



“RAISING THE VOICE FOR SPORT IN THE PACIFIC”

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



A new project **‘Raising the Voice for Sport in the Pacific’**, led by the Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) strengthens regional coordination and advocacy, builds the capacity of civil society to influence policy processes and creates spaces for dialogue between Government and Non-Government actors across portfolios on sport policy development.

The project is calling for participants from Civil Society Organisations **from 8 countries Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Kiribati, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Palau, Samoa, Tuvalu and Vanuatu** who are passionate about sport and physical activity to join the capacity building exercises, lead a consultation process on sport policy development at the national level, and join the voice for sport at the regional policy level.



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1. Project background

Sport policy in the Pacific has received very little attention on the regional agenda with only two Pacific Island countries having a current national sport policy. Five of the countries are currently in the process of developing and/or reviewing their national sport policies. In terms of regional policy development, there are no structured processes for sport policy development, no regional coordination of information and data collection, and no regional plans to address these policy gaps in the foreseeable future. Civil society organisations in sport are very well structured across the Pacific and are working towards strengthening governance, accountability and gender equality in sport management and administration. The Olympic Agenda 2020 from the International Olympic Committee and the introduction of Governance courses under the ONOC Sport Education Program are examples of the institutional commitment to make progressive changes to the structures and systems supporting sport in the region.

A new project “Raising the Voice for Sport in the Pacific” has been developed with funding from the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and the European Union through the Programme for Strengthening Non-state actors (NSAs) in Regional Policy Engagement.

The project aims to:

- i) Bring NSA stakeholders together from across the region to strengthen and unite advocacy efforts from diverse civil society stakeholders and promote informed contribution and influence of national sport policy development from NSAs.
- ii) Conduct a series of national and regional consultations to capture the united voice of NSA stakeholders and to inform policy development in the area of sport, physical activity and physical education.
- iii) Develop and deliver a regional strategy to advocate for the development of comprehensive sport policy and ensure that the voices of NSA’s are systematically captured in policy development process.

The project will build the capacity of 16 representatives of non-state actors in 8 target countries including; **Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Kiribati, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Palau, Samoa, Tuvalu and Vanuatu**. Two representatives from civil society organisations (CSOs) from each of the target countries will be selected to engage in the capacity building and national consultation for sport policy over 18 months. For further details on the background of the project, please visit www.pacificsportscompass.org



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2. Non-state Actors engagement in the project

Over the course of 18 months of the project, the selected representatives from Civil Society Organisations in 8 target countries will be engaged in **ALL** of the following activities:

2.1. Capacity building

Two capacity building workshops in sport policy and advocacy will be held at the beginning and end of the project in Suva, Fiji. It is compulsory for selected participants to attend fully both capacity building exercises scheduled for August 2017 and June 2018.

The two capacity building workshops will focus specifically on advocacy, policy, policy analysis, understanding government budgets, the policy process, how to influence change and monitor policy implementation. At the same time, throughout the course of the project, the participants will join the process of developing a regional policy analysis and set of recommendations with regards to developing sport policies and integrating sport-based indicators in national development policies.

The first capacity building exercise will take place in Suva, Fiji during the week of **28 August – September 01, 2017**.

Full funding is available for 2 participants from each of the target countries, including one female and one male participant from each country.

This will cover:

- return travel from home base to Fiji
- accommodation in Fiji for the duration of the event
- inclusive of all meals during the event, with per diem allocations for travel days*
- transfers to and from the airport and shuttle bus between event venues (if required)

*Note that in the interest of responsible budgeting, per diems will not be issued for days where all meals and accommodation are provided.



2.2. Leading national consultation workshops

The selected participants are responsible to lead **2 national consultation workshops in their own countries for sport policy and advocacy after the first capacity building exercise in August 2017.**

The first consultation workshop gathers civil society actors to develop a situation analysis by identifying the strengths, weaknesses, potentials and challenges of sport policy development in the national context.

The second consultation workshop mobilises Government and Non-Government actors to share findings of the situation analysis across government portfolios and identify ways forward to develop comprehensive sport policy.

The national policy consultations and dialogue should:

- Provide an opportunity for representatives of local CSOs to discuss their views on sport for development in the national context, raise issues and explore options to develop their policy positions with regards to sport for development.
- Provide space for CSO actors and governments to share their policy positions related to sport for development and explore potentials to strengthen coordination mechanisms and encourage collective action in developing national sport policy.

Funding

Funding for the two national consultations is limited. A total allocation of FJD3, 000 per country will be available for this activity. Applicants are to follow strictly the administrative and financial rules for procurement and logistics for the event package. The procedures for managing project funding will be communicated to the participants during the first capacity building workshop.

2.3. Taking part in regional forum on sport and physical activity development

The project will engage 2 participants among 16 selected participants to represent the voice of non-state actors for sport policy development at high-level forums including Forum Economic Ministers Meeting 2018 in Palau, the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Sports Ministers Meeting and the Pacific Islands Leaders Forum 2018 in Tuvalu. Two participants shall be selected to attend these high-level meetings to represent to the voice of civil society and the selection process shall be agreed at the first capacity building workshop.



Full funding is available for the selected participants to attend such events. This will cover:

- return travel from home base to Fiji
- accommodation in Fiji for the duration of the event
- inclusive of all meals during the event, with per diem allocations for travel days*
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3. Deliverables by selected participants

Given the abovementioned tasks, the selected participants are expected to submit the following deliverables at the end of the project:

- A situation analysis of their country and policy recommendations as a result of the two national consultation workshops.
- Jointly developed regional policy analysis and recommendations for sport policy development in the Pacific region.
- Financial report for the organisation of consultation workshops in their country
- An individual report with details of achievements within the course of the project, key learning and recommendations.

4. Criteria for selection

- Be a national of any of the 8 target countries
- Having professional experience in any of the 8 target countries in any of the following areas including sport and physical activity, education, health, youth, gender empowerment, and inclusion of people with disabilities.
- Demonstrated understanding of the development context of his/her country
- Proven experience in policy advocacy at the national level;
- Engagement in policy advocacy and development at the regional level is an advantage;
- Excellent oral communication skills;
- Strong ability to argue for, and defend, a policy position;
- Confident and authoritative;



- Commitment to follow through the capacity building exercises and policy consultation exercise of the project.
- 1 male and 1 female representative will be selected from each of the target countries

5. Selection process and timeline

CSOs representatives are invited to express their interest to participate in the project by filling in the attached application form. A competitive selection process will be used to strategically identify participants based on the objectives of the project. A joint selection panel including ONOC, PIFS, Sport Matters and UNESCO will conduct the selection based on the selection criteria. Successful applicants will be notified from Wednesday 16th August 2017.

Applicants are required to send (i) CV and (ii) completed application form to Dennis Miller, Executive Director, Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) at onoc@onoc.org.fj no later than **9am Monday 14th August, 2017**. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

For further background visit www.pacificsportscompass.org or contact the ONOC office:

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