**IWDA Funding for Pacific Feminists to Attend the Asia-Pacific Regional CSO Forum
24-26 November 2019
Bangkok, Thailand**

Dear Pacific Feminists,

The 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action will be celebrated in 2020. Coinciding with the 20th anniversary of Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and the 5th anniversary of the Sustainable Development Goals, this provides a unique opportunity for feminist movements to analyse the political, economic and social economies of the moment and consider ways to advance women’s human rights in the current era.  The ‘Beijing +25’ process will include a review process to assess progress towards addressing the critical areas outlined in the Beijing Platform for Action, and the development of recommended actions to address any gaps or challenges in progress through a series of forums in 2020.

The review process has already begun and includes the development of reviews at the national, regional and global level. Some states have already submitted national reviews, and in the Asia-Pacific region, the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and UN Women’s Regional Office for Asia Pacific will facilitate the regional review process.  A global review will take place during the 64th Session of the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW) in March 2020.

Before this intergovernmental meeting, a **CSO Forum will be held in 24-26 November 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.** Bringing together women’s rights advocates from across the region, the forum aims to:

* Create a space for celebrating achievements and sharing concerns about women’s oppression, old and new;
* Facilitate intergenerational dialogue to help empower new generations of feminists taking on the baton of our movements;
* Strengthen intersectional cross-movement solidarity between our diverse constituencies, including LGBTQI, Indigenous, migrant and labour, sexual and reproductive, rights movements;
* Strategise together on what we want to advocate for regionally and globally during the Beijing +25 review process and beyond.

Information about the CSO Forum is now available on the UN Women website: [http://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/news-and-events/events/2019/11/beijing-25-regional-cso-forum](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fasiapacific.unwomen.org%2Fen%2Fnews-and-events%2Fevents%2F2019%2F11%2Fbeijing-25-regional-cso-forum&data=02%7C01%7Cprem.awasthi%40one.un.org%7Cbe28e63986d84534d17708d71bd51951%7Cb3e5db5e2944483799f57488ace54319%7C0%7C0%7C637008474376967429&sdata=cvATv6JYzR7QbFKorcDllSsltx0L96yFuTq%2FiNhCmU0%3D&reserved=0)

 **APPLY FOR FUNDING TO ATTEND THE ASIA-PACIFIC CSO FORUM**

IWDA is excited to announce funding for a limited number of scholarships for women from the Pacific to attend the Asia-Pacific CSO forum. These scholarships are being provided through the Women’s Action for Voice and Empowerment (WAVE) program which is funded by the Government of the Netherlands.

Funding will cover the cost of flights, accommodation, visa fees, per diems, and travel to and from airports.

Funded participants will be expected to attend a Pacific preparatory meeting the day before the forum, which will provide a space for skill and knowledge sharing and collective strategizing. Funded participants will also be expected to contribute to IWDA-led monitoring and evaluation processes in line with donor reporting requirements.

To apply, please complete the application form below and submit to advocacy@iwda.org.au no later than 9am AEST **Monday 2 September 2019**.

IWDA is inviting applications for funding based on the following criteria:

**Selection criteria**

Participants must be:

* A woman, non-binary or trans-identifying person;
* A feminist advocate for women’s rights;
* Based in Pacific Small Island Developing States;
* Connected to a national or regional women’s movement (with intent to represent a constituency and feed back into the movement)

Preference will be given to applicants who also meet any or all of the following criteria:

* Be representative of a marginalised group, including youth, disability, rural, SOGIE, atoll climate frontline states, women from colonial and occupied territories, sex workers, ethnic minorities, indigenous women, refugees and migrants.
* Be from a country that has submitted a Beijing +25 national report;
* Diverse regional representation will be sought where possible.

**APPLICATION FORM FOR IWDA SPONSORSHIP TO ATTEND AP REGIONAL CSO FORUM**

Full Name:

Organisation:

Country:

Gender identity (please note, funding is only available for women, non-binary or trans-identifying people):

Email address:

Phone number:

Why do you want to attend the Asia Pacific CSO Forum for Beijing +25 (100 words max)?

What are your priority advocacy issues for Beijing +25 (100 words max)?

How will you aim to represent the views of and share this experience with other activists or women’s rights groups in your country or the Pacific region?

Are you willing to sign on to the principles of the [Pacific Feminist Charter](http://www.fwrm.org.fj/images/PFF/PFF-Charter-Final-2Dec2016.pdf) ?

 I have read and agree to uphold all of the principles of the Pacific Feminist Charter.

 I do not agree to the principles of the Pacific Feminist Charter.

Do you require any additional support or have specific accessibility requirements to attend? If so, please provide detail of how we can ensure you are able to safely and fully participate in this forum.

Please complete and submit your application to advocacy@iwda.org.au by 9am AEST Monday 2 September 2019.

You will be notified via email if your application is successful by 5 September, to enable registration to the forum by 6 September 2019.