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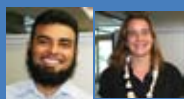
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More Pacific NGOs for CSW 53

At least eight Non Government Organisation (NGO) /Civil Society Organisation (CSO) participants from the Pacific will be supported to attend the 53rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York next year from March 2 -13.

This will be made possible with funding from the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Pacific Centre which supported the participation of four Pacific NGO/CSO representatives at the last session of CSW earlier this year.

The announcement was made at the conclusion of the four day Pacific Regional CSO/NGO Training and Strategy Session for 53rd session

of the Commission on the Status of Women held in Nadi in September which served to prepare potential candidates for attendance at CSW 53.

At the last session of the CSW in March this year, the UNDP Pacific Centre supported the participation of Cook Islands Women's Counseling Centre's Kairangi Samuela, Solomon Islands based Vois Blong Mere's Lisa Horiwapu, Solomon Islands National Women's Centre's Ella Kauhue and Pacific Islands News Association's Matai Akaoula.

The CSW is a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), dedicated exclusively to gender equality and advancement of women. It is the principal global policy-making body. Every year, representatives of Member States gather at UN Headquarters in New York to evaluate progress on gender equality, identify challenges, set global standards and formulate concrete policies to promote gender equality and advancement of women worldwide.



Reporting back from the Strengthening Media and Communications Skills session: Chair Ofa-Ki-Levuka Guttenbeil-Likiliki (R) and resource person PINA's Matai Akauola look on as Solomon Islands Melody Sade (front) and FSM's Tina Takashy share their experiences of the training. Other resource persons at this session were Femlink Pacific's Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls, Vois Blong Mere's Lisa Horiwapu, FWRM's Tara Chetty and UNDP PC's Shobhna Decloitre

The priority theme for CSW 53 is "The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS."

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Donor Partners Renew Support

Pacific Centre's traditional donor partners AusAID and NZAID have renewed their support to for the Centre for the coming years.

A new donor partner, the European Commission has provided support for one of the Pacific Centre's new programmes.

Australian Agency for International Development, AusAID has provided AUD \$6 million to the Centre for a four year period 2008 -2011.

Additionally, AusAID has provided AUD \$2.8 million for Centre's Crisis Prevention and Recovery programme for the same period.

AusAID had provided USD \$4.5 million for the period 2006-2007.

NZAID, New Zealand's International Aid and Development Agency has provided NZD \$1.5 million for 2008-2009.

For the period 2006 -2007 Pacific Centre had received USD\$2.865 million from NZAID.

This year, the European Commission has provided 0.15 million euros for the Pacific Centre's newly established Pacific Financial Inclusion Programme (PFIP).

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Young Entrepreneurs Learn Skills

Young entrepreneurs and business managers from Fiji, Kiribati and Tuvalu spent a week in Suva acquiring new skills on how to attract and retain more customers and further develop their businesses.

The training held in September was conducted jointly by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Centre, The Body Shop (Australia) and the Integrated Human Resource Development Programme (IHRDP).

Bronwyn Katia who runs a kava business in central Suva said she learnt a great deal from the workshop and had a lot of fun at the same time.

"I will do everything differently when I return to my business after this training, including how to approach customers and retain them, communicating better with them and changing my selling skills," said Ms Katia.

"I can see the business growing in the future when I implement all that I have learnt at this training."

The training focused on various

aspects of business development, competitiveness and marketing skills. The sessions were interactive with visits to some of the Suva-based participants businesses. Group activities playing out what was learnt in the training sessions also figured prominently on the schedule.

Josefa Bau, who runs an eco-tourism resort in Fiji said the training helped him identify the areas that needed improvement in his business.

"Through this training I managed



Young entrepreneurs during a group activity

to identify all the weaknesses in my business and I have identified the solutions as well," said Mr. Bau.

He said he would change his customer service techniques and would work at better addressing his customers' needs.

Tuvalu's Sandy Solomona who runs a baby clothes shop said she learnt a lot from the training and she is motivated to do things differently when she returns home.

"One of the most important things I learnt at this training was about how to communicate with the customers. I will use the steps we have been taught here so that the customers feel happy to be in my shop," said Ms. Solomona.

Participants at the training all agreed that they learnt new skills from the training. Many will be transferring these skills to other staff in their businesses and holding in-house refresher courses to keep these alive.

The workshop was the sixth to be delivered in Fiji and is the result of an enduring partnership, since 2002, between the UNDP, the Body Shop (Australia) and the Commonwealth Youth Programme, which has sponsored the attendance of the participants from Kiribati and Tuvalu for the Suva workshop.

Thirty participants attended this workshop.

Connecting the Dots for CSW

Forty participants representing NGOs working in the area of gender, HIV and disability attended the four day Pacific Regional CSO/NGO Training and Strategy Session for 53rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women held in Nadi in September. They came from 12 Pacific Island Countries: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.

The training and strategy session introduced the participants to the workings of the CSW including lobbying and negotiations, as well

advocacy and communication. It also provided an opportunity to sub regional and country groups to identify Pacific priorities relating to the CSW 53 priority theme.

Participants also emphasised the need for forward planning and all agreed that preparation work for CSW 53 should start without delay and continue with follow up and implementation activities after the CSW session.

NGO/CSO groups planned strategies, specific activities and plans of actions at the country and sub regional levels based on the priority areas of work. These ranged, among

others, from localizing the theme of "sharing equal responsibilities between men and women in care giving in the context of HIV/AIDS" in their communities and raising awareness on this as well as on the importance of the CSW in advancing gender equality.



Making a point: UNDP PC's Governance Associate Isikeli Valemei (L) and participant at CSW 52 Kairangi Samuela

Supporting the Government of Vanuatu to achieve the MDGs using Sectoral Needs Assessment and Costing Tools Together

As countries move closer to the deadline of 2015 to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), more focused support is being provided to Pacific Governments to make significant progress on the MDGs. In the case of Vanuatu, Government officials were trained in the use of tools that assist in identifying sectoral interventions and the cost estimate of implementing government policies to reach the MDGs. The MDG Needs Assessment and Costing tools allows for policy makers to identify areas that need urgent attention and adequately address them.

Officials from the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Ministry of Health and Department of Women at the Ministry of Justice and Social Welfare were trained in August in Port Vila to apply the MDG costing tools in the areas of agriculture and rural development, education, health, HIV, environment, energy, water and sanitation, gender and transportation. While gender

is addressed as an integral part of all the costing tools, a stand-alone gender tool is available to draw attention to additional specific gender interventions which are not covered in various sectors.

The sectoral costing tools allow governments to plan and cost the development outcomes they wish to achieve in the areas of education, health, energy, water and sanitation, environment and other sectors. The tools allow governments to test a variety of scenarios to determine what might be both achievable and affordable within current available funding and capacity constraints. The use of such planning method-

ologies and costing tools should enable governments to improve both efficiency and effectiveness in the use of its domestic resources. They also provide a rational basis for governments to engage with development partners to raise additional resources to bridge any financing gap.

The sectoral costing tools have been developed jointly by the UNDP Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP Regional Centres in Colombo and Bangkok, and other UN Agencies and partners, and are presently used in over 22 countries globally.

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The workshop in progress

inter-relatedness of the tools across the sectors and the need for Ministries to work together to increase synergies of interventions and avoid double counting.

The workshop was conducted as part of a three year project between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Government focusing on providing support to update Vanuatu's National MDG Report in line with the global review of the MDG +10 in 2010 and supporting Vanuatu to plan and cost MDGs at national, sectoral and local levels. It was facilitated by UNDP and also involved other UN agencies (United

Nations Children's Fund, World Health Organization, United Nations Development Fund for Women and the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS). A follow up training will take place early in the new year and will

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be complemented by a Training of Trainers to institutionalize expertise on the costing tools in Vanuatu.

An initial Pacific regional MDG-based workshop on Planning, Budgeting and Costing for the 15 Pacific countries covered by the three UNDP Country Offices was held in Nadi in 2006. Subsequent sub regional workshops targeting countries in the North Pacific, Western Pacific and Polynesia respectively were held in 2007 and this year. The sub regional workshops addressed how to strengthen the coherence between policy, planning and budgeting, and align local and national plans to the MDGs.

The introduction of the sectoral costing tools to prioritize and cost policy interventions was an additional highlight.. The in-country training, like the one held in Vanuatu in August 2008, provides hands-on training to government officials working in the area of planning, budgeting and costing the MDGs, and is in line with UNDP's mandate to support capacity and institutional development in our partner countries for development effectiveness.

Implementing UN Convention Against Corruption

Government officials from Fiji and Papua New Guinea (PNG) joined their counterparts from Asia for a three day technical training on the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) in October.

Organised by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Regional Centre Bangkok, with support from the UNDP Pacific Centre, the technical training provided an opportunity to discuss a range of issues dealing with the practical challenges of implementing the UNCAC.

Participants representing 17 countries from Asia and the Pacific shared their experiences on anti-corruption initiatives and the Millennium Development Goals, transforming institutions and cultures to promote accountability, strengthening oversight mechanisms such as Ombudsmen Offices, reforming the public sector, and government-NGO initiatives to tackle corruption.

Heads of Government from the Pacific have already recognized the important role that UNCAC plays in providing an internationally agreed framework for the construction of an effective anti-corruption framework

for countries around the globe. In 2004, at the 35th Pacific Islands Forum in Samoa, the Forum Leaders Communiqué called upon Pacific leaders "to consider signing and ratifying the UN Convention against Corruption to strengthen good governance in accordance with the spirit of the Biketawa Declaration."

In the Pacific, only two countries have ratified the UNCAC – PNG in July 2007 and Fiji in May 2008.

At the technical training participants from the Pacific were represented by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, PNG Ombudsman Office, Fiji Attorney General's Office and UNDP PNG Country Office.

Papua New Guinea's Chief Ombudsman, Chronox Manek who attended the training said he hoped to identify collaborative strategies for addressing corruption.

"The fight against corruption is everybody's business. When everybody stands up to fight corruption, they will, despite good intentions, come from different angles depending on what their personal experiences have been. There is therefore a greater need to

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harmonise these approaches and attack corruption with a coordinated and united front. I expect this training to identify appropriate approaches that can assist in tackling these issues so that we can have a common approach to attacking corruption," said Mr Manek.

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It is considered by many as a revolutionary step in promoting international cooperation to tackle corruption, and is a groundbreaking tool to promote good governance.

UNCAC was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 31 October 2003 and came into force on 14 December 2005. To date, more than 125 countries have ratified the Convention.

Recognising the impact of corruption on human development, UNDP earlier this year, released the Asia Pacific Human Development Report "Tackling Corruption, Transforming Lives." The report calls for a collective effort by all stakeholders – governments, development partners, civil society groups, the media and the private sector – to join hands and fight corruption.

In this context, UNCAC is seen as a key framework for guiding Government, private sector and civil society anti-corruption initiatives.

Increasing the Number of Women in Pacific Parliaments

As at October 2008, in Pacific Islands Forum countries' and territories' (not including Australia and New Zealand), there is an average of only 3.5% women members in national legislatures, compared with 96.5% male members. In four countries in our region, there are no women members of the legislature at all. In comparison, globally the world averages of all elected members are 18.2% women and 81.8% men.

In an effort to promote greater gender balance in Pacific Island legislatures, a sub-regional workshop for Melanesian countries was held in Port Moresby from 25–26 September on "Promoting Women in Pacific Legislatures Using Temporary Special Measures". The workshop aimed to explore how affirmative action measures can be implemented to fast track the participation of women in Pacific legislatures.

of the April 2006 "Pacific Regional Workshop on Advancing Women's Representation in Parliament" held in Cook Islands. That workshop called for sub-regional workshops on special measures and electoral reforms to promote the political representation of women. Sub-regional workshops for Polynesia and Micronesia are being planned for the future.

The workshop was opened by the Right Honourable Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea. Participants in the workshop included the Honourable Dame Carol Kidu, the PNG Minister for Community Development, Deputy Speaker of the Bougainville Parliament, Hon Francesca Semoso and Hon Laura Ampa, a Minister from the Autonomous Bougainville Government, along with former parliamentarians, senior officials and civil society representatives from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.



Women and parliaments: Dame Carol Kidu launches the "CEDAW A Pocket Guide for Pacific Parliamentarians" at the workshop. In the background is PIFS's Dr Henry Ivarature. More on the publication on page 8

The workshop was convened by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) in partnership with the PNG Department of Community Development, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, UNIFEM, the UNDP Pacific Centre, the International Development Law Organisation, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and with support from the Australian Agency for International Development and PNG Sustainable Development Program Limited.

The workshop was organized to follow up one of the key outcomes

The workshop identified a large number of factors which constrain women from political success, including institutional, cultural, social and financial barriers. Reflecting on these barriers, participants then discussed the specific reasons why special measures to promote women are both needed and justified in their countries. With such low numbers of women being elected in open seats, participants were keenly interested in how special measures like reserved seats or party quotas could be used in their countries to "jumpstart" the process of getting more women into their legislatures.

It was noted that participating coun-

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tries' Governments have already signed up to numerous international and regional commitments to gender equality – what was needed now was for those Governments to take practical action to implement those commitments. Article 4 of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women, which has been ratified by all but three Forum Island Countries, explicitly recognises that sometimes Governments need to implement affirmative action initiatives or "temporary special measures" to advance gender equality.

In the final sessions of the workshop, each of the country groups identified key priorities and actions that need to be taken in their home countries to move forward work locally on utilising temporary special measures. The Outcomes Statement from the workshop captures these action plans. Already there are signs of progress, with women's groups in Solomon Islands meeting in November to agree on a local strategy for promoting the use reserved seats in their Parliament. PIFS, with support from partners such as the UNDP Pacific Centre, remains committed to providing ongoing technical and other assistance in support of these action plans.

The UNDP Pacific Centre is currently producing a publication on "Utilising Temporary Special Measures to Promote Gender Balance in Pacific Legislatures." This publication is being developed as a simple reference guide, targeting policy makers and NGOs.

UNDP Ladies Light Up Diwali Celebrations



Ladies from UNDP Pacific Centre and UNDP Fiji Multi Country Office performed a lively Bollywood number as part of the UNDP celebrations for Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. From (L-R) Ilana Burness, UNDP PC's Governance Assistant, Fiji MCO's Racheal Varea, Emma Walsh, Senshil Chand, Shobna Singh, UNDP PC's Nanise Saune and Jessica Robbins

Pacific Financial Inclusion Programme Starts

Individuals and families in the Pacific stand to gain social and financial benefits from inclusive financial sectors. This forms part of the Coombs Declaration made at the conclusion of the Financial Capacity Deepening in the Pacific, held in Sydney from 25 to 26 August 2008. The conference was organized jointly by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), International Finance Corporation and the World Bank and attended by Pacific Island Ministers of Finance, Central Bank Governors and Senior Finance officials.

This conference was also the first activity implemented through the newly established Pacific Financial Inclusion Programme (PFIP). The PFIP builds on the successes achieved under the broader Millennium Development Goals Programme. PFIP is jointly funded by the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), UNDP and European Commission and operates out the UNDP Pacific Centre.

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Pacific Financial Inclusion Advisor Tillman Bruett

low income households, small and microenterprises to access appropriate and sustainable financial services. To do so, PFIP aims to push the limits of traditional banking and microfinance, promote and invest in new ideas and service models, and take advantage of new technologies that are proving effective in reaching remote areas around the world. It will work closely with AusAID, NZAid, ADB, and the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

The PFIP team is led by Pacific Financial Inclusion Advisor, Tillman Bruett who has over 15 years experience in commercial banking, microfinance, and financial inclusion. He was a founding partner of Alternative Credit Technologies (ACT), a

consulting company specializing on building inclusive financial systems and sustainable financial institutions, and he worked in the 1990s for FINCA International, an international network organization that operated microfinance institutions in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Eastern and Central Europe. He was adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins School of Advance International Studies and has taught regularly at Georgetown University.

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Jeff Liew is the team's Pacific Partnerships and Business Development Advisor. He has strong participatory and commercial background and comes with over 20 years of development work in the Indian Ocean, Caribbean and, substantively, the Pacific and is a recognised practitioner on livelihoods issues facing small island development states. The rest of the team is being recruited.



The winning team in action - CPR's Moortaza Jiwani (R), Stephanie Zoll, Mereseini Senikau-Tuivuniwai, MDG team's new Programme Assistant Pranita Sami and Garry Wiseman (with back to camera)

Centre Retreat

The Pacific Centre staff went on a week-long retreat in October. The retreat provided an opportunity to take stock of 2008 and plan for 2009. It also provided an opportunity for new staff to familiarize themselves with the work of the Centre.

The work plan presentation by all teams encouraged feedback from all staff by means of anonymous questions written on cards. This provided a forum for candid discussion. The Pacific Centre's draft monitoring and evaluation report was also presented and discussed at the retreat. The monitoring and evaluation consisted of getting feedback from Pacific Centre partners regarding a broad range of issues. This report will be shared with partners in the coming months.

The retreat also included a mini Olympic event which encouraged team building across and within Pacific Centre teams on a sports field. Overall, the retreat was highly successful and objectives met.



Top Right: It was not all play - Fiji MCO colleagues joined the retreat for a session on procurement and human resources issues. Here, PC's acting Deputy Manager Naoki Takyo (L) and Fiji MCO's Roneel Prasad sort through feedback queries. Team building exercise of communicating as a team - a blind folded Nanise Saune guided by Ashika Autar (L), Suki Beavers and Carol Flore-Smrecznik (R)

CPR has Complete Team

The Crisis Prevention and Recovery team at the Pacific Centre has a full complement of staff now. The team of four programme specialists, one United Nations Volunteer and two programme support staff is led by Jean Luc Stalon.

New additions to the team include Crisis Prevention Specialist Tracy Vienings, Conflict Prevention and Recovery Programme Specialist Thomas Shanahan, Natural Disaster and Transition Specialist Karen Bernard, and Disaster Risk Management Specialist Moortaza Jiwani.

Tracy has over 15 years of experience in the conflict prevention and peace-building field. At the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation in South Africa during the 1990s, Tracy worked on research-driven policy interventions and strategies for community driven peace

building programmes. In the last six years while employed by the UN, Saferworld and CARE International, Tracy has worked on conflict sensitive approaches to development in Nepal, Uganda, Kosovo and Darfur. Before joining the Pacific Centre, Tracy was the Deputy Country Director for CARE International in South Africa, Lesotho.

Prior to taking up his post at UNDP Pacific Centre, Thomas worked on conflict, peace and development and gender issues with various UN agencies, NGOs and the World Bank in the Pacific, Europe, Asia and North America. He had also spent time at the Pacific Centre as a consultant.

Karen brings with her 12 years of experience having worked on regional development programs in the Caribbean and Latin America. Her prior work experience with UNDP

entailed coordinating a regional program on climate risk management in the Caribbean, promoting knowledge transfer mainly via south-south cooperation and the dissemination of best practices.

Moortaza, who has worked at the Pacific Centre as a consultant has ten years of experience working on projects in the public and private sectors across a wide range of environmental and natural resource sectors, including disaster risk management, water and sanitation, and renewable energies.

Nanise Saune, previously the Pacific Centre's Programme Assistant is the CPR team's Programme Associate while Mereseini Senikau-Tuivuniwai has been recruited as a Programme Assistant. Mereseini was a Young Professional at the UNDP Fiji Multi Country Office prior to joining the Pacific Centre.

Also part of the CPR team is Stephanie Zoll, an International UNV working in the area of disaster risk management.



Tracy Vienings



Thomas Shanahan



Karen Bernard



Moortaza Jiwani

Co-ordinator for CSO Project

The UNDP Pacific Centre's Regional project "Strengthening CSO Capacity towards Achievement of MDGs in the Pacific" has a Co-ordinator - Amelia Kinahoi-Siamomua. She joined the Pacific Centre in October and provides management and coordination of delivery of this regional project.

The project is designed to enhance the capacity of Pacific CSOs, which includes a broad range of non state actors and institutions, in policy and advocacy work, and to deepen their contribution to development and towards the achievement of the MDGs through the promotion and

practice of good governance principles.

Amelia is no stranger to the Pacific and she brings with her more than 23 years development experience in Africa, Asia Pacific, and the Middle East. Prior to joining the Centre, Amelia worked in the United States as a Senior Advisor for CARE International (USA) working with CARE's country offices in Africa, Asia, and in the Middle East to mainstream gender and rights and to deepen poverty analysis in its programs to alleviate poverty. She was formerly the Regional Program Director for UNIFEM (Pacific), a Development Cooperation Adviser at the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat, Women's Development Adviser at the Secretariat for the Pacific Community, a Project/Economics Officer with the



Amelia Kinahoi-Siamomua

Asian Development Bank and initially an Economist with the Tonga Development Bank.

The CSO project will be implemented by the Pacific Centre in partnership with the UNV, the PRNGO and other regional CSOs/networks. Recruitment of the team's Capacity Building Specialist, Policy Advocacy Specialist, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist and Project Assistant are in the process.

Latest Knowledge Products

Sub Regional Workshop on MDG-based Planning, Costing and Budgeting for Polynesian Countries

This report discusses the Polynesian Sub Regional MDG workshop held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, in May 2008. It was the third and last in the series of sub regional workshops organized by the UNDP Pacific Centre. The workshop targeted government and non government participants from Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga and Cook Islands.



<http://www.undppc.org.fj/pages.cfm/publications/mdg-achievement-poverty-reduction-reports/>

Solomon Islands: Analysis of the 2005/2006 Household Income and Expenditure Survey

In this report, Solomon Islands household income and expenditure data from the 2005/06 Urban and Rural Household Income and Expenditure Surveys (HIES) has been used to estimate national and regional Food and Basic Needs Poverty Lines. From these the incidence levels, depth and severity of poverty in Solomon Islands have been measured.

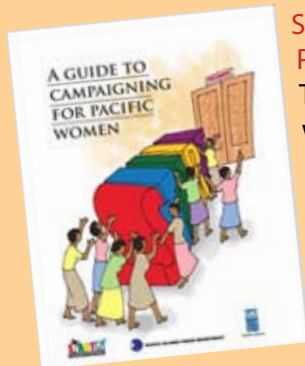


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START: A guide to campaigning for Pacific Women

This booklet aims to help women who want to get involved in their own local, national and regional governance to get STARTed to take on the challenge of elections. The START strategy has been developed as a quick reference point, to help women remember some of the key issues they will need to consider and key activities they

need to undertake when running for elections.

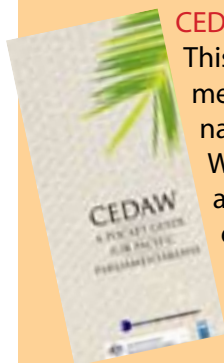


<http://www.undppc.org.fj/pages.cfm/publications/democratic-governance-reports>

CEDAW A Pocket Guide for Pacific Parliamentarians

This pocket guide is designed to familiarise parliamentarians with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Optional Protocol and describes what parliamentarians can do to ensure effective implementation of the Convention.

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Upcoming Events

Celebrating Pacific Centre Partnerships November 20, Fiji

The UNDP Pacific Centre will hold an event to mark the partnerships it has with various donor agencies as well as showcase the knowledge products it has developed with different partners. The event will also provide an occasion to formally launch the Centre's new website.

Upcoming UN Days

December 1
World AIDS Day

December 10
International Human Rights Day
This day also marks the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.