



## Promoting Gender Equality and the Human Rights of Women and Girls in the Pacific

The Social Development Programme of the Pacific Community has a unit dedicated to strengthen capacity in mainstreaming gender and the production and use of gender statistics in the Pacific Islands Countries and Territories.

Our goal is to advance gender equality in the Pacific Islands Countries and Territories (PICTs).

Our work is to provide the technical support necessary for the PICTs and the development partners to enable them to achieve their regional or international commitments to gender equality and the human rights of women and girls.

### **Building National Capacity to Support Gender Mainstreaming and Improve Gender Statistics**

The Pacific Community delivers workshops and provides technical assistance to the countries to develop capacities in mainstreaming gender. Several national and regional workshops have been conducted on gender mainstreaming, gender statistics and gender analysis; including training on the integration of gender perspective in climate change initiatives, in aquaculture, in food security, in health and in analysing hardship.

The Pacific Community also supports the governments in reviewing national gender equality policy and national and regional sectoral strategies.

### **Monitor Progress towards Gender Equality in the Pacific**

SPC has been involved in developing a core set of cross sectoral gender indicators and support the countries in improving their capacity to produce and analyse gender statistics.

SPC also contributes to monitor progress towards gender equality with the compilation of the Beijing + 15



Pacific  
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and Beijing + 20 reports that provide an overview of the progress made in implementing the 12 critical areas of Beijing Platform for action.

### **Fostering Regional Partnerships to Promote Gender Equality and the Human Rights of Women and Girls**

The Pacific Community works in partnership with diverse actors of the civil society, government institutions, and regional and international organizations.

SPC convened 12th triennial conferences of Pacific women over the last 40 years. The conferences aimed at monitoring the progress in implementing the Pacific Platform for Action on Gender Equality and the Advancement of Women (PPA) and it offers an exceptional space for women from SPC 22 members countries and territories from governments, civil society, academics, private sector and development agencies to exchange and learn from each other's experience on tackling gender inequality issues and promote women's human rights. The conferences propose a set of recommendations to guide the development agenda in terms of economic development, health, education, human rights, peace and security, climate change, and ICTs.

In 2013, SPC partnered with DIVA for Equality to organise a regional dialogue under the theme of the Pacific Partnership on Gender, Climate Change and Sustainable Development in which civil society organisations, including youth groups and government representatives work together over a period of 5 days to strategize to support the inclusion of the human rights and gender equality agenda in the Small Islands Development States conference in Samoa, the Financing for Development negotiations process and the development of Sustainable Development Goals

Union des Femmes Francophones d'Océanie provides a unique experience to build the capacity of civil society

organizations from French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna in conducting gender analysis and develop strategies to make their voice heard. Excluded from the mainstream development network due to language barriers, French Speaking Pacific women meet once a year to discuss common issues and share their reflection and analysis of social and economic they face. They conducted studies on the gender dimension of hardship, climate change impacts and health. SPC had accompanied this alliance dedicated to promote gender equality and women's human rights since its establishment in 2010.

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