



# DIPLOMACY TRAINING PROGRAM

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## Human Rights Capacity and Network Building in the Pacific

DTP Alumni Workshop on Human Rights Capacity and DTP Network Building

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UDHR**

**8-10 June, 2023, Nadi, Fiji**



### 1. Summary:

In June 2023, The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) organised a two-day workshop in Nadi, Fiji with some of the Pacific-based alumni of its human rights training programs over the last 30 years. The purpose of the workshop was:

- to reflect on the impact of DTP's human rights capacity and network building programs over the last 30+ years;
- to discuss and provide input on the current needs and priorities for human rights advocacy capacity building in the current context in the Pacific;
- to discuss how DTP could effectively support the development of DTP alumni networks, and support DTP alumni in their work for human rights; and
- to provide input into DTP's future capacity building strategies.

The alumni reflection workshop was followed by a short training session on the engagement with the UN System around the UN SDGs (Voluntary National Reviews) and the Universal Periodic Reviews (UPR) conducted by Joshua Cooper and a training session on video advocacy conducted by Arul Prakkash (WITNESS). In depth video interviews were also conducted with selected alumni.

DTP acknowledges with appreciation the support and involvement of its partners, Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO) and Citizens' Constitutional Forum (CCF).

DTP also acknowledges the support from the Australian Government's Australian NGO Cooperation Program and the National Endowment for Democracy in delivering the workshop.

This report provides a brief description of the program and its outcomes and makes some recommendations for developing DTP's work with alumni and building alumni networks in the Pacific. It includes some reflections from DTP alumni on the value of DTP's work, and training methodology.

## **2. Workshop Participants:**

DTP has over 1300 alumni based in the Pacific (excluding Australia and New Zealand) from over 30 years of programs. The majority of alumni are located in Fiji and Papua New Guinea (PNG). Workshop participants were selected in consultation with DTP's partners and alumni. Workshop participants came from Fiji, the Solomon Islands, Tonga and PNG/Bougainville. They all had attended different DTP courses between the early 1990s and 2019. Through NGOs, faith-based organisations and universities, they work on the following issues:

Gender issues including women's health

The impacts of climate change, including adaptation and displacement

The environment – and the impacts of extractive industries – logging/forestry/mono-culture/terrestrial mining/black sand mining/seabed mining

Community education and development

Human rights education and advocacy

Decolonisation and self-determination

Impacts of mining on Indigenous peoples, women's issues, gender-based policy.

In addition to DTP alumni, DTP Advisory Council International Member Mr Lopeti Senituli also attended the workshop.



### 3. Current issues of concern in the Pacific:

There was discussion among the participants about some of the current key concerns in the Pacific. The key issues identified fell into the following categories: climate, governance, women's issues, business and global/UN.

#### **Climate:**

It has been well documented that the Pacific is facing devastating impacts of climate change. These include the increase in frequency and severity of weather events, rising sea levels and ocean acidification threatening the liveability of the Islands.

Participants raised the following concerns surrounding climate in the Pacific:

Climate financing/funding: There appears to be no accountability or transparency in regard to this. There is also a lack of access to funds, and as such, it is not reaching the communities that need it.

Climate change displacement and relocation

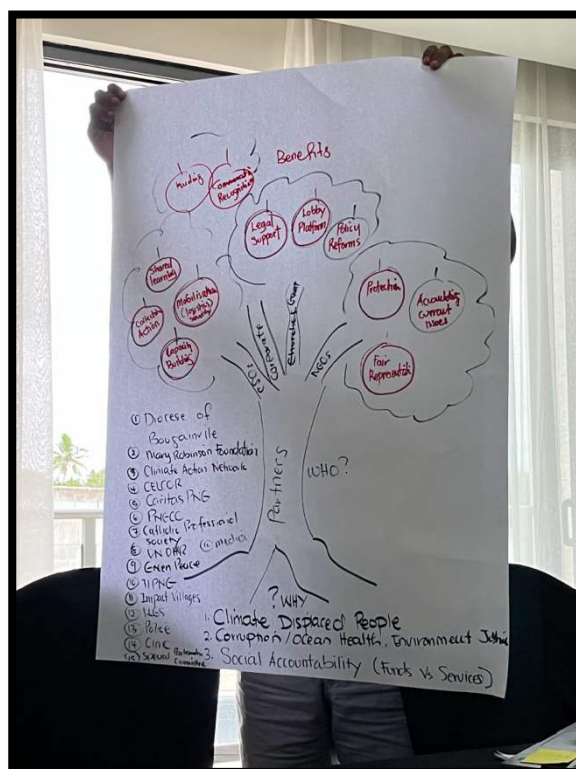
Climate justice: What is climate justice and how is it achieved?

Oceans: There is a dire need to protect the seas and the biodiversity found in the Pacific. The threat of deep-sea mining is affecting a number of Pacific Islands.

Extraction of Transition Minerals: The demand for transition minerals for the new green economy is increasing pressure and risks.

Loss and Damages: what will this mean for communities – will they be compensated?

Climate Champion Leaders: The Church plays a significant role in supporting, reaching and linking communities and affecting policy. There has been an increase in Cardinals and Bishops discussing the issues around climate, but their advisors might not be educated on these issues or be well informed and so their interventions and strategy may not be as effective as it could be.



#### **Governance:**

Participants raised the following concerns about governance in the Pacific:

Geopolitical tensions are distracting from climate action, priorities on poverty and sustainable development.

Democracy in the Pacific and shrinking civil society space: This is a challenge, with NGOs coming under increased attack, sometimes portrayed as external influences.

Humanitarian issues: This includes from extreme climate events.

Corruption: How does civil society deal with it if it is "legalised"?

Perception of Human Rights: Human rights can be perceived negatively at the community level. The actions of some human rights defenders are seen as increasing community tensions, at odds with community values?

**Women's Issues:**

All participants expressed concern at the continued discrimination and inequality faced by women all across the Pacific. Key areas of concern raised were:

The continuing increase in Gender based violence across the Pacific.

The exclusion of women from public life and lack of political representation.

**Business:**

Business and Human Rights programs have been the main focus of DTP's work in the Pacific since 2018 and some participants were alumni of a BHR program. Areas of particular concern discussed were:

Extractive Industries: This included, but not limited to, deep sea mining, illegal fishing, black sand mining, gravel extraction, logging, and mining.

Landgrabbing

Infrastructure: Participants commented that all donors are now focusing on infrastructure at the cost of funding community development and with implications for climate/environment.

**UN/Global:**

While not areas of concern in themselves, participants did raise and discuss the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Pacific's 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent as two big programs of work in the Pacific and opportunities for engagement.

**4. Capacity needed:**

DTP and its local and regional partners in human rights movements have delivered over 150 thematic and country-based programs with Asia-Pacific NGO and CSO leaders and advocates. Programs in the Pacific have had a focus on child rights, migration, business and human rights, the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and climate change. Participants were asked to identify current gaps in knowledge and skills that DTP should prioritise in its work going forward. Four key categories were identified: Knowledge and Understanding, Soft Skills, Technology Skills and Collaboration. The specific content that participants identified as skills either they or their communities/organisations would benefit in further training on in each of these categories is listed below.

**Knowledge and Understanding:**

Knowledge of Human Rights Mechanisms: This included the UPR, treaty bodies, VNR, and the Special Procedures. Participants want to know the processes for each of the mechanisms and how they work, and how and why to engage with them.

Knowledge of the calendar of UN events and forums: Awareness of when these are being held and the deadlines for participation by government and civil society could provide opportunities for advocacy at the event and accountability of governments.

Understanding the decision-making processes of the UN, its different agencies and governments.

How (and why) to engage with regional meetings and processes (e.g. PIF).

Democracy: This includes civic education, justice, the rule of law – principles plus practice.

How government works: What are its processes, knowledge about government procurement, public finance management, and budgeting and how decisions are made in these areas.



### Soft Skills:

Negotiation/diplomacy: how can civil society engage government effectively/productively.

Tools for communication strategies.

Legal literacy skills: how to read certain acts and legislation.

Fundraising: how to write grants, how to acquit grants, and grant reporting obligations.

Campaigning for effectiveness: how to build coalitions, knowledge sharing, and the building of strategic relationships.



### Technology Skills:

Use of information and communication technologies: in documentation and advocacy.

### Collaboration:

Participants identified that a major issue in the Pacific is lack of dialogue – between advocates, networks working on different issues, and between civil society and government, and UN agencies and civil society. There needs to be more opportunities to bring people together to share. It is important to have regional representation at meetings.

There is a gap in organising civil society before regional meetings and forums. This results in missed opportunities for collaboration, networking and sharing knowledge and ideas, and engagement with governments and important Pacific regional agendas.



## 5. Who should DTP prioritise for training?

For the past 33 years, DTP has been delivering training to NGO and CSO leaders and advocates across the Asia-Pacific and Indigenous Australia. Participants were asked who they considered DTP should be

training going forward. Participants commented that in the Pacific, the Church is the best platform for diplomacy, advocacy and education on rights. They have the connection and the ability to take the knowledge and the training programs to local communities on the ground. Partnership with Churches/FBOs was seen as important in order to widen the reach of potential DTP program participants and being strategic to train people active within their community.

The Church leaders themselves – the Bishops Councils – were identified as being key program participants. In many areas of the Pacific, Churches are the only service providers to communities and they need to build capacity in a number of areas. A question of how to create a curriculum for these priests and pastors was raised by some participants.

PIANGO has been keen for DTP to train the trainers to build the capacity of PIANGO members. This could be achieved through partnership and accompaniment to develop PIANGO capacity on rights-based training.

## **6. Networking and Networks**

Time was dedicated to discussing the value of networks and networking, challenges in maintaining networks, the current existing networks and possible role of DTP alumni networks.

### **Why Network?:**

Participants provided the following reasons for why networks are important.

- They enable NGOs and civil society to do things in a more concerted effort.

- Increased impact through collaboration and working together.

- They enable the sharing of ideas and knowledge.

- They provide opportunities to raise, discuss and strategise some common areas of concern.

- Make friends.

- Leverage skills.

- To enable more strategic interventions and engagement with Pacific Island Forum etc at Pacific Island Forum annual meetings, UN processes etc.



## Challenges in Networking:

*“So many networks have failed. They get together for a year or two and then they fall apart.”*

Challenges participants raised included:

Having to compromise among members.

Clashing personalities.

Fear of letting go of things.

Cultural barriers of confronting ideas and other people.

Members feeling the network is not a safe environment to say what you need to say.

The need to build soft skills/diplomacy capacity – how to have discussions and disagreements and not take it personally.

The Pacific civil society community is small and there are lots of connections that one has to be aware of. A big issue in the Pacific is if you don't agree with people your NGO is blacklisted.

Understanding perspective of Indigenous Peoples and their connection to land/ocean etc.

Overall capacity of members – time and resources – to participate effectively in networks.

## Current CSO/Human Rights Networks in the Pacific:

Participants identified the following networks that are currently operating in the Pacific:

Pacific Human Rights Defenders Network: This network started from a DTP training. The Network's mandate is to build awareness on human rights defenders (HRD), and protection strategies for HRDs. Members work with all vulnerable groups. Participants mentioned that it was difficult to maintain the Network during Covid. Currently, the Network has no fulltime staff and the Secretariat is based at OHCHR Pacific. University of the South Pacific (USP) is a partner – providing venues for meetings and events. While the Network receives good support from the Swiss Embassy in Australia, the Network really needs a 3-year funding strategy. They have formal guidelines for involvement in the Network, which are stated on the membership form. There is cross-over membership but it is not all DTP alumni and not all DTP alumni are members.



Network of current USP students studying human rights: The convenor of the HRDs network also runs courses on HR and HRDs at USP and USP students are in a student network. This Network can be tapped into as resource for putting on events.

South Pacific Commission (SPC) Network had been operating in the region, but had since died out. This Network was around in 2009. Membership was based on SPC's training programs.

Participants also raised the fact that there is no Pacific Women's Human Rights Defenders Network despite significant investment made in the Pacific researching issues affecting WHRD in the region. A major report was produced by the OHCHR Pacific and partners, however, currently no network has been established from this work.

Asia Pacific Environmental HRDs (EHRDs) network (APNED): This Network is based in Manila and wants to grow into the Pacific. DTP has partnered with them on a number of side events and forums in recent years and they have many shared areas of concerns with DTP alumni, such as deep sea mining. Participants expressed interest in learning more about this Network.

### **Opportunities and Needs for Networking:**

One of DTP's objectives was to hear from participants if a DTP alumni network was desired, and if so, get guidance on what its purpose and functions could be, and what role participants saw for DTP in the establishment and support of DTP's alumni network/s.

All participants expressed a desire for greater connection between alumni and between alumni and DTP and that they and their work would benefit from one. They felt a DTP alumni network would meet a need that was not currently being met and would be distinct from other networks.

Participants felt the need for a greater and more informed/effective CSO voice on issues in the Pacific. This connected with PIANGO's objectives also and there was discussion of how a DTP alumni network could support PIANGO's work to network and build the capacity of civil society voices in the Pacific.

Participants also cautioned that any DTP alumni network would need to ensure it did not duplicate what is already out there or that involvement in the network would add to people's workloads.

They also highlighted the value and need for agreed guidelines, with core principles of equity, transparency and mutually benefit/solidarity.

National and Regional Alumni Networks were suggested as one model for the Pacific. Alumni focal points could be established in each country to coordinate and take responsibility for building national level networks with DTP support. Focal points (one or more alumni) could act as a liaison between DTP and alumni. It was agreed that focal points would be volunteers and for a fixed term.



### **7. Workshop Conclusions:**

DTP alumni stressed the importance of DTP's programs for the Pacific and that they should continue. Their recommendations for DTP's program priorities included:

- Focus on climate change/human rights
- Train-the-Trainers
- Engagement with UN and Regional intergovernmental processes.

There was also a request to continue to grow the PNG-based training programs.

Guidance on the establishment and support for DTP's network building.



Establishment of a DTP Pacific alumni steering committee (initial volunteers from Fiji/PNG/Bougainville).

## **8. Next Steps**

The DTP Pacific Alumni Workshop is the first in a series of alumni activities DTP has planned over the next year. A DTP Asian Alumni Workshop will be held at the end of June and all alumni will be surveyed by email seeking information and views on DTP alumni networking. The data from these activities will feed into DTP's Alumni Strategy, forming the basis of DTP's re-engagement and program of work with its alumni.

The discussions on DTP's training programs in the Pacific that took place during the Workshop will also be taken into consideration in the drafting of DTP's Pacific Strategy, a three-year program in partnership with Australian Human Rights Institute, Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, Macquarie University Law School, PIANGO, CCF and others.

Six in-depth one-on-one interviews were held with alumni during the Pacific Alumni workshop. These are in the process of being transcribed and edited. As well as feeding into the Alumni Strategy, excerpts will be used to showcase DTP's work and its alumni. They will be published on DTP's website and social media platforms. Interviews with alumni will also take place during the Asian Alumni Workshop.

DTP has a number of other alumni activities proposed for the next year. These include the continued publication and promotion of profile interviews, surveys, outreach via WhatsApp groups for updates and news from alumni to include in its eNews, webinars, facilitating engagement with Australian High Commissions/Embassies regarding the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR, and meeting with alumni face-to-face during training programs run in-country.

DTP is also planning a follow-up Pacific Alumni Workshop in 2024 to reflect on its Alumni Strategy and alumni activities conducted over the course of the year.

### **Background to Workshop:**

DTP is an independent NGO based in Sydney, Australia. DTP has developed and delivered human rights and advocacy training programs in the Asia-Pacific region and Indigenous Australia for over [32 years](#). These programs include DTP's Annual Human Rights and Peoples' Diplomacy Training Program, the longest running human rights capacity building course in the Asia-Pacific region. DTP has also delivered over 150 thematic and country-based programs for Asia-Pacific NGO and CSO leaders and advocates, with a specific focus in the Pacific on the areas of business and human rights, the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and climate change.

DTP's programs are organised with local and regional partners in human rights movements, and with DTP alumni. DTP's training methodology is participatory. Since 2004, DTP has developed and delivered programs on the following priority themes:

- Human Rights Defenders
- The Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- The Rights of Migrant Workers
- Human Rights and Business
- Children's Rights

In addition, it has developed programs on:

Human Rights, the SDGs and Climate Change in the Pacific  
Myanmar  
With Diaspora Communities

Over more than 30 years, DTP has made a significant contribution to regional human rights. DTP recognises the current regional context is very challenging for human rights defenders and human rights movements, 75 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

It is time for DTP to take stock and reflect – on what it has achieved, and how it can be most effective in the future. The environment for human rights and human rights defenders in 2023 is very challenging. Poverty and inequality are increasing. Authoritarianism, populism and conflict are restricting space for civil society and human rights defenders. Universal values of human rights and dignity are challenged, including within the systems established to promote and protect them. Growing geo-strategic rivalry is leading to a dysfunctional international system and increased impunity. New digital technologies, social media, artificial intelligence and the power of the private sector pose new challenges. The impacts of the climate emergency are becoming increasingly manifest.



## **APPENDIX 1: PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES**

### **FIJI**

#### **Louchrisha Hussain, Strategic Partnerships Officer, International Union for Conservation of Nature Oceania Regional Office**

Louchrisha was working with the Citizens' Constitutional Forum (CCF), one of Fiji's known local human rights NGOs focused on advancing human rights through community education and advocacy initiatives, when she did the DTP program in 2018. Louchrisha served as CCF's CEO from 2018 until earlier this year when she took up a regional position with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

#### **Viniana Cakau, Community Programme Co-ordinator, Citizens' Constitutional Forum (CCF)**

Viniana's role with CCF is to educate Fijian communities on human rights, good governance and the constitution and to advocate for human rights. She prepares and delivers contextualised training programs working with diverse organisations to build a deeper understanding of human rights, good governance, active citizenship, multiculturalism, Constitutional issues, and democracy and the rule of law. Viniana would like to participate in the DTP program because she believes that this opportunity would assist in enhancing her human rights knowledge and understanding. This program would be beneficial to her capacity as a civil society advocate, especially in engaging effectively at the grassroots level in lobbying governments and others. In her work, she has secured partnerships with government institutions that work directly with the indigenous I Taukei, in seeing that they produce village development plans having the Rights Based Approach to Development. This is an ongoing partnership.

#### **Natasha Khan, Coordinator of Diploma in Leadership, The University of the South Pacific (USP)**

Natasha is the Coordinator of Diploma in Leadership, Governance & Human Rights programme at USP.

#### **Tevita Naikasowalu, Coordinator for Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creations, St Columban Missionary Society Columban Mission in Fiji for the Oceania Region**

Tevita Naikasowalu is a Fijian Human, Ecological and Indigenous Rights Defender (HEIR Defender) and has been for the last 15 years and also the Founder for this network.

He is now the Coordinator for Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creations (JPIC Ministry) St Columban Missionary Society Columban Mission in Fiji for the Oceania Region. The Columban Mission has been working in Fiji for the last 70 years since 1952 – and their Mission is Justice and Peace for all Man and Creation. They are a Global organisation working in 18 different countries.

Tevita is also a member of the Working Group of the Pacific Human Rights Defenders Network (PHRDN) responsible for Indigenous Issues & Extractions in collaboration with the UN Office of the Commissioner of Human Rights in Fiji and the Oceania Region.

**Lucrisha Nair, Project Support Officer, Citizens' Constitutional Forum (CCF)**

I have been with CCF for more than 10 years. My work entails me to provide support to the programme team in proposal writing, reporting to donors, human and constitutional rights and democracy projects.

The attendance and participants in DTP trainings will help me to build my skills set and knowledge in working with human rights defenders in the Asia Pacific Region. It would also allow me to learn from case studies, advocacy and lobbying strategies, regional and international mechanisms that could improve our work as human rights defenders.

**Sevania Tuicau, Community Program Facilitator, Citizens' Constitutional Forum (CCF)**

My name is Sevanaia Tuicau. I am the Community Programme Facilitator for the Citizen's Constitutional Forum(CCF). Before joining CCF I was a secondary school teacher. Did Diplomacy Training in 2018, Deliberative Diplomacy Training in 2019, Essential Humanitarian Training with REDR Training in 2022.

**Isikeli Vulavou, CEO, Pacific Sexual and Gender Diversity Network; Executive Director, Rainbow Pride Foundation**

[No updated bio]

**FIJI, TONGA**

**Emeline Ilolahia, Executive Director, Pacific Islands Association of Non-governmental Organisations (PIANGO)**

Emeline Siale Ilolahia is the Executive Director of PIANGO and has a strong history of over 10 years of experience and track record in promoting sustainable growth and social development in the Pacific region and a reputation for developing strong partnerships within the civil society sector. She has exposure in regional and global advocacy. In her previous role as Executive Director of the Civil Society Forum of Tonga, Siale was instrumental in bringing together and supporting coalitions working on issues as diverse as ethical leadership, women's access to finance, women's leadership and political participation, and deep-sea mining. Siale was awarded an inaugural Jose Edgardo Campos Collaborative Leadership Award in Washington DC in 2016, in recognition of her contributions to local leadership efforts in Tonga. She holds a Masters in Business Administration from the University of the South Pacific, Graduate Diploma in Non-For-Profit Management from Unitec, New Zealand, and Graduate Diploma in Public Sector from Massey University, New Zealand.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

**Marie Mondu, Project Director, Mariestopes**

Worked in the Humanitarian Space for close to 14 years in PNG and supporting Pacific dialogues in development and Human Rights Issues. Advocate on various crosscutting issues and social accountability of government of PNG.

Been part of the UNHCR dialogues for four years promoting Rights of HR Defenders and local systems, such as setting up of Office Of HR Commission in PNG, linking Civil Actors to programs or lobbying opportunity.



Volunteer directly to Civil Groups and Charity to encourage local actions. Expertise that's brought in is around institutional strengthening. Some of the CBOs include: Lifeline PNG Crises Management Online Service, The Catholic Safe House Association INC, Magna Carta, Caritas Network and other Environment justice champions. Individuals are mentored to partake in shadow reports or special rapporteur contribution and I try my best to extend my sought training through DTP to empower them.

**Jonathan Mesulam (M), Coordinator, West Coast Development Foundation**

Jonathan Mesulam as the coordinator of the West Coast Development Foundation is responsible for developing programs and activities and establishing support networks. The organisation is actively participating in advocacy programs against experimental deep- sea mining and illegal logging in Papua New Guinea. Jonathon's role in establishing the Alliance of Solwara Warriors was important to providing a platform for coastal communities across the Pacific to raise concern and opposition to the experimental deep-sea mining. The organisation's commitment to environmental justice is also seen in the Mangrove Rehabilitation Program supported by the UNDP GEF Small Grants program to protect marine life and reduce climate change impacts. Jonathon locates the importance of supporting indigenous people navigate the threat of multinational corporations exploiting natural resources. Jonathon looks forward to learning more about indigenous rights advocacy and how to empower indigenous communities to defend their human rights through this training.

**Ursula Rakova (F), Regional Representative, Bougainville, Environmental Law Center Ltd (ELC Ltd)**

[No updated bio]

## **SOLOMON ISLANDS**

**James Meimana, Legal Resources Person, Network for the Indigenous Peoples Solomons NIPS)**

James is the Marine Affairs and Legal and Indigenous Rights Advisor for the Network for the Indigenous Peoples Solomons (NIPS). His duties include advising on Indigenous peoples' intellectual property rights in relation to traditional knowledge and providing legal and coordination support to Indigenous peoples and local communities on conservation of their coastal and marine resources through traditional knowledge and cultural practices. His organization (NIPS) campaigns against logging and mining activities, and facilitates the Community Conservation Resilience Initiative (CCRI) in the Solomon Islands. He is currently promoting the legal recognition of indigenous peoples and local communities in his country, both overall and in the context of natural resources and the environment. This focuses on the extent to which environmental laws support or undermine the rights of Indigenous peoples and local communities. There are also regional implications, given the typically strong presence of Indigenous peoples and customary laws but also the significant impacts of climate change on Pacific Island countries. From this course, James hopes to build his skills and capacity as an emerging leader and advocate in his community. He would like to apply this knowledge by doing awareness programs and facilitating sessions of community workshops on the topics learned. This will enable to directly support the communities involved in the CCRI who identify threats to their resilience from private sector activities such as mining and logging.

## **TONGA**

**Lopeti Senituli, Political Activist, Tongan Human Rights and Democracy Movement**

Lopeti Senituli has been a member of the DTP International Advisory Council since 1994. He a law practitioner from Tonga having been admitted to the bar in March 2023. He was Political and Media

Adviser (2018-2019) to the late Prime Minister of Tonga, Hon Samuela 'Akilisi Pohiva, who died in office in September 2019. He also served in the same role to former Prime Minister, Dr. Feleti Vaka'uta Sevele (2006 – 2010) during which major political and constitutional reforms were implemented. He also served as CEO of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Tonga from 2012 to 2015.

Lopeti Senituli is also a long-term political activist having served as the founding Executive Director of the Friendly Islands Human Rights and Democracy Movement (2000-2003) and as the Executive Director of Pacific Concerns Resource Centre (PCRC), the secretariat of the Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Movement (NFIP) from 1987 to 1993 in Auckland, Aotearoa - New Zealand and in Suva, Fiji from 1993 to 2000.

Lopeti Senituli was a member of the World Council of Churches' "Eminent Persons Team" that conducted hearings in nine major cities in the United States of America in 1992 on the subject of "Racism as a Violation of Human Rights". He also served as representative of the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC) to the Churches Commission on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (WCC-CCIA) from 1999 until 2006.

He was appointed in a personal capacity as the representative from the Pacific Islands Forum member governments in the Polynesia region to the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Specialist Sub-Committee on Regionalism (SSCR) in March 2015 until 2018.



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Day 1 – Nalagi Hotel, Queens Road, Nadi, Fiji  
Senijale Room – Level 1

| When              | What   | Faciliator        |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| 9.00am - 9.30am   | Welcome from Siale, (PIANGO), Viniana (CCF), Lopeti (DTP Advisory Council) welcomes, housekeeping  | DTP/Siale/<br>CCF |
| 9.30am - 10.30am  | <p>Participant Introductions – Name, Country, DTP Program Completed, Focus of Work</p> <p>Discussion and Agreement of Reflection /Workshop and Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>to reflect on the impact of DTP's human rights capacity and network building programs over the last 30+ years;</li><li>to discuss and provide input on the current needs and priorities for human rights advocacy capacity building in the current context in the Pacific;</li><li>to discuss how DTP could effectively support the development of DTP alumni networks, and support DTP alumni in their work for human rights; and</li><li>to provide input into DTP's future capacity building strategies.</li></ul> | DTP               |
| 10.30am - 10.45am | Morning tea  |                   |
| 11.00am - 12.30pm | <p>Human Rights Capacity Building Needs of Civil Society in the Pacific – Discussion led by Siale</p> <p>Reports on the country situation of participants</p> <p>Sharing on current Issues in the Pacific Region: capacity building needs</p> <p>Reflection on current networking at country level and at regional level</p> <p>Group discussion around these</p>  | Siale / PIANGO    |
| 12.30pm - 1.30pm  | Lunch  |                   |

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| 1.30pm - 3.00pm | Experiences and lessons learned of Regional Networking – Sharing on the Pacific Human Rights Defenders Network and other examples  | Natasha Khan |
| 3.00pm - 3.15pm | Afternoon Tea  |              |
| 3.15pm - 4.30pm | Capacity And Network Building on Climate Change and Human Rights - Lessons Learned<br><br>What are the needs for CSOs (knowledge/skills/networks)<br><br>Discussion led by Ursula Rakova - PNG | Siale/PIANGO |
| 6.30pm – 8.30pm | Dinner at X  |              |

## Day 2 – Nalagi Hotel, Queens Road, Nadi, Fiji

| When              | What  | Facilitator          |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|
| 9.30am – 9:45am   | Introduction to the day's activities and reflections on previous day  |                      |
| 9.45am – 11.00am  | Setting priorities for DTP's capacity building programs going forward<br><br>How can DTP Capacity Building Support the work of national / regional CSO networks<br><br>Panel Discussion to guide larger group discussion.<br><br>Led by Siale, Natasha, Ursula, Jonathan<br>Consultation re programs, focus areas, needs in current landscape | Clare                |
| 11.00am - 11.15pm | Break   |                      |
| 11.15am – 12.30pm | How could DTP / DTP alumni build stronger networks and collaboration among alumni   |                      |
| 12.30pm – 1.30pm  | Lunch   |                      |
| 1.30pm - 2.30pm   | Using Capacity Building on UPR to Unite People for Rights – Reflections and Lessons Learned on PIANGO/DTP/CCF Program   | Clare, Siale, Joshua |



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| 2.30pm – 2.45pm | Break   |  |
| 3.15pm – 4.30pm | Workshop groups to discuss their own capacity and networking needs and priorities - butchers paper, sharing recommendations and ideas around future collaboration - Sharing |  |
| 4.30pm - 5pm    | Reflections of the 2-day workshop<br>Outcomes and (Alumni led) follow up  |  |
| 6.30pm – 8.30pm | Dinner/Networking event at X  |  |

### Day 3 - Nalagi Hotel, Queens Road, Nadi, Fiji

| When              | What  | Facilitator                    |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 9.30am – 9.45am   | Introduction to the day's activities  | DTP                            |
| 9.45 am – 11.00am | Breakout groups training Round 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Video Advocacy or</li> <li>○ Current human rights issues, VNRs, UPR</li> </ul> | Arul Prakkash<br>Joshua Cooper |
| 11.00am - 11.15pm | Break   |                                |
| 11.15am – 1.30pm  | Breakout groups training Round 1 continued  | Arul Prakkash<br>Joshua Cooper |
| 12.30pm – 1.30pm  | Lunch   |                                |
| 1.30pm - 2.45pm   | Breakout groups training Round 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Video Advocacy or</li> <li>○ Current human rights issues, VNRs, UPR</li> </ul> | Arul Prakkash<br>Joshua Cooper |
| 2.45pm – 3.15pm   | Break   |                                |
| 3.15pm – 4.45pm   | Breakout groups training Round 2  | Arul Prakkash<br>Joshua Cooper |