concern to Pacific people and exert influence on political decisions, development policies, plans, legislation and budgetary processes.

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By the end of this workshop participants will be able to outline the challenges and gaps from the last MSW meeting and analyse and prioritise key focus areas to collaboratively work towards the next MSW in 2009.

The MSW consultation process is the result of a concern expressed at the 3rd Council Meeting of PIANGO in Port Vila, Vanuatu in July 1999, regarding the lack of donor coordination in supporting NGO capacity building in the Pacific region.

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