



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Pacific Feminist Forum Programme

19 – 22 May 2019

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# PACIFIC FEMINIST FORUM 2019

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*A warm greetings to you, and welcome to  
 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pacific Feminist Forum.*

*Please find the details for the next three days below.*

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# Program

Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May		Arrival <b>Welcome</b>	
<b>5.00pm – 7.00pm</b>	<b>FemArt Fair</b>	Conference Room 7	
<i>Registrations and pick up your Conference Package</i> <i>FemArt Fair: Trade and barter your artefacts</i> <i>Networking with 150 other Pacific Feminist sisters over beverages</i>			
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May		Day One <b>Building Solidarity</b>	
<b>9.00am – 10.30am</b>	<b>Opening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pacific Feminist Forum</b>	Conference Room 7	
<i>Welcome Address</i>	PFF Working Group		
<i>Performance Piece</i>	VOU Dance Group		
<i>Welcome Address</i>	Chief Guest: Hon. Mereseini Vuniwaqa: Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation (Fiji)		
<i>Performance Piece</i>	Camari Serau		
<i>Keynote Speaker Address</i>	Joeleen Brown Mataele		
<i>Performance Piece</i>	VOU Dance Group		
<i>PFF Programme Logistics</i>	PFF Working Group		
<i>Group Photo Shoot</i>	All		
<b>10.30am – 11.00am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>		
<b>11.00am – 12.30pm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Plenary Session</b>	Conference Room 7	
<i>Let's open up a catalytic conversation on what our challenges are, how we, as Pacific feminists, can build solidarity. What are the things we need to do now, alone and more importantly, what can we do together under the Pacific Feminist Charter?</i>			
<b>Moderators</b>	<b>Speakers</b>		
Viva Tatawaqa Kaushal Sharma	Elvira Ramkabu Abigail Aguliar	Virisila Buadromo Sainimili Naivalu	
<b>12.30pm – 1.30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		

<b>1.30pm – 3.00pm</b>	<b>Parallel Workshops – Round 1</b>	
	1A. <i>Banding together and exploring the strength of forging coalitions: the Fiji Women’s Forum</i>	<b>Conference Room 7</b>
	1B. <i>What does it mean to be feminist in Vanuatu?</i>	<b>Meeting Room 6</b>
	1C. <i>Strengthening solidarity economies of LGBTQI-led feminist groups and HRDs in Pacific Small Island States and Territories</i>	<b>Function Room 5</b>
<b>3.00pm – 3.30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
<b>3.30pm – 5.00pm</b>	<b>Parallel Workshops – Round 2</b>	
	2A. <i>For Women Filled with Fire: Bringing women’s funds to the Pacific</i>	<b>Conference Room 7</b>
	2B. <i>Weaving Indigenous knowledge and practice: Listening to our voices</i>	<b>Meeting Room 6</b>
	2C. <i>Pacific feminist coalition building talanoa</i>	<b>Function Room 5</b>
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Solidarity dinner: “This is Me” Pasifika themed fashion event</b> <i>Dress up!! A fashion parade to celebrate solidarity and Pacific Feminists. The theme of the night is “This is Me,” express yourself as a Pasifika feminist!</i>	

<b>Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Day Two</b> <b>Strengthening Resistance</b>	
<b>9.00am – 10.30am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session</b>	<b>Conference Room 7</b>
<i>Within the present context of globalisation, neoliberalism, climate change, religious fundamentalism and shifting geopolitical dynamics, how do we strengthen and sustain our Resistance against the tyranny of exacerbating inequalities and women’s human rights issues? What and who are we resisting against AND how?</i>		
<b>Moderators</b>	<b>Speakers</b>	
Nalini Singh Kele Gavidu	Noelene Nabulivou      Levita Levi Sipa ép Caillard	
<b>10.30am – 11.00am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>	
<b>11.00am – 12.30pm</b>	<b>Parallel Workshops – Round 3</b>	
	3A. <i>TRANS-forming lives for a Better &amp; Stronger Pacific</i>	<b>Conference Room 7</b>
	3B. <i>Show me the money! Mapping emerging trends, gaps &amp; opportunities for resourcing of feminist and women’s rights movements in the Pacific</i>	<b>Meeting Room 6</b>
	3C. <i>No rose coloured glasses, no saviours and saints: Global South, North and Shifting the Politics in</i>	<b>Function Room 5</b>

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<b>12.30pm - 1.30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1.30pm - 3.00pm</b>	<b>Parallel Workshops - Round 4</b>	
	4A. <i>Young Women: Let's map and connect!</i>	<b>Old Wing Lawn area with mats</b>
	4B. <i>Women Defend Commons: Power &amp; Privilege, Rural &amp; Urban Organising for Climate Justice</i>	<b>Meeting Room 6</b>
	4C. <i>To resist to live, let's walk to transform</i>	<b>Function Room 5</b>
	4D. <i>When Women Lead: Building an inclusive resilience approach in humanitarian action</i>	<b>Conference Room 7</b>
<b>3.00pm - 3.30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
<b>3.30pm - 5.00pm</b>	<b>Parallel Workshops - Round 5</b>	
	5A. <i>Stronger Together: Lessons and tools for joint advocacy from 'Our Voice'</i>	<b>Conference Room 7</b>
	5B. <i>Regional Launch of DIVA Research Report- "Unjust, Unequal, Unstoppable: Fiji LBT women and people tipping the scales towards justice for all"</i>	<b>Meeting Room 6</b>
	5C. <i>Bougainville Women Human Rights Defenders: Networking, Solidarity and Transformative Change</i>	<b>Function Room 5</b>
<b>6.00pm - 7.30pm</b>	<b>Side event: Talanoa on the beach with our tekiteki</b> <b>Organisers:</b> Pacific Transgender Equality Movement	
<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	

<b>Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Day Three</b> <b>Leading the Revolutions!</b>	
<b>9.00am - 10.30am</b>	<b>Parallel Workshops - Round 6</b>	
	6A. <i>Young Women's and GIRLS Intergenerational Learning Exchange session</i>	<b>Conference Room 7</b>
	6B. <i>Co-Creating Feminist Realities</i>	<b>Meeting Room 6</b>
	6C. <i>Creating and Building Momentum Towards a Feminist World, Beijing+25 and Beyond</i>	<b>Function Room 5</b>
<b>10.30am - 11.00am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>	

<b>11.00am – 12.30pm</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Session</b>	<b>Conference Room 7</b>
<p><i>Let's connect solidarity and resistance towards leading a revolution as a Pacific Feminist Movement. What does an organised and inclusive revolution look like? How do we accelerate progress on the visions embedded in the Pacific Feminist Charter?</i></p> <p><b>Moderators</b>  Noelene Nabulivou      Maraia Tabunakawai      Tamara Mandengat</p>		
<b>12.30pm – 1.30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1.30pm – 3.00pm</b>	<b>Action Mapping</b>	<b>Conference Room 7</b>
<p><i>Let's plan our next steps. How can we build from the last Pacific Feminist Forum? What is our collective visioning around Solidarity, Resistance and Revolution?</i></p> <p><b>Moderators</b>  PFF Working Group</p>		
<b>3.00pm – 3.30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
<b>3.30pm – 4.30pm</b>	<b>Closing Plenary Session</b>	<b>Conference Room 7</b>
<p><i>Let's celebrate our Feminist Moment: Fun and creative space, free flow of mana, chanting, ukuleles, feminist finery, song and dance.</i></p> <p><b>Moderators</b>  PFF Working Group</p>		
<b>6.30pm – 7.30pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>	
<b>7.30pm – 8.30pm</b>	<b>ELFA TokJam 2.0</b>	
<b>8.30pm – 10.30pm</b>	<b>Dance and cash bar</b>	

# Parallel Workshops Summaries

<b>Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Day One – Building Solidarity</b>
<b>1.30pm – 3.00pm</b>	<b>Parallel Workshops – Round 1</b>
<b>1A. <i>Banding together and exploring the strength of forging coalitions: the Fiji Women’s Forum</i></b> <b>Conference Room 7</b>	
<p>This workshop will be panel style, allowing speaking time from the Fiji Women’s Forum Co-Conveners and opening questions for discussion. The primary content of this session will be examining the realities of coalition building and what it means to make effective change, while sharing the impact and importance of coalition building.</p> <p>The Fiji Women’s Forum has existed since 2012 during Fiji’s constitutional process. The challenge is how to strike the balance between encouraging solidarity and unity for collective action while also allowing for differences of opinion and space for diversity of identities and politics. The Fiji Women’s Forum is a unique coalition allowing women’s organisations to collaborate in solidarity.</p> <p><b>Organisers</b> Soqosoqo Vakamarama i-Taukei, Fiji Women’s Rights Movement, femLINKpacific, National Council of Women Fiji</p>	
<b>1B. <i>What does it mean to be a feminist in Vanuatu?</i></b> <b>Meeting Room 6</b>	
<p>Women and girls in Vanuatu experience persistent gender inequality and while there is a growing movement of gender equality advocates, the use of the word feminism remains contentious. This panel will provide space for a diverse group of ni-Vanuatu feminists from different backgrounds, organisations and with different identities and to share their personal reflections on being a feminist in Vanuatu today, including their challenges and their successes.</p> <p>Panelists will reflect on the challenges of talking openly about feminism and identifying as a feminist in Vanuatu, the particular challenges for feminists with diverse identities, the role of young feminists in Vanuatu’s gender equality movement, and how feminists are working together for change across the country.</p> <p><b>Organisers</b> Sista, Vanuatu Human Rights Coalition, V-Pride, CARE Vanuatu, Vanuatu Young Women for Change, Manples Banana Station Mama’s Market Association</p>	
<b>1C. <i>Strengthening solidarity economies of LGBTQI-led feminist groups and human rights defenders in Pacific Small Island States and Territories</i></b> <b>Function Room 5</b>	
<p>There are two key objectives of this facilitated feminist circle. The first is to identify individual, organisational and wider collective strategies used by various organisations and/or human rights defenders (HRD) in building a solidarity economy in Pacific small island states and territories. The workshop also hopes to create a safer space where participants and facilitators can share, assess, dialogue, debate and learn on how LGBTQI-led organisations in Pacific small island states and territories, Governments, funders, development partners, academic institutions and the philanthropic community can more ethically and effectively support LGBTQI HRDS, WHRDs, organisations and movement building in the Pacific.</p> <p><b>Organisers</b> DIVA for Equality, Urgent Action Fund for Women’s Human Rights Asia and Pacific</p>	

**2A. *For Women Filled with Fire: Bringing women's funds to the Pacific*****Conference Room 7**

This workshop is an opportunity for feminist funds and Pacific feminists to collectively strategise on ways to transform the resource landscape and expand resourcing to our region. We facilitate the session using a world cafe methodology to encourage small group interaction and building on shared ideas amongst the participants.

**Organisers**

Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights Asia and Pacific, Fiji Women's Fund

**2B. *Weaving the Indigenous knowledge and practice: Listening to our voices*****Meeting Room 6**

In the Pacific, Indigenous women play a vital role in contributing towards sustainable development justice, but most Indigenous women are often left behind in this process. Our inclusion is an integral part of building stronger movements in the region. The Soqosoqo Vakamarama i-Taukei would also like to use this opportunity to talk about the reality of women in communities and the issues that we are faced with, from health, land encroachment, developments, mineral extraction, climate change and Indigenous rights. The workshop will also focus on advocacy methods and lobbying styles. This is a talanoa dialogue to share experiences of Indigenous women, listen to our stories and what we bring into social organising of women's movement in Fiji and the Pacific.

**Organisers**

Soqosoqo Vakamarama i-Taukei

**2C. *Pacific feminist coalition building talanoa*****Function Room 5**

The We Rise Coalition is a Pacific feminist, learning-focused Coalition of four diverse organisations. Partners in the We Rise Coalition recognise that the 'whole is greater than the sum of our parts' working through collective, feminist action to advance gender justice in Fiji and the Pacific. Navigating varying organisational structures and sizes, values and politics, as well as the contextual *herstories* and realities in which Coalition partners operate can create significant challenges for collective leadership and action. Such challenges are not unique to the We Rise Coalition. Rather, they are common discussions in literature concerning partnerships (Partnership Brokers Association), collective action (Developmental Leadership Program, Pacific Leadership Program) and movement building (Batliwala) as identified areas for careful planning and ongoing discussion.

A world café Talanoa will focus on four core areas of learning concerning collective leadership from the We Rise Coalition's work: navigating Global North-South power dynamics, collective and transparent decision-making, working from principles to inform action, and collective vs. individual identity. The Talanoa will create opportunity for participants to share insights and or reflect on their own collective organising. A closing session will synthesize learning, new ideas, and proposals for how the Pacific Feminist Charter for Change could be used to support feminist organising and coalition building in the Pacific.

**Organisers**

International Women's Development Agency, DIVA for Equality Fiji, Fiji Women's Rights Movement, femLINKpacific



**3A. *TRANS-forming lives for a Better & Stronger Pacific*****Conference Room 7**

This session will share on the exclusionary practices that contribute to homophobia and transphobia among women's rights organizations and the ways LGBTIQ groups can be patriarchal. By looking at the specific struggles of LGBTIQ women and girls fighting for health, rights and equality, this session emphasizes their commonalities with women's rights groups.

The solution we propose is to better understand one another's specific needs to increase all of our efficacy. Our movements are stronger when we work collaboratively across women's rights and LGBTIQ.

**Organisers**

Rainbow Pride Foundation, Haus of Khameleon

**3B. *Show me the money!! Mapping emerging trends, gaps and opportunities for resourcing of feminist and women's rights movements in the Pacific*****Meeting Room 6**

This panel will explore the funding landscape for gender equality and women's human rights in the Pacific by sharing findings from the Pacific Philanthropy Scoping Study. The Scoping Study, commissioned by Fiji Women's Fund and Urgent Action Fund Asia and Pacific, is the first of its kind.

The study provides a snapshot of current philanthropic efforts that support women's human rights and gender equality in the Pacific specifically on Papua New Guinea and Fiji. The study explores the current donor landscape including bilateral funding, corporate social responsibility and local philanthropy. It outlines the types of monetary and non-monetary support, the challenges and opportunities for funding women's human rights and gender equality. Using a fish bowl style approach will greatly encourage dialogue and learning between the panelists and the audience.

**Organisers**

Fiji Women's Fund, Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights Asia and Pacific

**3C. *No rose coloured glasses, no saviours and saints: Global South, North and Shifting the Politics in Pacific Feminist Movement*****Function Room 5**

Global North and South feminist politics and analysis has been recently sounding like it comes from universal organizing, realities, and politics. As if everywhere in the world we have shared humanity that will bring us the required change, without examination of the deep inequalities, and unfair social, economic and ecological systems.

DIVA and many others believe this is not true, nor useful. In fact, we think that some dominant world social, economic and ecological systems are killing us. The differences between global rich and poor, south and north, so-called developed and developing countries, not only matter, but they show a dark underbelly of globalized racism, privilege, neo-liberal capitalist power and imperialism, as much as globalized efforts for human rights, justice and democracy.

We cannot change things till we clearly see them, understand them, and decolonise and deimperialise our own minds, and our movements.

**Organisers**

DIVA for Equality Fiji, Resurj

**4A. *Young Women: Let's map and connect!*****Old Wing Lawn area with mats**

To all Pacific young women leaders, let's connect for a revolution! This interactive workshop is a space to talk about us! The vision is to strengthen our connection as young women leaders from the Pacific. We are creating an inclusive, fun, safe space for us to strategize and map out how we can strengthen our solidarity and establish a strong and sustainable Pacific young women's network. It is essential to identify what the common issues, priorities and agendas are, and to map out potential opportunities and strategies for cross-country collaborations to further strengthen our solidarity in ensuring that the powerful voices of Pacific young women are heard in local, regional and international platforms.

**Organisers**

Fiji Women's Rights Movement

**4B. *Women Defend Commons: Power & Privilege, Rural & Urban Organising for Climate Justice*****Meeting Room 6**

Fijian women and girls and our communities face multiple challenges in a complex small island developing State. As recognized by our Government and others, climate change is the most serious threat to the lives, land, waterways, air, ocean, biodiversity and cultures of Pacific climate frontline states. These challenges are made worse by the lack of direct information, services and resources for women in Fiji's informal settlements, rural and maritime areas. The situation is worsened and we want to use the opportunity to meet each other, share our work and raise possibilities for urgent action, including short-term, medium and long-term strategies.

This workshop is for women sharing examples of ideas and initiatives, including: recognizing the importance of traditional knowledge and taking forward agro-ecology, organic farming and aquaponics, aquaculture, kai diving, crafts and sewing, baking, construction, beekeeping, solar energy, health work and access to services, coral restoration, eco-tourism, and other opportunities for women to take forward localized strategies and solutions - by and for All women.

**Organisers**

DIVA for Equality Fiji

**4C. *To resist to live, let's walk to transform*****Function Room 5**

The Charter of Humanity written by the World March of Women is not far from the Pacific Feminist Charter created at the last Pacific Feminist Forum. We work for the realisation of the same values: equality, freedom, solidarity, justice and peace. The purpose of this workshop is to make known the values and actions of the March, and to create alliances with Pacific feminists.

**Organisers**

World March of Women

#### **4D. *When Women Lead: Building an inclusive resilience approach to humanitarian action***

**Conference Room 7**

The Pacific Island nations are amongst the world's most vulnerable countries when it comes to natural disasters. The World Risk Index Report (2018) lists Vanuatu, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Timor Leste and Kiribati amongst the 15 countries most vulnerable, with climate change threatening to exacerbate these risks. To meet this challenge, we need both female and male leadership in humanitarian action that reflects the diversity in communities, to ensure that approaches to resilience building are inclusive of all people.

While women and girls may bear the brunt of the effects of climate change and natural disasters, too often they are under-represented in the decision-making structures that determine and drive humanitarian assistance. There is also a lack of gender or feminist analysis in review of actions that were taken, with little understanding of power relations or how socio/political/cultural factors shape women and their realities.

We can and must change this dynamic by supporting and promoting diverse women leaders in disaster preparedness, response and recovery. Pacific CSOs and INGOs are working to not just engage women and girls in disaster risk reduction, early warning systems, response and recovery, but also supporting women to become leaders in this space. It is a perfect time to reflect on the difference made when women lead humanitarian action.

The aim of this session is to provide a platform for diverse women to share experiences of leading in humanitarian work. It should stimulate new discussion about how Pacific feminists can engage and shape the direction of humanitarian action in the region and, ultimately, save lives.

#### **Organisers**

UN Women

**3.30pm – 5.00pm**

**Parallel Workshops – Round 5**

#### **5A. *Stronger Together: Lessons and tools for joint advocacy from 'Our Voice'***

**Conference Room 7**

Come and learn about the Women's Action for Voice and Empowerment (WAVE) program's joint advocacy initiative 'Our Voice', a joint advocacy campaign composed of 25 organisations across 5 countries in the Pacific and Asia who demand an increase in the representation and meaningful participation of women at the local level.

Hear from 'Our Voice' activists in Papua New Guinea, who will share reflections and lessons learned on how to deliver effective joint advocacy that strengthens women's collective voices while ensuring advocacy messages and strategies are targeted and adapted for different women's rights organisations and their contexts.

Explore your own opportunities for joint advocacy with fellow participants and put Our Voice advocacy planning tools into practice, with practical guidance that you can adapt and use to drive the commitments of the Pacific Feminist Charter.

#### **Organisers**

International Women's Development Agency, Voice for Change, Nazareth Centre for Rehabilitation, Wide Bay Conservation Association and Eastern Highlands Family Voice

**5B. *Regional Launch of DIVA Research Report – “Unjust, Unequal, Unstoppable: Fiji LBT women and people tipping the scales towards justice for all”***

**Meeting Room 6**

This is the first time that such a research report has been launched in Fiji, and the Pacific. The key findings will have useful information and analysis not just for diverse women in Fiji, but much more broadly to look at issues of universal human rights and justice for all, and another part of the jigsaw puzzle in order to leave no-one behind.

The research has taken four years of painstaking grassroots mobilization, and has a massive respondent size of 645 women from Central, North, Western and Eastern parts of Fiji. The quantitative side of research incorporated 90 question survey with all questions designed by the community research team, and there are also over 70 qualitative interviews.

**Organisers**

DIVA for Equality Fiji

**5C. *Bougainville Women Human Rights Defenders (HRDs): Networking, Solidarity and Transformative Change***

**Function Room 5**

This workshop will take participants on the journey that the Nazareth Centre for Rehabilitation has taken to mobilise and facilitate a network of Women Human Rights Defenders, who participate in and lead the work for gender equality, responses to and prevention of gender based violence, and promoting peaceful communities. The workshop will also have an interactive space for all participants to share their experiences and insights with the focus on networking, leadership and solidarity for gender equality and transformative change.

**Organisers**

Nazareth Centre for Rehabilitation

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Day Three – Leading the Revolutions!

9.00am – 10.30am

Parallel Workshops – Round 6

**6A. *Young Women’s and GIRLS Intergenerational Learning Exchange session***

**Conference Room 7**

Girls and young women from the ELFA and GIRLS Club cohorts will co-facilitate a creative gallery walk. This session will show how the cohort have worked within their individual programming, and allow participants to hear from other Pacific feminists and women’s and girl’s human rights defenders on similar work they have done. This workshop is an opportunity for a knowledge exchange on advancing the status of Pacific young women and girls, where methodologies and learnings will be shared by the facilitators and participants to advance the Pacific young women and girls’ agenda.

**Organisers**

Emerging Leaders Forum Alumni, GIRLS Club

## **6B. Co-Creating Feminist Realities**

**Meeting Room 6**

The Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) believes that feminist futures are not only possible but that they exist now, in the many small and big ways we live, struggle and build - we call them Feminist Realities, our power in practice! AWID's Co-Creating Feminist Realities framework aims to unearth, co-create and amplify feminist realities, proposals and narratives from around the world. Through an interactive methodology, we will introduce the framework, unearth some Pacific feminist realities, and explore together how we can use the upcoming AWID Forum in 2020 to connect, amplify and ultimately multiply feminist realities, shifting power towards more just ways of being.

### **Organisers**

Association for Women's Rights in Development, DIVA for Equality Fiji

## **6C. Creating and Building Momentum Towards a Feminist World, Beijing+25 and Beyond**

**Function Room 5**

This session will inform and engage civil society and the feminist movement about regional and global processes on gender equality and women's empowerment, and gather recommendations and suggestions for improved and increased civil society engagement, accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and influences shaping the national, regional and global outcomes.

Participants will be encouraged to develop common positions on the national Beijing+25 reviews, key recommendations to inform the regional Beijing+25 review and consultation, and strategies to have their voices heard in regional and global processes.

### **Organisers**

UN Women

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## THE PEARL RESORT



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| 3 F&B - THE DELI           | 7 CONFERENCE ROOMS |        | B MARINA & GARDEN VIEW - PREMIUM ROOMS | F OCEAN & GARDEN VIEW STANDARD ROOMS |
| 4 F&B - SEDUCE             | 8 LAUNDRY          |        | C MARINA VIEW - PREMIUM ROOMS          | ← VEHICLE DROP OFF/PICK UP           |

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## PACIFIC HARBOUR



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## Charter of Feminist Principles for Pacific Feminists

The inaugural Pacific Feminist Forum took place from the 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji. The forum brought together over 100 feminists from the Pacific region. In a collective space we acknowledged those who came before us, recognised our diversities, identified our challenges, celebrated our achievements, rearticulated a shared vision, shared strategies, built new and strengthened old alliances, and further defined our shared politics.

Our diversities include; women, girls, lesbians, bisexual, trans diverse people, gender non-conforming identities, ethnically diverse women and girls, women of indigenous minorities, women with disabilities, sex workers, women living with HIV and aids, women living in rural and remote areas, young women, older women, heterosexual women, women in sports, women in non-traditional roles, women in creative industries and women in the informal sector and others. <sup>1</sup>

A key outcome of the forum was the creation of the Charter of Pacific Feminist Principles. Participants at the forum endorsed the Charter and recommended further endorsement by those who were not able to be at the forum. It sets out the collective principles that are key to our work as Pacific Feminists. The Charter is a living document and is intended to guide our analysis and practice.

### Defining Ourselves as Feminists

We are Feminists from Oceania. We have common bonds of *wansolwara* (ocean), *vanua* (land) and *tua'a* (ancestors). We recognise that our strength lies in our diversity. We respect our differences. We work towards transformative change by upholding the rights of women, girls, and non-gender conforming people. We want the best full lives for ourselves and our Pacific communities. Our work and love is focused on the lives of the women and the people on our many islands and atolls, and the whole planet.

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<sup>1</sup> From here on when we mention 'women and girls' we refer to specific identities and needs of lesbians, bisexual, trans people, intersex people, fa'afafine, leiti, and other non-heteronormative Pacific identities, women with physical disabilities, women with psychosocial disabilities, sex workers, living with HIV aids, women living in rural and remote places, young women, the girl child, older women, heterosexual women, women in sports and creative industries.

As feminists in the Pacific we recognise multiple intersecting forms of patriarchy, long standing and unequal gendered power relations and emerging processes of oppression. Our journeys as Pacific feminists to address these are varied and diverse. We recognise the specific challenge of geographical location in the richness of the vast Pacific Ocean. We also acknowledge our geopolitical histories and their contemporary manifestations as part of the global economic south. We are in solidarity with south communities in the global north, such as indigenous, ethnic minority, Pacific diaspora and climate frontline communities. The diversities of our cultures, experiences, and the multiple social, political, economic and ecological challenges we face as climate frontline states are our realities.

The pandanus mats of our current struggles reveals our history of: gendered cultural and social hierarchies; criminalisation of LGBTQI; gender based violence; sex work and human trafficking; poor education systems; underfunded health systems; lack of attention to mental health, including societal stigma; internally displaced persons; rise in fundamentalist religious groups; ethno-nationalism; colonisation including the world's last remaining colonies and territories; forced foreign and domestic military occupation; the erosion of democratic spaces; unfair trade; aid; hyper-development and no development; enforced labour regimes; extractive industries; environmental and nuclear disasters, closure of the commons, ecological damage; climate change, refugee and enforced migration and more.

We affirm that our Pacific feminist and women's activism is vibrant and always growing, and draws on its rich lineage and herstories. We acknowledge that there is still a long way to go and this Charter guides our future work.

## **Our Principles as Feminists**

Wherever we are working, as individuals, in our homes, workplaces, in governments and intergovernmental institutions, regional development institutions, as funders, civil society organisations and social movements, we commit and believe in the following feminist principles:

- Women's human rights are, indivisible, inalienable and universal
- All Pacific women and girls have the right to live free of patriarchal oppression, discrimination and multiple, intersecting forms of sexual and gender based violence and discrimination
- Feminist solidarity should be based on mutual respect, honesty and open discussion of differences;
- Universal, comprehensive, integrated and quality health and education systems, including Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), and comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) is supported
- Safe systems of care, wellbeing and support should be available for all women and girls



- Issues of freedom of choice and autonomy regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, expression and sexual characteristics (SOGIESC), affirm the inextricable links between bodily integrity and autonomy, SRHR and social justice, as central to our advocacy
- Ensuring the inclusion and explicit needs of women and girl's with disabilities
- Women and girl's knowledge, skills and lived realities are acknowledged and affirmed
- Inclusive multiculturalism where the knowledge, skills and lived realities of Indigenous Pacific peoples, as well as of all ethnic minority groups, including descendants of indentured and settler communities, in all their diversity, are acknowledged and affirmed
- We commit to non-violence, human security and peacebuilding
- We will strengthen alliances that assist feminist social movements to dismantle patriarchy, colonisation, neo-liberal development and militarisation
- We acknowledge men and boys as participants and allies in our work

## **Our Principles as a Collective**

Whenever we organise collectively as Pacific feminists, we commit to the following:

- The leadership of women's organisations and networks in our region should be led and managed by Pacific women from small island states
- Recognising the leadership of women of all ages, including older women, young women and girls, and women of all intersectional identities
- Spaces of power sharing are created across our diversities, in socio-economic and other class and privilege systems, generations, ethnicities, spiritual beliefs and other intersectionalities
- We recognise our privilege or lack of it, including education, cultural and traditional status, ethnicity, race, urban status, language, sexuality and others
- Transparency, accountability, and financial responsibility are practiced in our collectives, partnerships, coalitions, networks, organisations and institutions
- Feminist ethics is practiced everyday
- All women and girls, including those in rural, remote and urban communities must have access to information and communication platforms, including feminist, appropriate and accessible media and Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)
- Social and economic justice, including sustainable livelihoods, universal social protection and fair and decent work are realised
- We will collectively escalate our work to address the climate and ecological crisis of our times, and protect our commons and our planet

- We commit to decriminalization of LGBTQI people of all countries in the Pacific region, and advancing legal rights of all LGBTQI people, with focus on third gender legal recognition
- We commit to decriminalization<sup>2</sup> of sex work in all countries of the Pacific
- We commit to decriminalization<sup>3</sup> of abortion in all countries of the Pacific
- We commit to protecting women human rights defenders including trans human rights defenders
- We commit to escalate and support innovative feminist social organising efforts by all Pacific women, inclusive of marginalised rural, remote and urban communities

**The Pacific Feminist Charter is endorsed by participants of the Inaugural Pacific Feminist Forum.**

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<sup>2</sup> The call for decriminalization of sex work is based on evidence that criminalization makes sex workers less safe, by preventing them from securing police protection and by providing impunity to abusers. Decriminalization does *not* mean the removal of laws that criminalize exploitation, human trafficking or violence against sex workers. These laws remain. It *does* mean the removal of laws and policies criminalizing or penalizing sex work.

<sup>3</sup> Decriminalising abortion means the removal of laws and policies that criminalise women who have an abortion, or those who assist women who have an abortion. Laws that put women in jail for having an abortion are unjust, separate women from their families and lead to unsafe abortions that endanger women's lives.









