Global Goals for Sustainable Development: Time to Act is Now, Civil Society tells World Leaders
Executive Directors Note

Warm Greetings from the PIANGO Secretariat and welcome to this first issue of our new quarterly Pacific2030 publication - which focuses on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

2015 has been a milestone year globally - mainly because of the expiration of the Millennium Development Goals and the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by world leaders on September 25th. The Agenda 2030 includes a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030.

In September, I had the opportunity to join other civil society leaders at the UN Headquarters in New York to address world leaders on the expectations of civil society as we shift focus from policy influencing to implementing the new set of goals. The key sentiments of civil society leaders who spoke were similar, civil society is challenging world leaders to Act NOW!

In the Pacific, PIANGO had been working tirelessly on the Beyond 2015 Campaign with National Lead Agencies in Fiji, Kiribati, PNG, Samoa and Solomon Islands to ensure effective participation from civil society in the formulation of the new goals. So we at PIANGO, our National Liaison Units and our partners have contributed to, promoted debate on and we now share ownership of Agenda 2030, which we have translated to Pacific 2030. It is also the culmination of a 24 month process of structure dialogue we have been facilitating around the Pacific on Rethinking Development, Reshaping the Pacific we Want.

After the United Nations adopted the set of goals, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said the moment represented the beginning of a new era and the 2030 Agenda mark a paradigm shift in development adding that world leaders “will strongly commit to its implementation.” As we celebrate the Agenda 2030, the steps taken now towards implementation will be a key signal for whether the development paradigm has indeed shifted and whether or not we have lived up to the ambition of the transformative agenda.

PIANGO and our members in 21 Pacific Island Countries will, over the coming months aim to strengthen our partnerships with Pacific governments and the private sector around the region to ensure effective implementation of the goals - as we rethink development and reshape the Pacific we want. As we move into this new era, let us ensure we leave no one behind.

I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the work of the late Emily Naidike, Graphic Artist, who had worked closely with us during the year and on this publication even into the last 24 hours of her life. She was very talented and so dedicated and we are forever grateful for her contribution to PIANGO’s work.

Ms. Emele Duituturaga
Executive Director

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The Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) is a regional network of national NGO coordinating bodies or focal points known as National NGO Units (NNUGs) 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 stakeholders for development effectiveness. PIANGO acts as 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 with the focus on - Rethinking Development and Reshaping the Pacific we want - by 2030.
Global civil society have challenged world leaders to be more inclusive and engage with other sectors to effectively implement the newly-adopted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The high-level United Nations event on implementing the post-2015 agenda in New York in September brought together world leaders and civil society to celebrate the success of the formulation of the new development agenda and also to discuss implementation plans over the next 15 years.

In her address at the event, the Executive Director of the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO), Ms. Emel Duituturaga said the time for action is now.

"It is heartening to hear the support given here by governments, but we need concrete commitments with institutional arrangements for civil society stakeholders to be meaningfully engaged in the processes for implementation of the Agenda 2030. There needs to be more engagement with women, youth, the elderly, people with disabilities, indigenous peoples, rural and maritime communities and other vulnerable and marginalized groups who have traditionally been left behind."

Several government leaders and representatives who were present, including Tanzania, Columbia, Kenya, Indonesia and Sweden acknowledged that their governments will need to engage with civil society to realize the 17 goals set out in the 2030 Agenda.

The Pacific Islands Association of NGOs and its affiliates have also called on Pacific leaders to take action on the implementation of the global goals for the progress of the people of the region.

"Transforming our world is ambitious but within our reach. We expect our leaders to match the ambition of the new agenda with national and regional development strategies and accountability mechanisms for participatory implementation" said Ms. Duituturaga.

"It is all about the people. People and not profit must be front and centre of the new agenda where human rights, gender equality, environmental sustainability and economic justice are at the core of the pursuit of sustainable development."

Speaking alongside Ms. Duituturaga at the UN summit was the Director of the Nigeria Justice, Development & Peace Commission Rev. Fr. John-Patrick Ngoyi, who told world leaders that the people had willingly participated in the formulation of the new global goals for sustainable development and that leaders cannot let the people down in the implementation phase.

"We have taken you all seriously, the political leaders who initiated this process, we enjoyed participating in the process and we will not allow you to let us down now. The making of history can be a deliberate and political choice. The means to achieving these 17 goals are within our reach but we need courage to change the socio-economic and political arrangements that are making it impossible for the poor countries and the poor people to emerge from the grips of poverty. This should be complemented by strong leadership across other sectors, including faith-based communities, private sector and civil societies."

"We are indeed at the crossroads and committed leadership alone and strong political determination will take us forward. We, as the people have given you as our political leaders this historical mandate and we urge you to commit the political power at your disposal to create an equitable work where each one of us will be and feel at home. 2030 is a future for all of us here in this room and for the next generations will be figuring out what to do with the decisions we make today" said Rev. Fr. Ngoyi.

Rev. Fr. Ngoyi added that the 17 global goals for sustainable development and its 169 targets are now serious business from now until its expiration in 15 years.

"We need a heart that sees the troubles of the world and realizes that the world is home to all of us now and in the future. You, as leaders cannot afford to fail this promise you have made to the people. With us as civil society and the private sector, we must deliver on these goals transparently, sustainably and a peaceful society. Do not fail us and please do not leave any of us behind."

The newly endorsed global development agenda aims to reshape the world as we know it. It seeks to build a fairer world, giving access to quality education, healthcare and eliminating poverty by 2030.
What is Beyond 2015?

Beyond 2015 is a global civil society campaign, pushing for a strong and legitimate successor framework to the Millennium Development Goals. The campaign, created in 2010, is built on a diverse, global base. It ranged from small community based organisations to international NGOs, academics and trade unions. A founding principle of the campaign is that it is a partnership between civil society organisations from the North and the South, bringing together groups from developing, emerging and developed economies.

Beyond 2015 brought together more than 1,500 Civil Society Organisations from 139 countries all over the world. Of these, 66% are Southern CSOs and 44% are Northern CSOs – in 41 countries in Africa, 29 countries in Asia and the Pacific, 35 countries in Europe, 2 countries in North America and 26 countries in Latin America.

The campaign comprised of a number of structures including:

Regional hubs (Regional Coordinators) were located in Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Pacific. National hubs (National Lead Agencies) were located in 38 countries – 6 of which were located in the Pacific, i.e. Australia, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Kiribati and Papua New Guinea. In addition to this, we also had focal points in the Pacific (who though not directly funded through the campaign except towards the end) in New Zealand.

With the adoption of #Agenda2030, the Beyond 2015 campaign is now winding down its operations. As part of the “So What Now” discussions through its members, it continues to indirectly support civil society dialogue around implementation of #Agenda2030 and how civil society will be engaged in that process moving forward.

What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

The Sustainable Development Goals, build on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), eight anti-poverty targets that the world committed to achieving by 2015. The MDGs, adopted in 2000, aimed at an array of issues that included slashing poverty, hunger, disease, gender inequality, and access to water and sanitation. Enormous progress has been made on the MDGs, showing the value of a unifying agenda underpinned by goals and targets. Despite this success, the indignity of poverty has not been ended for all.

The new SDGs, and the broader sustainability agenda, go much further than the MDGs, addressing the root causes of poverty and the universal need for development that works for all people. The SDGs will now finish the job of the MDGs, and ensure that no one is left behind.

1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote long learning opportunities for all
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
7. Ensure access to cheap, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and property industrialization and foster innovation
10. Reduce difference inside and among countries
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts
14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the worldwide partnership for sustainable development.
Beyond 2015 Pacific Campaign

September 2000 saw the International community adopt the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) meant to set the targets for UN member states to address 8 development goals from eradicating extreme poverty to achieving gender equality. Whilst the MDGs were hailed as the reason for the unprecedented galvanisation of efforts by countries towards eradication of poverty, the ghost that0 haunted the MDGs was the approach with which they were formulated and adopted without any input from civil society and with a top-down approach.

As a result in 2010, 5 civil society organisations (CSOs) all based in the global north, launched the Beyond 2015 campaign with the express mandate to seek a strong & legitimate successor framework to the MDGs. Central to the campaign was a strong & equal partnership between civil society organisations from the North and the South. Because of this focus, as at September 2015, over 1500 civil society organisations from more than 132 countries (56% being from the global south, 41 countries in Africa, 29 countries in Asia and the Pacific, 35 countries in Europe, 4 countries in North America and 26 countries in Latin America) were a part of the Beyond 2015 campaign ranging from small community-based organisations to international NGOs, academia and trade unions.

In the Pacific, the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) was privileged to be a part of the campaign as its Regional Coordinator for the region since January 2014. Unlike other global campaigns and processes, the Pacific region was recognised as a separate region within Beyond 2015, alongside Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia. As Regional Coordinator, PIANGO coordinated activities done by 6 National Lead agencies based in Fiji (Fiji Council of Social Services), Kiribati (Kiribati Climate Action Network), Samoa (Samoa Umbrella of NGOs), Solomon Islands (Development Services Exchange), Papua New Guinea (PNG Education Advocacy Network), and Australia (Australia Council for International Development). In addition to the lead agencies, PIANGO was also able to capitalise on its own network & include its National Liaison Units in updates so that other countries which did not receive direct funding from the campaign were able to benefit from position papers compiled by Beyond.

Innovative means of engaging with Government, Civil society, the Private Sector and people at the community level were utilised in the Pacific. These modes of engagement included: Civil society forums and Youth dialogues, Radio broadcasts, Roadshows, Learning Luncheons & Dinner meetings with Members of Parliament, Media dialogues, Face to face meetings with key Government officials, Email and formal correspondence to Ministers for National Planning/Foreign Affairs and Heads of State, etc. in Kiribati - youth from the Kiribati Children Campaigners Network in conjunction with Kiribati Climate Action Network produced a song simply titled “Beyond 2015 song” - for the campaign and released an extremely powerful accompanying video clip (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2brlSYIvNU) a week after the Post 2015 Summit in New York. Through the lead agencies participation in the Beyond 2015 campaign, it was clear that whilst we in the Pacific did not enjoy the many benefits of partners in other parts of the world - ranging from superb internet access to having political leadership who were more clued-into and responsive to the Post 2015 development agenda, we were still able to engage with our leaders and produce results & some level of commitment to the Agenda 2030. These commitments ranged from recognition that any development of implementation plans for Agenda 2030 would require civil society input, to the adoption of the position of SDG Ambassador by key High Level Government officials.

Our involvement in the Beyond 2015 campaign has also shown us that we, in the Pacific, can work at the international level and link the national level to the regional and subsequently the global level. It is possible for us to engage with partners in the Northern and Southern hemisphere on common areas of concern and assist one another in our advocacy, our engagement, our strategy, our campaign - all in the spirit of solidarity. As part of the Beyond 2015 campaign, PIANGO & other Pacific Island civil society representatives have attended various global fora focusing on the Post 2015 agenda, from the September 2014 General Assembly (Fiji/Kiribati), the January 2015 stocktaking session at the UN Inter-Governmental Negotiations (PIANGO), the April Inter-governmental negotiation session at the UN (PNG), the World Social Forum in Tunis (March) and the September Post 2015 summit in New York.

The campaign has allowed for Pacific civil society to have a voice in global fora as well as providing various tools to assist Pacific civil society in their engagement with their governments. With the formal adoption of “The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” by the United Nations on 25th September 2015, the focus now lies primarily at the national level and on how Governments will implement Agenda2030. Whilst the Beyond 2015 campaign is now in the process of winding down, the real work with regard to Agenda2030 only starts now & at the country level. The campaign known as “Beyond 2015” shall be no more, however the networks & relationships that have been established over the past 2 years shall remain. The onus is now upon all Civil society actors to pull together to ensure that our Governments do implement this ambitious and transformative agenda. To this end, in August - Beyond 2015 released a toolkit called the “Policy to Action toolkit” providing 5 case studies from around the world - in the Pacific, the case of PNG was highlighted with its efforts towards implementation. The toolkit provides helpful recommendations, red flags and practical steps for civil society to take in advocating for the full implementation of the #2030agenda and may be accessed at the link: http://www.beyond2015.org/sites/default/files/ToolkitBeyond2015_Elia_280715_v4.pdf.

PIANGO remains committed to sharing what knowledge it gleans of the #Agenda2030 and lessons learnt from other global partners within the Pacific and externally.
Pacific National Lead Agencies talk about Beyond 2015 Campaign

Priscilla Opa Kare, Executive Director, PNG Education Advocacy Network (PEAN)

Beyond 2015 Campaign was an eye-opener that allowed us the opportunities to advocate and lobby policy makers who have been denying the critical mass the right to basic services and opportunities. Beyond 2015 Campaign shook up decision-makers to realize that people can finally hold them to account for the past 15 years. Major policy reforms such as Government Data Systems, Monitoring and Evaluation Policy, the Foreign Aid Policy and the CSO-Government of PNG Partnership Policy are the real ingredients for Means of Implementation in-country under the UN SDGs, and we are comforted by our Governments promise that the people of PNG will be the focus of the National Development Priorities - Beyond 2015.

Pefi Kingi, Project Manager, Vagahau Niue Trust

if not for PIANGO, Pacificwin would not have accessed the opportunity of actively engaging in the global Beyond2015 campaign. If not for Beyond2015, Pacificwin would not have delivered and counted for the migrant Pacific diaspora communities in AotearoaNZ. We have gained access where previously we would have had great challenges. Thank you PIANGO, our regional coordinator, global leadership and the opportunity of working with great Pacific counterparts. Onwards!

Alice Ridge, Advocacy Officer, Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)

The support of the Beyond 2015 Campaign has allowed ACFID to build awareness and support for the 2030 Agenda amongst politicians and civil society in Australia through events, forums and engagement with the media. By connecting ACFID with other NGOs around the world, and particularly in our own Pacific region, Beyond 2015 has allowed us to hear, understand and amplify the voices of people affected by poverty and marginalisation, and communicate the importance this historic agreement.

Neil Maharaj, Executive Director, Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS)

Fiji Council of Social Services is proud to have engaged with the Beyond 2015 Campaign for the last two years to coordinate CSOs and advocate on issues pertaining to disadvantaged and marginalised people of Fiji. Beyond 2015 Campaign provided a platform for CSOs in Fiji to remind our governments to create an enabling environment for CSO participation and be accountable to the new development agenda. Beyond 2015 Campaign has created a history in Fiji with Hon. Speaker of Parliament of Fiji, Dr Jiko Luveni, appointed as the new ambassador to champion the SDGs in Fiji. For FCOSS, this is a defining moment as it prepares itself for the new Strategic Direction and how it will embrace the Agenda 2030 as the new framework in order to leave no one behind.


Participants of Post-2105 Development Agenda in Honiara, Solomon Islands in April, 2015.
"In every end, there is also a beginning" ~ Libba Bray

The adoption of #Agenda2030 by the United Nations and its Member States in September 2015, ushers in the closing of a period of strenuous lobbying, advocacy, policy writing, late night conference calls & webinars, by civil society actors pushing for a legitimate successor framework to the Millennium Development Goals. The Beyond 2015 campaign of which PIANGO has been a part of, is one such global civil society campaign which is now in the process of winding down.

In November 2014 at the High Level Civil Society event convened by Beyond 2015 in Copenhagen, there began calls from numerous civil society actors for us all to start asking the question of “So What Now?”. Now that we have achieved & secured, what we hope will be a truly transformative development agenda, what do we do as civil society? Does the campaign end there? Needless to say, the answer from civil society has been a resounding NO, and that the true work only starts now.

However what is recognized by all civil society actors is that the campaign must now be revised and that not only must its strategic focus change, but its approach as well. Towards this end, discussions on “So what now?” began in March of this year in Tunis (Tunisia) at the World Social Forum, where PIANGO representatives facilitated a session focusing on gathering the views of partners in attendance on what they felt should be the campaign moving forward, what it should look like, structured, and the approaches it should take.

Fast forward to September in New York, and discussions continue on how the new campaign will look, but with certain actors at the table committed to carrying the process forward from Beyond 2015, Action 2015 and CIVICUS. There is now a Transitionary Steering Group (TSG) set up, of which PIANGO is a member, tasked with coming up with recommendations towards the structure of the new campaign & with an express timeline of completing this work by no later than July 2016.

In the Pacific, PIANGO included dialogue around this topic at its “Beyond 2015 Pacific Winding Down” meeting on 20th October, seeking views of Beyond 2015 Pacific partners who were in attendance (Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kiribati & New Zealand) sought on the following questions:

- What do we want here in the Pacific moving forward?
- If a Pacific Platform for Agenda 2030 were established, what should this look like?
- What are your views on the membership of any Steering Committee?

A diagrammatic representation of the views of all Pacific based National Lead Agencies and Focal points are as follows:

These are the initial views of a portion of Pacific civil society for the “So What Now?” debate. PIANGO will moving forward continue to engage with other Pacific civil society actors for their input for a more inclusive campaign around the implementation of #Agenda2030.

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**What we want**

- PIANGO to continue to coordinate Agenda 2030
- PIANGO to be Regional Coordinator
- Specific Terms of References for engaged organisations
- Use of user-friendly mediums: Radio
- Campaign positions to be translated into local Pasifika language

**Pacific Platform**

- PIANGO to serve as basis for Platform
- Specific Memorandums of Understanding with all partner Pacific organisations
- Use of Faith based groups to allow for maximum reach in the Pacific

**Steering Committee**

- Coordinated mechanism for SC
- Align up to CPDE (7 sectors)

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*an open meeting place for reflective thinking, democratic debate of ideas, formulation of proposals, free exchange of experiences & inter-linking for effective action, by groups & movements of civil society that are opposed to neo-liberalism & to domination of the world by capital and any form of imperialism, and are committed to building a society centred on the human person*
Beyond 2015 ends effective campaign in the Pacific

Just as Beyond 2015 global convened a “Winding down” meeting in New York during the Post 2015 Summit, between 19th – 20th October 2015, the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (PIANGO) as Pacific Regional Coordinator for the Beyond 2015 campaign – called a Pacific Winding Down meeting in Suva, Fiji. It was attended by 5 of the Pacific National Lead agency representatives & focal points – representing the Samoa Umbrella of Non-Governmental Organizations (Samoa), the Development Services Exchange (Solomon Islands), the Kiribati Climate Action Network (Kiribati), the Fiji Council of Social Services (Fiji), and the Pacific Women’s Network (New Zealand/Niue). Also present for the first half of Day 1 were the PIANGO Board chairperson Mr. Drew Havea and Ms. Emeline Siale of the Civil Society Forum of Tonga. Unfortunately representatives from Papua New Guinea (PNG Education Advocacy Network) and Australia (Australia Council for International Development) were not able to attend due to prior commitments and difficulties in finalizing travel arrangements.

During the 2 days, participants shared their experiences in country and at the regional level with how people and organizations were engaged in the campaign – their successes, failures and lessons learnt. All Pacific national lead agencies and focal points were unified in their praise of the Beyond 2015 campaign and PIANGO’s efforts in coordinating work within the region. They were especially appreciative of how the campaign gave them the ability to understand complex UN processes relevant to the Post 2015 development agenda, as well as linking the national level to regional and finally to the global level.

Through a process of self-reflection, Pacific Beyond 2015 campaigners evaluated not only how the campaign assisted them with engagement on the Post 2015 development agenda in country – but also the questions of our own accountability to our members and/or affiliate organizations. Key questions answered included: What we did not achieve? & What were the crucial lessons learned which needed to be incorporated into future campaigns?

Lessons learnt

Need more $$$ & funding to be given well ahead of time; More CSOs involvement in planning
More structured follow up for stakeholders
More closer interaction with Government minister
Better planning of events
Use of Lead Agencies to form part of the Steering Committee except when deliberating on matters relevant to them.
Must include budget for translation into future funding proposals
Must make allocation for at least 3 fully paid staff
Orientation to be conducted for ALL new staff of campaign regardless of time of recruitment
Need to be more inclusive & make room for Thematic based NGOs & other partners in campaign

Seven(7) key outcomes identified from the Pacific Beyond 2015 Winding Down 2-day meeting, were:

In conclusion, PIANGO and the Regional Coordinator would like to take this opportunity to extend a heart-felt word of thanks, to all Pacific national lead agencies and focal points from Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand for their tireless work during the campaign. Thank you for making what was a mammoth task as smooth as it possibly could be.

Not achieved

- More participants
- Feedback from stakeholders
- Face to face meetings with Ministers
- Media coverage of events
- Regional Steering Committee not functional
- Translation of Beyond 2015 resources into Local Pasifika language
- Staffing needs: 1 dedicated officer not sufficient for demands of campaign
- Proper orientation of new staff brought onto campaign
- More Civil Society actors included in campaign from the Region
Pacific Islands Forum Secretary-General pledges to support Civil Society work

Secretary-General of the Pacific Islands Forum, Dame Meg Taylor has assured civil society organisations in the region that the Forum will strengthen its support to civil society and has pledged to work closely with civil society in the work done by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

Speaking at the PIANGO Civil Society Partnership Dialogue in Port Moresby, PNG, in September, Dame Meg Taylor said that she recognized the important work done by civil society across various sectors in the Pacific.

“I am a strong supporter of civil society and I don’t say that lightly. I am committed to ensuring that we take inclusive approaches in our work at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.”

“I have had limited opportunities to meet with civil society representatives over the last few months while visiting Forum member countries but it is one of my priorities over the coming year to spend time talking to civil society organisations during regular country consultations” said Dame Meg.

Civil society leaders were also told that their roles in relation to the Framework for Pacific Regionalism is important.

“If regionalism in the Pacific under this new Framework is confined to the world of officials and governments, then it is doomed in the long run. Regionalism and regional processes must embrace and consult all stakeholders across this vast region. Civil society must play an integral part in shaping and implementing regionalism, as must the churches, communities, the private sector, academics and individuals.”

“Civil society has a very important role to play in this new world, and your work will provide some important thinking around key regional issues as well as the central role that civil society must play in support of regionalism” said Dame Meg.

Dame Meg Taylor also used the opportunity to express her gratitude to CSOs in Fiji for traditionally welcoming her shortly after her appointment to the role of Secretary-General.

“Melanesians feel strongly about being welcomed to a land before they walk through it. It was PIANGO in Fiji that extended me a very warm welcome at a time when arrived in a country that was coming through its democratic processes, it was still a very tense situation between the Pacific Islands Forum and the Government of Fiji. My first few months were lonely, they weren’t the happiest. And I can honestly say from the depths of my heart that it wasn’t until we had the tanoa, and the welcome, and the prayer in Fiji, that it made me feel comfortable to go to the market on Saturdays and walk through the streets and feel that I had the right to be there. I thank you very much for that.”

Dame Meg Taylor, from Papua New Guinea, is the first female leader of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and started her three year term in January 2015.
PEAN Radio Show

Fiji Post 2015 Media Dialogue

PIANGO staff at New York

Lani & Tahere of PYC in New York

Participants at PIANGO & DSE Media Dialogue

‘So what Now’ meeting in Tunis

The whole crew KCCI Beyond2015 dinner

Radio 9-Beyond2015 Kiribati Live Radio & Roadshow

PIANGO & PANG colleagues with Octo

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