**Pacific Disability Forum**

Personal Profile of Candidate Standing for Election to the Board

**(Maximum of 700 words)**

Full Name: Simon Fiuniau Dolaiano

Date and Place of Birth: 16th July, 1985, Fo’ondo Malaita Province, Solomon Islands

Organisation You Represent, Current Position and Function(5 lines maximum):

I am representing People with Disabilities Solomon Islands (PWDSI) as the organisation’s president. PWDSI is the Disabled People’s Organisation (DPO) in Solomon Islands. The core function of PWDSI is advocacy on the rights, protection and promotion of persons with disabilities. PWDSI work with stakeholders and partners for the inclusive policies, programmes and legislation in Solomon Islands. Also, PWDSI advocates at the community, provincial, national, regional and international levels for the engagement of persons with disabilities especially youth with disabilities in decision making and leadership.

Other Relevant Committee or Board Governance Experience (10 lines maximum):

I have been a member of the PWDSI Youth Committee since 2012. I have also been a member of committees including

* Solomon Islands nation Universal Periodic Review working group
* Representative of Ministry of Women, Youth, Children and Family Affairs as a member to the Anti-Trafficking Advisory Committee
* Member of the National Disaster Management Plan review working group.
* Member of the National Youth Policy consultation team

Educational Background (5 lines maximum):

I completed both my primary and secondary education at regular mainstream schools in Solomon Islands. I completed my Bachelor’s degree at USP in Fiji majoring in Sociology and Literature/Language. In 2015, I completed a 5 weeks fellowship training in Australia on Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction Management.

Any Other Activities Relevant to the Work of the PDF (10 lines maximum):

My first work was with PWDSI working as a Co-researcher with Monash University on the *Social and Cultural Context of Disability in Solomon Islands*. I have also engaged in the Research on *Pacific Indicators for Inclusive Education* as an associate Investigator through PDF by Monash University and Nossal Institute for Global Health. I have also represented PWDSI at the regional CSO forum to advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities and the endorsement of the Pacific Framework on Disability which was endorsed by regional leaders in 2016. I bring practical knowledge, skills and experience to the organisation. With my current responsibility as the president of PWDSI and as well as a research officer for women, youth and children with the government. I am confident that I can articulate for the issues of women, youth and children with disabilities.

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