



International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2021

Theme: *“Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.”*

Grand Pacific Hotel
Thursday December 2nd, 8.30am – 1.00pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

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| 8.30 – 9.00am | Registration
Video will be playing – Lived experience of persons with disabilities through COVID |
| 9.00 – 9.15am | Welcome Mistress of Ceremony, Ms. Sainimili Tawake ,
Regional Coordinator Climate Change
Devotion – Rev James Bhagwan , Secretary General, Pacific
Conference of Churches

Garlanding of Chief Guest |
| 9.15 – 9.20am | Introduction of the Chief Guest, Ms. Angeline Chand , Human
Rights & Gender Advisor, Pacific Disability Forum |
| 9.20 – 9.40am | Official Opening, Chief Guest – H.E. Mr. John Feakes ,
Australian High Commissioner, Suva. |
| Keynote Address | |
| 9.40 – 9.55am | Followed by Short Remarks/Reflections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Sanaka Kumara Samarasinha, UN Resident Coordinator, Pacific Office.• Mr. Setareki Macanawai, Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Disability Forum, |

Cutting of the Cake.

Vote of thanks – Mr. Joscho Wakaniyasi, Manager Inclusive Development, Pacific Disability Forum

End of formalities

DPO Sharing – living through the height of preparedness, response and lockdown, and towards an inclusive, accessible and sustainable COVID 19 world.

9.55 – 10.30am

Session 1 – facilitated by Ms. Sainimili Tawake, this will be an interactive session, sharing on the experience of persons with disabilities and their reflection.

Experiences from our members through preparedness and response and reflection on the theme: leadership role and participation that needs support from donors and development partners. Representative from 5 OPDs

- i. **Ms. Litia Naitanui**, President, Rewa Branch, Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation. Sharing her experience on livelihood activity and economic empowerment to recover post COVID
- ii. **Ms. Sera Osbourne**, Office Manager, Psychosocial Disability – Psychiatric Survivors Association, Fiji. Sharing her experience on the support to the members during lockdown and forward looking post COVID
- iii. **Ms. Lovine Pouniu**, Intellectual Disability – Nuanua O Le Alofa, Samoa. Experience of person with intellectual disability
- iv. **Mr. Iotebwa Toaua**, President, Deaf Association, Kiribati. Experience of the deaf in Kiribati.
- v. **Mr. Nafitalai Bai**, former Board Member, Spinal Injuries Association, Fiji. TC Yasa Recovery through COVID restrictions. Responding to a humanitarian emergency during and through a pandemic.
- vi. **OMEKESANG**, Palau. Experience of persons with disabilities in Palau.

Followed by Q & A

10.30 – 10.45am

Break for Morning tea

10.45 – 12.05pm

Session 2: Facilitated by Ms. Ruci Senikula, COVID Coordinator.

Regional Panel discussion from donors and development partners will discuss two key questions:

- i. What measures can donors and development partners implement to support the leadership and participation of persons with disabilities and their organisation for an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post COVID world.

Give specific examples for their current plans in the next 12 months

- ii. What can donors and development partners advocate in spaces exclusive for them to support the leadership and participation of persons with disabilities and their organisation for a more inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post COVID, that will not leave persons with disabilities further behind.
 - a) **Ms. Christine Conway**, First Secretary for the NZ Aid Programme, NZ High Commission, Suva
 - b) **Ms. Heike Alefsen**, UN Human Rights Regional Representative for the Pacific (OHCHR)
 - c) **Mr. Yonjae Choi**, Deputy Director, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
 - d) **Mr. Esteban Tromel** – ILO Senior Specialist Disability, Gender, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Branch (GEDI).
 - e) **Ms. Le Thi Minh Chau**, Education Specialist, UNICEF in the Pacific, Suva

Followed by Q & A

12.05 – 12.50pm Part 2 – CROP and Regional Organisation

Facilitated by Ms. Naomi Navoce, Regional Coordinator-DRR

Regional Panel discussion from CROPS and regional organisation will discuss two key questions:

- i. What measures can regional partners implement to support the leadership and participation of persons with disabilities and their organisation for an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post COVID world.

Give specific examples for their current plans in the next 12 months in terms of resourcing.

- ii. What can CROP and regional partners advocate in spaces exclusive for them to support the leadership and participation of persons with disabilities and their organisation for a more inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post COVID, that will not leave persons with disabilities further behind.
 - **Representative from Social Inclusion Unit**, Disability Focal Point, PIFS
 - **Mr. Nilesh Goundar**, Human Rights and Social Development Division, SPC
 - **Dr. Ann Cheryl Armstrong**, USP

Followed by Q& A

12.50 – 1.00pm **Closing Remarks and Vote Thanks, Ms. Villaney Remengesau,**
Co-Chair Female, OMEKESANG, Palau

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