



## PACIFIC FEMINIST CHARTER ACTION PLAN

The second Pacific Feminist Forum took place from 20 – 22 May 2019 in Pacific Harbour, Fiji. The forum brought together over 150 feminists from the Pacific region. Our diversities include; women, girls, lesbians, bisexual, trans diverse people, gender non-conforming identities, ethnically diverse women and girls, indigenous women, women with disabilities, sex workers, women living with HIV and aids, widows, women living in rural and remote areas, young women, older women, heterosexual women, women in sports, women in non-traditional roles, women from faith based communities, women in creative industries and women in the informal sector and others.<sup>1</sup> Part of this call to action is ensuring that process and structures of all

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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, Francophone women, diaspora women, indigenous women, women living in occupied and colonised territories, migrant women and girls, women with disabilities, and women with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities, sex workers, living with HIV aids, women living in rural and remote places, young women, the girl child, single mothers, women with albinism, older women, heterosexual women, women in sports, and creative industries.

future Pacific Feminist Forums continue to work on the representation of this diversity.

[The Pacific Feminist Charter](#) was created at the first forum in 2016 as a living document, intended to guide our analysis and practice. This Action Plan reflects our commitment to the Charter principles, and sets a collective pathway to build solidarity, strengthen our resistance and join our feminist struggles in revolution.

**As Feminists from Oceania we:**

**Solidarity**

1. Insist and ensure that our feminist movement is reflective of our intersectional and diverse identities and interlinked realities.
2. Build material and structural change for Pacific women and girls and people of all diversities in all areas of life and through their life course.
3. Enhance support for isolated feminists, women and girls including women's human rights defenders and those in conflict-affected areas through ecosystems of support across the Pacific, particularly those in Bougainville, and West Papua. We support and fight for an independent state of West Papua. We urge all nation states to recognise and provide occupied

and colonised territories their status as independent nation states.

4. Accompany New Caledonia in the decolonisation process, ensuring the participation of women and the recognition, implementation and advancement of women's human rights.
5. Co-create and build transparent, accountable and new forms of partnerships, coalitions and alliances between Governments, NGOs, community organisations, faith-based groups and others.
6. Create regional platforms for shared action, alliance building, and international solidarity on priority issues of diverse Pacific women.
7. Communicate through appropriate and accessible platforms, the ideas, strategies and opportunities identified at this forum.

### **Resistance**

1. Action to reclaim the nation state in order to secure women's human rights, ecologically sound and pro-poor development, including social protection, public services and infrastructure for all.
2. Re-emphasising the centrality of intergenerational and intersectional approaches to feminism. As Pacific feminists we agree that our feminism is intergenerational and intersectional or it is not useful.

3. Commit to a joint call for LGBTQI human rights including actions to decriminalise homosexuality in all Pacific Small Island States, call for recognition of third gender identities, and for a full review of all legislation, policies and procedures toward compliance with universal human rights.
4. Strengthen, recognise, accompany and promote the leadership of women with disabilities and commit to co-resource sharing so to enable participation in all decision-making roles.
5. Reaffirm the commitment of Pacific Small Island States to the Pattaya declaration on decriminalisation of sex work.
6. Commit to creating, enabling and strengthening spaces to collate, document and amplify local feminist movement stories, issues and strategies as tools of resistance.
7. Ensure that corporations and governments are transparent and accountable in all activities in the Pacific region, including a call for a UN binding treaty on corporations and human rights.
8. Support dialogue and actions of grassroots feminist work in order to challenge patriarchy in all its forms.

### **Revolution**

1. Support strategies for feminist knowledge sharing, and education for liberation, including through formal and informal learning and resources for peer support throughout the region.

2. Declare a global and local economic, ecological and climate emergency. We commit to an urgent and just shift from fossil fuels to safe, renewable energy, recognition of loss and damage experienced by climate frontline communities, and for the polluters to take main responsibility, according to common but differentiated historical responsibility for imperial, colonial and other inequalities.
3. Enhance feminist collaboration to learn together and reshape the humanitarian agenda by imbedding women's rights and leadership in humanitarian coordination efforts across the cluster system.
4. Amplify the call for an increase in dedicated, flexible funding to sustain the transformative work of diverse Pacific women. We call for the establishment of an independent Pacific Feminist Fund, and demand that the Green Climate Fund and Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and other climate finance initiatives immediately resource climate emergency work led by Pacific feminist and women led organisers and local front line communities.
5. Break all chains of inhumane treatment of women, girls and people of all diversities, and insist that the State, CROP, UN agencies, civil society and communities adopt practices and use maximum available resources to end all forms of sexual and gender based violence and discrimination.

6. Ensure that Pacific Feminist Forum informed positions and commitments, including the Charter and Action Plan, are carried into all Pacific inter-governmental decision-making spaces, including the 14<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference of Pacific Women and the Pacific Leaders Forum, among others.
7. Demand universal health services including sexual and reproductive health and rights, that is free from stigma, discrimination, coercion, violence, with full respect for bodily autonomy, privacy, confidentiality and full and informed consent.

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