

## WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

### **Women, peace and security: Advancing the UN Security Council Resolution 1325**

- Advance the implementation in PICTs by all stakeholders of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 to ensure women's equal participation in decision-making for conflict prevention, management, peace building and peace support operations;
- Endorse the need for research, analysis, and dissemination of information on women's role in peace and security in PICTs, as outlined in UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

### **Building a Women's Movement**

- Recognise the importance of engagement with women's rights' NGOs and civil society organisations (CSOs), and the value in utilising their specialist expertise to advance gender equality in partnership with government;
- Encourage donors to financially support women's movement building efforts;
- Support strong participation by indigenous women's groups and women's rights NGOs/CSOs at relevant forums, for example, by providing for their structured involvement in the Triennial,
- Encourage the inclusion of marginalised groups, such as young women and women living with disabilities, in movement-building activities.

### **Young Women Leaders**

- Recognise the particular cultural, social political and economic challenges faced by all young women, including those in Pacific Island societies, and the double discrimination they face;
- Acknowledge the contribution and rights of women with disabilities to be included in government and NGO programmes;
- Support innovative leadership programmes for young women so that they are able to effectively participate in decision-making processes in their homes, communities, and countries;
- Utilise the energy and creativity of young women in the ongoing development of the Pacific women's movement;
- Ensure that young women's opinions and experiences are taken into account in making policies that will affect their lives;
- Advocate for a distinct space for young women at national and regional events, and their inclusion in all official delegations.

### **Reporting/Optional Protocol/ Legislative Indicators**

- Urge governments to commit to law reform in the area of women's rights based on national priorities, using the framework of the CEDAW legislative compliance indicators that have been developed;
- Encourage development partners to provide technical assistance on both a national and regional level to facilitate the implementation of CEDAW;
- Request that SPC continues to facilitate the involvement of the French territories in France's report to the CEDAW Committee, and encourages NGOs to participate in the reporting process both on their own and in collaboration with their governments.

### **Mainstreaming Gender in Forestry, Agriculture and Fisheries**

- Urge regional and national institutions to take a two-pronged approach to women's empowerment through:
  - targeted women's programmes,
  - cross-sectoral and integrated approaches in agriculture, fisheries, maritime and forestry;
- Ensure that women's contribution to sustainable development is mainstreamed in the productive sectors through national planning and budgetary processes, parliamentary processes and legislation;
- Improve access to information and training on gender development in the agriculture, fisheries, forestry, and maritime sectors, including access to the internet and cellular networks.

### **Advancing Women in Decision-Making**

- Support new and ongoing coordinated and prioritised research, policy and programming measures to promote the advancement of women in political representation, leadership and decision-making.

### **Women, Media and ICTs – Revisiting Section J of the Beijing Platform for Action**

- Continue to uphold the universal principles of human rights, including freedom of expression, information, media and communication to ensure a diversity of viewpoints;
- Formally recognize women's media initiatives as per the Beijing Platform for Action as providing a critical bridge between women at all levels, particularly between marginalised communities and policy makers;
- Support Pacific media in their efforts to adopt the strategies outlined in the Pacific Women in Media Action Plan;
- Request increased budget allocations for national women's machineries to enable advocacy for national women's plans of action;

- Ensure harmonisation of the Digital Strategy of the Pacific Plan with the commitment of the media and ICTs to the Revised Pacific Platform for Action to promote access to appropriate information and communication technology that will empower all women, especially those in rural and remote areas.

### **Women and Disability**

- Ensure that the rights and issues of women with disabilities are effectively mainstreamed in all national laws, policies and programmes, and that specific anti-discrimination laws, policies and programmes that include references to disability are enacted in PICTs;
- Ensure that governments undertake data collection on women with disabilities, and that governments and SPC promote the effective participation of women with disabilities in all future Triennial meetings.

### **Violence against Women and Crimes against Women**

- Promote efforts to eliminate violence against women through policy, legislation and programmes;
- Formulate policies and supportive legislation to criminalise any form of violence;
- Call upon leaders of religious, traditional and social organisations to take positive steps to challenge established assumptions that may contribute to the problem of violence against women;
- Request that governments acknowledge the seriousness of violence against women and the need for policies and programmes to collect and publicise data on this violence, including data to quantify its economic costs;
- Adopt a multi-sectoral approach that recognises the role of men, women, boys and girls in addressing the problem of violence against women;
- Call for the abolition of traditional and cultural practices that adversely affect women.

### **Overcoming Cultural Barriers to Equitable Participation by Women**

- Acknowledge the positive impacts and take steps to overcome the negative impacts that culture poses to women's advancement in PICTs;
- Support ongoing research on the role that culture plays in the advancement of women;
- Provide education and training on gender through both the formal and informal sectors.

### **Gender and Land Research**

- Recognise the importance of land to women through ensuring the inclusion of women in land management institutions at local, provincial and national levels;

- Ensure regional and national land initiatives, including legislation and policy reform, are informed by gender analysis;
- Ensure that women receive leadership training and knowledge relating to land ownership rights, land management and access to land and housing;
- Ensure the recognition of women's customary rights to land.

#### **Tools for Conducting Research Advocacy**

- Encourage government and development partners to support local, national and regional NGOs and policy makers to produce research for advocacy on women's human rights and empowerment;
- Create national web sites containing existing policy-relevant research on women, with space for policy makers, academics, and activists to identify potential areas for research on gender inequality;
- Urge regional agencies such as SPC, USP and PIFS to undertake regional mapping of all research concerning women's inequality in the Pacific in order to identify and prioritise research themes for advocacy purposes.

#### **Gender Budgeting**

- Include gender perspectives in budget decision-making and resource allocation to support commitments to gender equality;
  - Strengthen partnerships between government ministries (e.g. finance, planning, women, statistics,) and between government and civil society using a gender-responsive budget model or strategy applicable to PICTs;
  - Endorse a collaborative approach to strengthen the capacity of Pacific governments to mainstream gender in all budgets and policies.
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