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1. Secretariat News

New Executive Director

The PIANGO Programme Manager for Capacity Building, and former Coordinator of the Kiribati Association of NGOs (KANGO), Mr Bakanebo Tamaroa, has been appointed by the Board as the new Executive Director of PIANGO. Mr Tamaroa took up the position on Friday 25 January 2008. *More > <http://www.piango.org/News/Secretariat/2008/20080128-Media-Release-New-Executive-Director.html>*

PIANGO to Strengthen Partnership with NZAID

PIANGO is working towards securing the Grant Funding Agreement partnership with New Zealand International Aid & Development Agency (NZAID) for the years 2008-2010. The Multi-Year funding with NZAID would allow PIANGO to enter into longer term strategic partnership with a shared concept, goals and expected results. *More > <http://www.piango.org/News/Secretariat/2008/20080125-Media-Release-Partnership-with-NZAID.html>*

Technical assistance to PIANGO

PIANGO has contracted Emele Duituturaga as the Technical Assistant to the PIANGO Secretariat. Emele's role will include assisting the new ED to consolidate the work of the Secretariat in the areas of programme activities and financial management. For more information contact bakanebo @ piango.net

Information Sharing

AUSAID to assist regional CSO media advocacy

AUSAID Regional Manager for the Pacific Leadership, Yeshe Smith met with PIANGO ED and Board members Drew Havea and Sitiveni Turaganibure to discuss the AUSAID / PIANGO collaboration in the Pacific Media Assistance Scheme (PACMAC). The project will involve PIANGO working closely with AUSAID to contribute to the development of a diverse, independent and professional Pacific media system within civil societies that informs all people of the Pacific and gives them a voice in public life at local, national and regional levels. For more information, contact katabwena @ piango.net

PIANGO website

The PIANGO website has been updated to reflect PIANGO's brand as used on all printed media and publications, and is now easily recognisable as PIANGO. The navigation has also been

enhanced to simplify finding information and allows for future growth and development. View the new look website > <http://www.piango.org>

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. GDP Courses and Dates

To find out more about the GDP, the course timetable for 2008 is available on the PIANGO website at www.piango.org

Small Team Leadership: Samoa, 18-22 February

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.

Community Research: Fiji, 3-7 March

The focus of this course is on the two most common uses of research in NFP organisations - needs and assessment and programme evaluation. This course aims to equip students with the skills and confidence to plan their own community research, evaluation or assessment, as well as to demystify research concepts so that they can more confidently evaluate the research findings of others.

Volunteerism: Papua New Guinea, 3-7 March

This course investigates the special attributes of volunteers and paid staff and how these can be utilised for maximum benefit. People who complete this course successfully will be able to recruit, motivate, empower, manage and retain volunteers and paid staff for "NFP" organisations.

Culture and Values: Fiji, Vanuatu, 31 Mar - 4 April

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.

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)

Email: [sungotraining @ lesamoa.net](mailto:sungotraining@lesamoa.net)

People applying from Fiji, Tonga, Niue and Samoa.

Emeline Siale Ilolahia, Civil Society Forum Tonga (CSFT)

Email: [csft @ kalianet.to](mailto:csft@kalianet.to)

People applying from Samoa, Fiji and Tonga.

Henry Vila, Vanuatu Association of NGOs (VANGO)

Email: [vango @ vanuatu.com.vu](mailto:vango@vanuatu.com.vu)

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, to Bakanebo Tamaroa on [bakanebo @ piango.net](mailto:bakanebo@piango.net) or [piango @ connect.com.fj](mailto:piango@connect.com.fj)

3. Pacific Donor and Funding News

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

29 January 2008: ADB consults Pacific on Safeguard Policy Update

The ADB is continuing the consultation process on its safeguard policies, seeking valuable feedback from stakeholder groups from across Asia and the Pacific as it updates its environment, involuntary resettlement and indigenous peoples safeguard policies.

More > <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2008/12380-pacific-safeguards-policies/>

29 January 2008: Climate Change, Governance Policies Remain Concerns for Developing Pacific Nations

Given the dramatic challenges presented by climate change, including the risk that some islands in the Pacific may become uninhabitable, the ADB's Pacific Strategy will be further refined to provide more emphasis on environmental management to help the region better manage its vulnerable natural environment.

More > <http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2008/12383-pacific-nations-governance-policies/>

AUSAID

29 January 2008: Australia Funds Overseas Aid Research

As a first step in the long process of improving the quality and effectiveness of Australia's overseas aid, the Australian Government is implementing an enhanced three-year Development Research Strategy.

More >

http://www.usaid.gov.au/media/release.cfm?BC=Media&ID=9253_8421_2775_2615_3533

Commonwealth Foundation

Members of the Commonwealth Foundation Civil Society Advisory Committee: Closing date - Tuesday 5 February 2008

The Commonwealth Foundation is currently seeking seven civil society leaders willing to serve as representatives on its Civil Society Advisory Committee.

More > <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/about/recruitment/detail.cfm?id=23>

18 January 2008: Canadian Environmentalist to Deliver Commonwealth Lecture

This year's Commonwealth Lecture will be delivered by Dr David Suzuki, on Wednesday 12 March. Dr Suzuki is renowned for his radio and television programs that explain the complexities of the natural sciences in a compelling, easily understood way.

More > <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/news/news/detail.cfm?id=387>

28 January 2008: Commonwealth Foundation Initiates Briefings For Action On Climate Change

Heeding the call made by Commonwealth Heads of Governments and civil society for action on climate change, the Commonwealth Foundation is organising a series of briefings for governments, policy-makers, opinion formers and others who are in a position to enhance the Commonwealth response.

More > <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/news/news/detail.cfm?id=388>

European Commission's Delegation for the Pacific

17 January 2008: Welcomes new Head of Delegation

In December 2007, the European Commission Delegation for the Pacific welcomed Mr Wiepke van der Goot as its new Ambassador/Head of Delegation.

More > <http://www.delfji.ec.europa.eu/en/whatsnew/website%20introduction%20140108.pdf>

Oxfam New Zealand

31 January 2008: Climate change: Oxfam comments on major emitters meeting

This week's meeting of the world's biggest carbon emitters in Hawaii must not distract from the successes achieved at last month's UN climate change conference in Bali, international organisation Oxfam warned today.

More > <http://www.oxfam.org.nz/news.asp?aid=1691>

World Bank

12 January 2008: PNG: Improved Infrastructure brings economic and social growth

In Papua New Guinea, walking is the primary means of transportation. The willingness to make a trip and its duration, to market or to school, for example, depends largely on the quality of the road to get there. It is therefore no surprise that improving the quality of roads would enhance social and economic conditions of villagers. What is surprising is how these conditions are enhanced and by how much.

More >

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK:21612112~pagePK:34370~piPK:34424~theSitePK:4607,00.html>

4. Crop Agency News

East West Center

Asia Pacific Leadership Program: Deadline 15 February 2008

Entering its eighth year, the Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP) is the center of excellence for leadership education in the Asia Pacific region. The APLP is a graduate certificate program combining the development of regional expertise with the enhancement of individual leadership capacity. Based at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, the program is creating a network of dynamic leaders who are familiar with the critical issues of the Asia Pacific region.

More > <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/education/aplp/aplp-at-a-glance/>

Secretariat of the Pacific Community - SPC

21 January 2008: Pacific Island forestry services address climate change

Climate change is a major international discussion issue today: it is already affecting our lives and in the future it will drastically affect how we live and survive.

More > http://www.spc.int/corp/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=178&Itemid=1

22 January 2008: Love Patrol

A new and innovative approach to HIV prevention has arrived on our shores. 'Love Patrol' – the Pacific's own 10-part TV series – premiered in Vanuatu and Fiji in April and is already proving immensely popular with TV viewers in both countries.

More > http://www.spc.int/corp/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=181&Itemid=1

SPREP

18 January 2008: Healthy Wetlands, Healthy People

On February the second 1971, in the small Iranian town of Ramsar, a convention was adopted by 18 countries to promote the conservation and wise use of the world's wetlands. Now, 37 years later the Ramsar Convention has grown to include 157 countries worldwide, including: Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, and Samoa.

More > http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=405

14 January 2008: Pacific Islands announce fossil fuel emissions reduction targets

The Pacific region is working towards reducing regional fossil fuel emissions by 33% by 2015. This announcement was made by the Pacific at the 13th Conference of the Parties (COP13) meeting in Bali last year.

More > http://www.sprep.org/article/news_detail.asp?id=404

5. Other News

ACCU

ACCU Asia-Pacific ESD Photo Contest: Closes 15 February 2008

The Asia/Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) is holding an ESD Photo Message Contest titled "Celebration of Our Living Culture", focusing on the underlying cultural dimension of Education for Sustainable Development and aims to provide the young and the old alike with a chance to appreciate the rich and diverse cultures of their local community in their effort to build a sustainable and dignified livelihood.

More > <http://www.accu.or.jp/esd/photomessage/announcement.html>

CID

New Executive Director

The CID Board has appointed David Culverhouse as executive director of CID on Rae's retirement and his appointment will take effect from 11th February. David is currently private secretary to Jim Anderton MP. Rae will work through to Tuesday 12th February.

17 January 2008: PNG slides further down United Nations Development Index

Papua New Guinea (PNG) now ranks 145th in the world for overall human development, a slide from 139th in 2006-07, according to the United Nations Development Report for 2007-08.

More > <http://www.cid.org.nz/news/nr1200541262.html>

CIVICUS

Registration for 8th CIVICUS World Assembly 2008 now open

The CIVICUS World Assembly is a forum for international civil society representatives to get together, exchange ideas, experiences and build strategies for a just world.

More > <http://www.civicassembly.org/>

Registration for CIVICUS Youth Assembly 2008 now open

Building on the success of last year's CIVICUS Youth Assembly the 2008 event will offer an exceptional opportunity to meet and work with other young women and men who are really making changes to things that matter.

More > <http://www.rnw.org.uk/CIVICUS2008.aspx>

Harvard

Strategic Frameworks for Nonprofit organisations online course: Deadline 15 February 2008

Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education has established its first online program. Strategic Frameworks for Nonprofit/Non-governmental Organisations represents a unique online learning opportunity for senior executives of nonprofit and non-governmental organizations in developing or transitional economies.

More > <http://ksgexecprogram.harvard.edu/program/sfno/overview.aspx>

Islands Business

January 2008

The Pacific islands region's leading current affairs and business magazine published monthly. Distributed throughout 22 island countries. January edition includes Looking Ahead at 2008, 12,000 jobs available and Telecommunications.

More > http://www.islandsbusiness.com/islands_business/

SEED / AECD

Seed Educational Technologies for Education Award: Deadline 15 April 2008

The Seed Award for Educational Technologies for Development (SET4D) aims at promoting the development of promising researchers in developing countries in the field of Educational Technologies and ICT4D, through offering opportunities for learning, visibility and networking.

More > <http://www.seedlearn.org/award/>

UNESCO

The Open Training Platform continues to expand!

The United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP) is the seventh UN agency to join the Open Training Platform (OTP). The OTP is a UNESCO-powered hub offering free training resources on a wide range of development topics, fostering cooperation to provide free and open content for development.

More > [http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-](http://portal.unesco.org/ci/en/ev.php-URL_ID=25712&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

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Women's Leadership Scholarship

Pre-applications available until Friday 14 March

The Women's Leadership Scholarship (WLS) program (formerly the Native Leadership Scholarship) creates educational opportunities for women activists, grassroots leaders, and organizers from the Global South and/or from indigenous groups. WLS pre-applications for the 2008-2009 academic year will be available beginning Jan. 1 through March 14, 2008

More > <http://www.nativeleaders.org/index.html>

6. Calendar of Meetings & Activities

Calendars of Meetings and Activities are 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/event.cfm?cmd=list&sd=200801>

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

WTO - http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/events_e/events_e.htm

7. 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 February e-Update is Wednesday 27 February 2008. 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 at 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

e-Update in French language

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