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Regional NGOs Welcome Donor Support for Capacity Building Initiatives

Pacific Regional Non - Governmental Organisations (PRNGOs) have welcomed capacity building support programmes initiated by donor partners at the Multi Stakeholder Workshop held recently in Nadi.

According to the workshop coordinator, Bakanebo Tamaroa, Capacity Building Programme Manager for the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO), the two day PIANGO hosted workshop enabled a cohesive environment for the PRNGOs and development partners.

“Regional and national Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) have a continuous problem in sustaining funding for capacity building programmes and the workshop has provided avenues for better understanding with the donors.” he said.

Regional Governance Advisor with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office, Ernesto Bautista said the UNDP Regional Center is dedicated to providing policy & capacity development support to the Pacific.

This would include policy and technical advisory support to Pacific Island countries, CROP agencies, NGOs and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).

“UNDP Pacific Office is embarking on a US\$ 5.5 million, five year project on the advancement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the Pacific through capacity building of CSOs.” he said.

According to Bautista, the strengthening of regional and national CSOs would increase CSO participation and ownership of MDG initiatives and processes.

“Strong empowered regional and national CSOs will have greater CSO involvement, community action and participation in development in the region, leading to better governance and to the successful achievement of the MDGs.” he said.

Bakanebo Tamaroa added that the workshop was successful as it was able to achieve the expected outcomes on the way forward with clear indications of the roles and responsibilities to consider regarding the Clearing House on Capacity Building Framework between PIANGO and other Pacific Regional NGOs and National NGOs.

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Other major resolutions include the Memorandum of Understanding on the Framework to be amended to include other donors and government representatives and the formulation of a forum to discuss donor policies for an enabling environment for capacity building in the region.

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Caption: Ernesto Bautista addressing participants at the recent Multi - Stakeholder Workshop held at the Tokatoka Resort in Nadi.