



CSW High-Level Event

66th Session on Commission on Status of Women

United Nations HQ and streamed simultaneously on Facebook and You Tube

Proposed for March 17, 2022 (March 16 in Fiji)

Time – 4pm EDT, 9am FJT

Duration: 90 minutes

Concept Note

Pacific Women on the Frontlines of Climate Change

Context

Pacific Island women have contributed to organizing for climate action, climate justice and climate security in a way that is diverse, vibrant and expanding building on the values of trust, respect and genuine relationships which are at the heart of partnerships and movement building.

There is clear legacy of the substantive contributions of collaborative CSO and feminist led programming by CSO led groups and networks such as Pacific Partnerships on Gender, Climate and Sustainable Development (PPGCCSD), Women Defend Commons Network, Women's Weather Watch, Shifting Power Coalition, PICAN Gender Working Group, Qaqa Young Women's Grassroots Feminist Network, Alliance for Future Generations, Pacific Students for Climate Justice, We Rise coalition, DAWN, WGC to UNFCCC, GEF Action Coalition 'Feminist Strategies for Climate Justice', GAGGA Alliance, Pacific Feminist Community of Practice, and many more. They are working in their communities with traditional and faith leaders, through creative expression, innovation and community activism with civil society allies and networks, forging partnership with government and inter-governmental organisations.

Purpose

The 66th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women is a valuable opportunity to bring together our collective networks of diverse and grassroots leaders to create visibility at the UN level how Pacific Island women are responding to the multiple and intersectional challenges of climate change. Presentations - in person and via video - will amplify experience,

innovation and recommendations in line with the priority theme as well as linking to global agendas such as the Generation Equality Forums' Feminist Action for Climate Justice Action Coalition and WPS-Humanitarian Action Compact, which both organisations are leading on at international level as well as regional and country level.

Participation

This virtual event is proposed for **4pm EDT March 16 2022, 9am FJT on March 17, 2022**

Order of event:

- Welcome Remarks: Government of Fiji
- Introduction/Moderation: Sharon Bhagwan Rolls, Regional Manager Shifting the Power Coalition
- Video Message: PM of Samoa - *replay from the PIFS event*
- Speakers (online or via video)
 - Republic of the Marshall Islands
 - Carolyn Kitione, Learning Coordinator & Convenor of STPC Young Women's Steering Committee
 - Flora Vano, Convenor Woman I Toktok Tugetha network & Woman Wetem Weta - ActionAid Vanuatu
 - Adi Vika Nasogokoukou, Women Defend the Commons Network & Women Builders Network DIVA network rep
 - 350.org Pacific representative

Response: 2 respondents (UN and Pacific Member state)

- Call to Action: Noelene Nabulivou, DIVA - Co-chair CSW66 Expert Group