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Pacific Civil Societies to Focus on Response to Pacific Plan

The Pacific civil society responses to the Pacific Plan will be the focus of discussions at the next Pacific Regional Civil Society Organisation (CSO) Forum to be held prior to the 38th Pacific Islands Leaders Forum in Tonga in October.

The Pacific Islands Association of Non Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) in consultation with other Regional NGOs will organise the three day meet on the 12th to 15th of October and it will be held at the Tonga National Council of Churches Headquarters in Nuku'alofa, Tonga.

With the theme of Ensuring a Sustainable Pacific Community, the Pacific Regional CSO Forum will deliberate on the following topics.

1. Pacific performance on the Pacific Plan and the MDG
2. Reflecting Pacific Peoples value in the Pacific Plan
3. Pacific trade partnership for sustainable economic growth.
4. Energy – issues and challenges in the pacific
5. Climate change and the future of our sea and islands
6. HIV/AIDS and Gender Violence
7. Accountability leadership and Democratic Governance
8. Supporting a human security framework in the pacific

Major Regional NGOs such the World Wildlife Fund (WWF Pacific office), Pacific Network on Globalisation (PANG), World Council of Churches (WCC), Foundation of the South Pacific International (FSPI), Partners in Community Development Fiji (PCDF), Pacific People Building Peace (PPBP), Greenpeace, Pacific Network against Violence against Women (FWCC), Pacific Concerns Resources Centre (PCRC) and Pacific Foundation for the Advancement of Women (PACFAW) and other regional organisations will also conduct concurrent workshops on pacific civil society issues.

The final CSO Forum communiqué will be finalised on the final day and presented to Greg Urwin, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat who will take it to the Pacific Islands Leaders Forum.

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The Pacific Regional CSO Forum also provides an opportunity for Pacific civil society to engage with Pacific government leaders and regional inter-governmental agencies in addressing Pacific issues, provide an opportunity to network and learn from each other and strengthen the Pacific civil society networks and the NGO sector.

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