

# PIANGO

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## 1. Secretariat Briefs

### **Pacific Regional CSO Forum, 12-15 October, Nuku'alofa, Tonga**

Preparation for the CSO Forum continued in September. CSFT is the local host of the Forum.. To date about 65 Pacific NGO delegates from around the region, including Hawaii, have registered to participate. All information can be found on the PIANGO website ([www.piango.org](http://www.piango.org)). Side events at the Forum will include a youth dialogue organised by SPC and TNYC, a women's forum organised by the National Council of Women of Tonga, a community governance dialogue organised by FSPI and a PIANGO membership meeting. Registration is still open and for more information on the CSO Forum, contact [sainimili@piango.net](mailto:sainimili@piango.net)

## ***Capacity Building***

### **Graduate Diploma in Not for Profit Management (GDP), PNG Graduation**

The first Pacific GDP graduation was held in Port Moresby on 8 September. 22 NGO leaders graduated with the Graduate Diploma in Not-for-Profit Management, which is a partnership between Unitec and PIANGO and supported by NZAID. The second Pacific graduation will take place in Tonga on 15 October where 15 other Pacific NGO leaders will be awarded. The PNG graduation was officiated by the Vice President of Unitec, Dr Andrew Codling. Guest speakers included the Governor of the National Capital District (Port Moresby) Hon Pakos Powis and the New Zealand High Commissioner to PNG. The graduation dinner was addressed by the Minister of Community Development, Hon Dame Carol Kidu and Ms Emele Duituturaga.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Multi-Stakeholders Workshop**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Multi-Stakeholders Workshop (MSW) was held from 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September at the Tokatoka Hotel in Nadi, Fiji. The first day was for NGOs only including Suva-based regional NGOs and NGOs from other Pacific Island countries including Tonga, Samoa, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Niue and Tuvalu. Donors and other development partners attended the second day. The workshop was successful in achieving expected outcomes, especially on the way forward with clear action points, including roles and responsibilities to consider regarding the Clearing House on Capacity Building Framework between PIANGO and other Pacific regional NGOs and national NGOs. Donors, especially NZAid who funded the workshop, were happy to understand the seriousness of Pacific NGOs and their affiliates and members in implementing the Clearing House on Capacity Building Framework.

### **GDP Courses this month**

3 Graduate Diploma in Not-for-Profit Management courses were conducted this month including the Governance course held in the Solomon Islands with a total of 16 students attending, Small Team Leadership in PNG and Community Funding in Vanuatu.

### **PIANGO M & E Plan**

A number of meetings between PIANGO and NZAid have taken place since July this year on sharing ideas about developing PIANGO's Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Plan for its Strategic Plan 2006 – 2010. It was significant from these meetings that PIANGO definitely needs to develop an M & E framework. PIANGO has identified Tim OShaughnessy as PIANGO's M & E Technical Advisor to assist PIANGO in developing a simple and Pacific-friendly M & E for PIANGO Strategic Plan 2006 – 2010.

### **Staff**

The Finance Manager, Ashley Karae, the longest serving staff member of the Secretariat, resigned this month. Ashley first worked at the PIANGO Secretariat when in Vanuatu and relocated with the Secretariat to Fiji in 2003. Ms Colati Draniatu is the replacement Finance Manager on a 4 month appointment.

### **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](mailto:piango@connect.com.fj)

## **2. Pacific NGO Briefs**

### ***Fiji – FCOSS***

The HelpAge Center Fiji, under the auspices of the Fiji Council of Social Services called on all District Council of Social Services, civil society organizations, schools, faith and community based groups, families and the community to celebrate the diversity of senior citizens in Fiji to commemorate the International Day for the Elderly on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 2007. Senior citizens summits and celebrations are held every year and each district is encouraged to hold a week long celebration beginning from the 25<sup>th</sup> of September, 2007 to honor our senior citizens for the services rendered to the community and harnessing their energies to provide social leadership for intergenerational harmony.

### ***Solomon Islands - DSE***

#### **DSE Team leader and Senior Capacity Building Officer**

DSE Team Leader Mr. Tony Wale has resigned from DSE effective 1 October 2007 and will work as the Village Eco-Timber Enterprises (VETE) Manager. DSE board and staff sincerely thank Mr. Tony for his contribution to the organisation during his term as the Senior Capacity Building Officer and Team Leader. Our Senior Capacity Building Officer Mr. Pitakoe will be moving to Solomon Island Planned Parenthood (SIPPA) from 1st October 2007. Though Mr. Pitakoe's time with DSE was very short, the effort and contribution that he input to DSE was outstanding.

#### **GDP- Governance Course**

The Development Services Exchange has successfully delivered the Unitec course on 'Governance'. The course ran from 3 – 7 September 2007 at the SICA conference room. DSE would like to sincerely thank the course participants and facilitators for their effort in attending the course. Special thank you for the organizational management to give their staff time and space to undertake the course. It is a very intensive course and the students are very much equipped with what the course offered in terms of governance. The course covered what is governance, what is the difference between governance and management and how do they connect and governance in all levels of the day to day activities.

### **Mapping and Profiling Project**

The Mapping and Profiling Project is rolling in its phase II. The project officers have completed the updating of the NGO and other development partners in Honiara and are now going to the provinces to collect data. The team will be spending 3 days in Malaita province and will be due back on 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 2007. The team will be visiting other provinces in the coming weeks.

### ***Tuvalu – TANGO***

Tobacco Control meetings were held with representatives from the Health department to review policies in place and to recommend inputs into the national plans and preparation for the Tobacco Control meeting in Auckland, 4-7 September. The Coordinator of TANGO was invited to attend this meeting together with a representative from the Health department. TANGO Coordinator successfully secured NZ\$3000 to organize NGO coalition movement on Tobacco Control.

Taukiei Kitara, Project Development Officer, attended the PIANGO sponsored Multi Stakeholders Workshop, Nadi; and held meetings with GEF regional office in Suva to assist in project submissions for Global Environment Facility. Taukiei is the appointed Secretariat and National Focal Point for GEF.

Tomu Hauma, Training and Information Officer, facilitated TuNAC Strategic Planning workshop 11-14 September, in Funafuti, in partnership with Health personnel. The workshop was conducted by Mr Damien Morgan, hired under the PRHP project. Tomu conducted the Good Governance follow-up training for Funafuti indigenous community 19-21 September.

### **Draft Bill on the Incorporation of Non Governmental Organization**

The bill has passed its final reading in Parliament and is now an Act. We now await official notification from Attorney General's office.

## **3. GDP Courses & Dates**

### **Facilitation, Small Team Leadership, Negotiation: Tonga 15-19 October**

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.

### **Governance: Fiji 8-12 October**

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.

To find out more about the GDP, the course timetable and the GDP brochure for 2007 are available on the PIANGO website at <http://www.piango.org/capcitybuilding.html>

To apply for a place on these courses, please contact your local country contact:

Ashiana Shah; Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS)

Email: [fcoss@connect.com.fj](mailto:fcoss@connect.com.fj) and [ashiana@fcoss.org](mailto:ashiana@fcoss.org)

People applying from: Kiribati, Tuvalu, Marshall Islands. Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji.

Katrina Juliet Esera-Take, Samoa Umbrella of NGOs (SUNGO)

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People applying from Fiji, Tonga, Niue and Samoa.

Emeline Siale Ilolahia, Civil Society Forum Tonga (CSFT)  
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People applying from Samoa, Fiji and Tonga.

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People applying from Solomon Islands and Fiji

Development Services Exchange (DSE)  
Email: [teamleader@dse.org.sb](mailto:teamleader@dse.org.sb)  
People applying from Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Nauru.

or PIANGO's Programme Manager - Capacity Building, Bakanebo Tamaroa on  
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## 4. Pacific Donor and Funding News

### Asian Development Bank (ADB) [www.adb.org](http://www.adb.org)

#### **3 September 2007: ADB Supports Tsunami Recovery and Private Sector Development Activities in Solomon Islands**

The ADB's Country Operations Business Plan for Solomon Islands 2008-2010 reaffirms ADB's commitment to support recovery and rehabilitation in response to the 2007 earthquake and tsunami. The Business Plan also confirms the continuation of ADB's support in the areas of transport infrastructure and services and private sector development.

More <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2007/12131-solomon-islands-operations-plans/>

#### **11 September 2007: The Day the Waves Came: Re-building after Solomon Islands Tsunami**

AT 7.39AM on 2 April 2007 a massive undersea earthquake triggered a tsunami that devastated parts of Western and Choiseul provinces in the western Solomon Islands. Fifty two people were killed. Most of the dead were children.

More <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2007/12152-solomon-islands-tsunamis-assistances/>

#### **18 September 2007: Japan, ADB Assisting Micronesia in Improving Budget Management**

The Government of Japan and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) will assist the Federated States of Micronesia in improving budget and planning processes as part of the overall objective of achieving self-sustaining economic growth.

More <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2007/12162-micronesian-managements-projects/>

### AusAID [www.ausaid.gov.au](http://www.ausaid.gov.au)

#### **10 September 2007: Australia Pacific Technical College opens doors in Papua New Guinea**

The Australia Pacific Technical College opened in Port Moresby with diesel mechanics the first to take up the new course of study in Papua New Guinea. The college will work with PNG government, education and industry leaders to ensure that graduates are appropriately skilled to meet employment needs in the region and worldwide.

More [http://www.ausaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=9809\\_9865\\_6483\\_8082\\_6143](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=9809_9865_6483_8082_6143)

#### **FOCUS - vol. 22 no. 3 Sep - Dec 2007**

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

More

[http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/pubout.cfm?ID=2852\\_533\\_642\\_1919\\_9196&Type=PubFocus&FromSection=Publications](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/publications/pubout.cfm?ID=2852_533_642_1919_9196&Type=PubFocus&FromSection=Publications)

## **Commonwealth Foundation** [www.commonwealthfoundation.com](http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com)

### **17 September 2007; 2008 Commonwealth Writers' Prize open for entry**

The 2008 Commonwealth Writers' Prize is now open for entry. The Prize aims to reward the best Commonwealth fiction by both established and new writers, and to take their works to a wider audience. The Prize covers the Commonwealth regions of Africa, the Caribbean and Canada, Europe and South Asia and South East Asia and the South Pacific.

More <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/news/news/detail.cfm?id=340>

### **24 September 2007: Foundation increases campaign to inform Commonwealth citizens about opportunities at CPF**

The Commonwealth Foundation has launched a series of cartoons to help get the message of the Commonwealth People's Forum across to the people of the Commonwealth.

More <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/news/news/detail.cfm?id=343>

## **Oxfam Australia;** [www.oxfam.org.au](http://www.oxfam.org.au)

### **13 September 2007: Rising sea levels submerging islands in Papua New Guinea**

Two local leaders from the Carteret Islands, Papua New Guinea, arrived in Australia today to bring attention to the way climate change is likely to affect their lives. Ursula Rakova and Bernard Tunim, arrived in Australia today to begin a speaking tour about their traditional home, the Carteret Islands, which are sinking and eroding due to rising sea levels.

more <http://www.oxfam.org.au/media/article.php?id=392>

## **Oxfam New Zealand:** [www.oxfam.org.nz](http://www.oxfam.org.nz)

24 September 2007: Oxfam welcomes high-level UN push to tackle climate change  
Rich countries must heed the United Nation's call for an urgent political response to tackle climate change, says international agency Oxfam. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will meet heads of state and other officials from more than 150 countries in New York on Sept 24 to build momentum for talks toward a new international climate agreement beginning in Bali this December.

More <http://www.oxfam.org.nz/news.asp?aid=1586>

## **World Bank:** [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org)

### **11 September 2007: World Bank Approves US\$3.2 Million Grant For Rural Development In Solomon Islands**

The World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved a US\$3.2 million International Development Association (IDA) grant to strengthen the rural economy of the Solomon Islands by increasing access for rural communities to infrastructure and services.

More

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK:21468561~pagePK:34370~piPK:34424~theSitePK:4607,00.html>

## **5. Pacific Regional NGO News**

### **Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT):** [www.rrrt.org](http://www.rrrt.org)

#### **Call for applications and nominations for RRRT Pacific Human Rights Awards**

RRRT is seeking nominations and applications for the 7th RRRT Pacific Rights Awards in recognition of Pacific organisations that over the year 2006/7 have helped make our region a better place to live through promoting social and economic justice, defending human rights,

promoting respect and understanding, or enhancing the dignity of the poor and disadvantaged. Closing date for application is 9th November 2007.

More [http://www.rrrt.org/page.asp?active\\_page\\_id=183](http://www.rrrt.org/page.asp?active_page_id=183)

**WWF Pacific:** [www.wwfpacific.org.fj](http://www.wwfpacific.org.fj)

**11 September 2007: Pacific can ally with APEC developing countries at Climate negotiations**

Pacific Island countries, as developing island states, may find potential allies in Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) developing countries to start negotiating a global agreement to keep climate change well below dangerous levels at the UN climate change conference in Bali in December 2007, says WWF South Pacific Programme.

More [http://www.wwfpacific.org.fj/current/news/press\\_releases/climate/07\\_09\\_APEC.cfm](http://www.wwfpacific.org.fj/current/news/press_releases/climate/07_09_APEC.cfm)

**14 September 2007: Turtles killed for the 2007 Methodist Conference in the Macuata Province, Fiji**

WWF, since initiating its turtle work in Fiji, has always fully acknowledged the important role of turtles in tradition. Turtles and tradition has been a key idea promoted in all aspects of WWF's turtle work, to encourage communities to take on the need to protect these endangered icons.

More [http://www.wwfpacific.org.fj/current/news/press\\_releases/fiji/07-09\\_Methodist\\_Conference.cfm](http://www.wwfpacific.org.fj/current/news/press_releases/fiji/07-09_Methodist_Conference.cfm)

## 6. CROP Agencies News

### Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

**19 September 2007: Forum Disappointed with Postponement of ECM meeting**

The Chair of the 3rd Enhanced Consultation Mechanism Meeting between the Solomon Islands Government, the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) and the Pacific Islands Forum, Peter Eafeare (Papua New Guinea High Commissioner to Fiji and Permanent Representative to the Pacific Islands Forum) has expressed his disappointment with the last minute cancellation by the Solomon Islands Government of the meeting.

More <http://www.forumsec.org/pages.cfm/newsroom/press-statements/2007/forum-disappointed-with-postponement-of-ecm-meeting.html>

**19 September 2007: PIFS-Fiji Joint Working Group on the Situation in Fiji**

The Working Group held its sixteenth meeting at the Forum Secretariat Headquarters in Suva on 19 September 2007, attended by senior officials from Australia, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

More <http://www.forumsec.org/pages.cfm/newsroom/press-statements/2007/outcomes-16th-meeting-of-piffiji-joint-working-group.html>

**22 September 2007: Tonga to host series of pre-Forum meetings**

Tonga will host a series of key regional meetings week from which outcomes will flow into the 38th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting. Meeting on Monday 24th September is the Pacific Plan Action Committee (PPAC), comprising senior government officials from all Forum Members, as well as observers from Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) agencies and Pacific Territories.

More <http://www.forumsec.org/pages.cfm/newsroom/press-statements/2007/tonga-host-series-of-pre-forum-meetings-.html>

### Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) [www.sprep.org](http://www.sprep.org)

**15 September 2007: Eighteenth SPREP meeting ends on a positive note**

The eighteenth Secretariat Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP) Meeting of officials has endorsed 2008 to be the Pacific Year of the Reef. It will be officially launched during

the 8th Pacific Islands conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in Alotau, Papua New Guinea in October this year. The 2008 Pacific Year of the Reef, was just one of a number of proposals endorsed at the meeting in Apia

More [http://www.sprep.org/article/news\\_detail.asp?id=376](http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=376)

### **12 September 2007: Memorandum of Understanding to help address environmental challenges in the Pacific**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the IUCN – The World Conservation Union was signed in Apia, Samoa, during the eighteenth meeting of SPREP Officials.

More [http://www.sprep.org/article/news\\_detail.asp?id=377](http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=377)

### **11 September 2007 GEF PAS to bring nearly 100 million dollars to the Pacific**

Approximately 100 million dollars will be committed to the Global Environment Facility Pacific Alliance for Sustainability programme (GEF PAS) in the Pacific over a three-year period. This announcement was made by Monique Barbut, the CEO and Chairperson of the GEF during her statement at the opening of the SPREP meeting.

More [http://www.sprep.org/article/news\\_detail.asp?id=375](http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=375)

## **7. Other News**

### **Foundation of the Peoples of the South Pacific International (FSPI)**

[www.fspi.org.fj](http://www.fspi.org.fj)

**10 September 2007 The MORDI Program** was officially launched in Tonga today by the Prime Minister of Tonga, Hon Dr. Feleti Sevele. Attended by members of the Tongan Government, diplomatic corp, NGO partners, the media and community members the official launch of the Program marks the beginnings of partnership to address the key factors that impede the development of rural isolated communities in Tonga.

More [http://www.fspi.org.fj/Press%20Release/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20Mainstreaming%20of%20Rural%](http://www.fspi.org.fj/Press%20Release/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20Mainstreaming%20of%20Rural%20)

## **Islands Business**

### **September 2007**

The Pacific islands region's leading current affairs and business magazine published monthly. Distributed throughout 22 island countries. September edition includes Triumphant Somare, Pacific scores big against Europe, PACER: a plus or negative?, and Noble Luani.

More [http://www.islandsbusiness.com/islands\\_business/](http://www.islandsbusiness.com/islands_business/)

## **Microfinance Pasifika [www.microfinance-pasifika.org](http://www.microfinance-pasifika.org)**

### **Pacific Microfinance Week 2007**

In the first event of its kind ever held in the Pacific region, the Microfinance Pasifika Network convened the inaugural Pacific Microfinance Week in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from 27 to 31 August 2007. The Pacific Microfinance Week 2007 in Port Moresby brought together more than 130 microfinance and financial sector practitioners, experts, policy-makers, academics and regulators drawn from more than 20 countries from across the Pacific and beyond for a week-long series of events, discussions, meetings and gatherings. The objective of the event was to exchange knowledge and ideas on how to further promote financial inclusion across the Pacific region.

More <http://www.microfinance-pasifika.org/pacific-microfinance-week-2007.html>

**UNESCAP** [www.unescap.org](http://www.unescap.org)

**14 September 2007 Asia-Pacific Assesses Progress Towards a Barrier-free Society for the Disabled**

The Asian and Pacific region has made great progress over the past few years in creating an inclusive and barrier-free society for millions of disabled people; but many challenges remain, according to reports to be presented to a high level regional meeting in Bangkok.

More <http://www.unescap.org/unis/press/2007/sep/n43.asp>

**World Trade Organisation (WTO)** [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org)

**25 September 2007 Lamy urges more aid to raise trade capacity of poorest nations**

Director-General Pascal Lamy, in opening a pledging conference for “A New Enhanced Integrated Framework for Least Developed Countries” on 25 September 2007 in Stockholm, said “we are here today because we want to make sure that new opportunities that hopefully will result from the Doha Development Agenda — whether the duty-free and quota-free access to developed and developing country markets, the sharp reductions in agriculture subsidies in rich countries, including those on cotton, the elimination of export subsidies, the disciplines on fishery subsidies or the new rules on trade facilitation — translate into trade realities for the LDCs”.

More [http://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/sppl\\_e/sppl72\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/sppl_e/sppl72_e.htm)

## 8. Calendar of Meetings & Activities

Date	Body	Meeting / Activity
9-10 October	PIANGO	Board meeting 3/07, Tonga
9-10 October	WTO	WTO General Council
11 October	PIANGO	Self Determination Workshop, Tonga
11-12 October	CID	CID AGM
12 – 15 October	PIANGO	Pacific Regional CSO Forum
12 – 18 October	PIFS	Forum Media Workshop, Tonga
15 October	PIANGO / Unitec	Pacific GDP Graduation, Nukualofa, Tonga
15 October	PIFS	Small Islands States Leaders' Summit, Nuku'alofa, Tonga
15 October	PIFS	Pacific ACP Leaders' Summit, Tonga
15 – 19 October	SPREP	8 <sup>th</sup> Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas, Alotau, PNG
16 – 17 October	PIFS	Pacific Leaders Forum, Nukualofa, Tonga
19 – 21 October	WTO	2007 Annual Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund
24 October	SPTO	UNESCAP Tourism and Poverty Alleviation Workshop
5 – 10 November	SPC / PIANGO	Workshop for Francophone Farmer's Association, Noumea
18 – 22 November		Commonwealth Peoples Forum, Kampala, Uganda
18 – 23 November		CHOGM, Kampala, Uganda

26-29 November	PIFS	Forum Educational Ministers Meeting, Auckland, New Zealand
3-14 December	UN	Climate Change Conference, Bali, Indonesia
3 - 4 December	ADB	Asia-Pacific Water Summit, Beppu City, Japan
4 - 20 December	WTO	Conference of International NGOs, UNESCO, Paris, France
19-20 December	WTO	WTO General Council

**Note:** Further information is available at the following websites:

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

Commonwealth Foundation - <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/news/diary/>

East-West Center - <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/events/>

Forum Fisheries Agency - <http://www.ffa.int/event>

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

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

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

## 9. About PIANGO, 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 October e-Update is Monday 29 October 2007.

Article submissions should be brief and text only. Please email to [piango@connect.com.fj](mailto: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

### National Members

Member contact details can be found on the PIANGO website [www.piango.org](http://www.piango.org)

Aotearoa / NZ - ANGOA

Australia - ACFID

Cook Islands - CIANGO

Fiji - FCOSS

Kiribati - KANGO

Micronesia (FSM) - FANGO

Nauru - NIANGO

Niue - NIANGO

PNG (interim) - MNCL

Samoa - SUNGO

Solomon Islands - DSE

Tahiti - Hiti Tau

Tonga - CSFT

Tuvalu - TANGO

Vanuatu - VANGO

**Interim Members**

Bougainville - Nikana Ma'atara  
East Timor - CSCBF  
Guam - Sanctuary Inc  
Palau - PCAA  
Wallis and Futuna - ASCV  
West Papua

**Observers**

American Samoa  
Hawaii  
Marshall Islands

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