



IMPROVING YOUTHS LIVES THROUGH SPORT

# PACIFIC YOUTH & SPORTS CONFERENCE

NEW CALEDONIA 2013

2 - 7 DECEMBER

## CONFERENCE DE LA JEUNESSE & DES SPORTS DU PACIFIQUE

NOUVELLE CALEDONIE 2013



### WHAT WE ARE SEEING NOW

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) have reached epidemic proportions in Pacific island countries and territories (PICTs) and has become a human, social and economic crisis requiring an urgent and comprehensive response.

School drop-outs, illiteracy issues are on rise around the Pacific. There is a great concern regarding social inclusion, particularly on how women and the disabled are not included in the society, as well as domestic violence, sexual and anti-social behaviour.

*“Leaders emphasised the importance of acting quickly and decisively calling on governments, the private sector, civil society, regional and international organisations and development partners to work together... to tackle NCDs and other issues affecting youth in the Pacific”.*

A call from Pacific leaders Forum Communique meeting (Auckland, 7-8 September 2011)

The leaders have highlighted the importance of gender equity and women's equal role in decision-making at all levels. There is a need in promoting positive social inclusion. The leaders of the Forum Secretariat are committed to eradicate violence especially domestic, sexual and Gender-Based violence.

The leaders are committed in raising Educational standards and improving participation rates by insuring that 500,000 more children in the Pacific are enrolled and that 75% of children can read by age of 10 by 2021.

### HOW SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT CAN HELP

Since 1991, the Commonwealth Heads of Government have acknowledged the unique role of sport in promoting social development and using sport as a tool to improve people's lives. Following this, the United Nations decided to appoint a Special Advisor on Sport for Development & Peace in 2001.

By selecting key social objectives (social inclusion, health, education), we can design specific sport programs to reach them.

# Why a Pacific Youth & Sports Conference?

Sport can be a fantastic development tool for building stronger communities, for a sustainable social and human development in the Pacific.

The PYASC is a platform to talk about Sport for Development, to foster successful relationships between youth organisations, sporting bodies, government agencies, NGOs and partners.

Young people and those working for and with young people will be in a privileged position to exchange experiences, discuss cooperative projects and debate with each other and sport and youth organisations from all over the Pacific, as well as with governmental and international institutions.

From the first PYASC positive experience, the New Caledonia Government has expressed an interest to host the conference in New Caledonia. Therefore, the Oceania Football Confederation, the New Caledonia Government and South Pacific Community are pleased to organise the 2nd edition from 2nd to 7th December 2013.

## Conference Themes

Following the call from the Leaders of the Forum in Auckland, this conference will be organised around 3 central themes.

### OBJECTIVES OF PYASC 2013

The objectives of the conference is to bring together 1,000 participants aged from 16 to 25 years old from 25 different pacific countries to:

- Share experiences and best practices to inspire engagement by young people and stakeholders
- Better understand how they can address the issues in our communities using sports
- Build and empower partnerships between youth, youth organisations, sports organisations, NGOs and Government
- Enable young people to express themselves, participate in the decision-making process at the community, national and international level, and take a role in the community by implementing projects using sport as a vehicle tool.

At the end of this Conference, following roundtables discussion, youth participants will carry out concrete projects in partnership with their government.

#### - Health

Enhancing public health through physical activities due to lack of exercise, lack of nutrition, and tackle NCDs as well as substance abuse, poor mental health

#### - Education & capacity building

Enhancing the role of sport in education and training, promote active citizenship, literacy, strengthening family relationship, life skills

#### - Social inclusion

Using the potential of sport for social inclusion, integration & equal opportunities to fight against domestic violence, anti-social behaviour and to promote cultural inclusion. From this conference, following roundtables discussion, youth will carry out concrete projects back in their country.





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## Conference Format

Over 5 days, the PYASC will have central conferences, workshops and roundtable meetings where concrete action plans will be presented and drawn up. The conference will be concluded with the Ministers of Youth & Sports meeting at the SPC headquarter.

### Central conferences

Held from 10am to 12pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, central conferences introduce the theme of the day and feature renowned experts, key note speakers plus audio-visual presentations.

### Afternoon workshops

They involve smaller groups of people where interaction and discussion will be encouraged. Workshops will feature speakers from the morning sessions and will stay true to the daily theme.

### Roundtables - Project presentation

Roundtables are breakout sessions for each country and will take place after daily workshops. These meetings will provide a forum for participants from the same country (or community groups) to brainstorm concrete plans based on the theme of the day.

Each country will have opportunities to prepare concrete projects in roundtable sessions on Friday morning to finish and present to their respective Minister of Youth and Sports.

### Minister of Youth and Sports Meeting

At the end of the Conference a meeting with Minister of Youth and Sports from the Pacific region will be organised by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community with the Government of New Caledonia and OFC. Ministers will consider the recommendations and proposals made by the PYASC participants and will explore Sport for development opportunities to be included in the Youth Policy.

*In 2010, the PYASC awarded 14 projects which were implemented in the Pacific region and will be presented at the second conference.*



## Participant Selection Criteria

Young people who are interested in participating at the conference will submit their application to their country Head of Delegation.

### Requirements:

Participants are aged between 16 to 25 years old, coming from Youth & Sports organisations, with fair representation of gender balance. (Please note that the conference and accommodation venues will be accessible to people with disabilities)

## Participant duties before, during, and after the Conference

### BEFORE

Participants will attend preparation meetings organised by the HOD in order to be ready for the conference; they will create and develop networks with the communities, government, sport and youth organisations a firm commitment to addressing the themes of the conference afterwards.

### DURING

Participants will attend workshops and roundtables to work on concrete projects affecting youth in their country, to present at the closing ceremony to the Minister of Youth & Sports.

### AFTER

In partnership with the Government, NGOs, youth & sport organisations, participants will take the ownership of the projects developed during the conference to tackle social issues that affect them; they will also implement, monitor and evaluate these projects.

## Logistics

The second PYASC will be organised in Noumea, New Caledonia, from 2nd to 7th December 2013, at the Cultural & Sport center of Paita. During the week, all participants will be accommodated at the campus of the University of New Caledonia.

All participants will be transported to and from the airport via special buses and to the conference venue each day. Meals will be provided to participants, at the accommodation center and at Paita.

Because culture will also have a place with the sport activities, cultural events will be organised. The Government of New Caledonia will organise special activities on Wednesday 4th December to discover more of the New Caledonian culture.



*Meeting of the Sports Ministers of the Pacific 2010.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PYASC, contact your head of delegation or send an email to [pyasc@oceaniafootball.com](mailto:pyasc@oceaniafootball.com).



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