



## **PACIFIC DISABILITY FORUM**

### **Pacific Regional Forum on Women with Disabilities**

#### **Waipuna Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand**

**4 APRIL 2011**

We, the participants at the Pacific Regional Forum on Women with Disabilities, on the Rights of Women with Disabilities supported by the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) through the delegates to the PDF General and Council meetings from the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Australia and New Zealand held at the Waipuna Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand on 4 April 2011.

Acknowledging the experiences of the women with disabilities shared during this Forum,

And recognising that these experiences are also shared by women with disabilities in other countries of the Pacific region,

Acknowledging the support of AUSAID, Global Fund for Women and NZAID,

Call on the Pacific Disability Forum to:

1. Strengthen its commitment to gender equality, programs and women's empowerment in its Strategic Plan, activities and outcomes;
2. Support a representative from the PDF Women's Committee to participate on the Regional Working Group of UN Women;
3. Strengthen the linkages with the gender officers from the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community;
4. Support NDPOs to incorporate the CRPD, CEDAW, BMF, MDG and the Pacific Regional Strategy on Disability in strategic plans, programs, activities, funding proposals, and reporting;

5. Advocate for Pacific Governments that have not already done so, to ratify CEDAW and CRPD and their respective Optional Protocols; and ensure that CRPD Article 6, *Women with disabilities* and CRPD Article 7, *Children with disabilities* and other CRPD Articles containing gender equity measures be given priority for implementation;
6. Advocate for Pacific Governments to ensure that their respective Ministries for disability, women's affairs and all other relevant portfolios need to include specific policies, programs and measures to address the rights of women and girls with disabilities;
7. Advocate for Pacific Governments to adopt and implement the 28 recommendations directed at government that are contained within the UNDP report, *Pacific Sisters with Disabilities: at the Intersection of Discrimination*;
8. Support NDPOs to act and report on implementation of the 8 recommendations directed at NDPOs contained in the UNDP report, *Pacific Sisters with Disabilities: at the Intersection of Discrimination*.