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FEMINIST FUTURES, JUST PACIFIC
An Urgent Call to Collective Feminist Vision and Action

We, Pacific Feminists in all our diversities[1], come together as intersecting polycrisis[2] threaten our communities, ocean, land, bodies and futures. We are resolute. We will organise, resist and transform. This Outcome Document sets out our urgent demands to Pacific leaders, governments, regional bodies, development agencies and funders. The Feminist Future and the Just Pacific we want will not happen by chance. The time for action is now!

More than 140 feminists, allies and activists from 21 Pacific Island Countries and Territories, from rural, remote and maritime communities, and including Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, gathered for the 4th Pacific Feminist Forum (PFF) to reflect on our journey, confront the realities shaping our present, and collectively imagine the Just Pacific we want for generations to come.

In the spirit of solidarity, we honour the generations of courageous women human rights defenders, including PIDSOGIESC defenders, who have carried the Pacific feminist movement forward. We acknowledge our common bonds through Wansolwara (ocean), Vanua (land) and Tua'a (ancestors), which shape our identities, cultures and herstories, and connect us across the Pacific. Gender and sexual diversity are Indigenous to our Pacific, and reclaiming that heritage is part of our shared feminist and decolonial work.

We convened this Forum to strengthen feminist solidarity, build and renew alliances, and commit to a shared vision grounded in justice, equality, dignity, inclusivity, intersectionality,

[1] From here on when we mention women and girls, we refer to specific identities and needs of women, girls, lesbians, bisexual, queer and trans-diverse people, intersex people, fa'afafine, leiti, gender nonconforming people, ethnically diverse women and girls, Francophone women, diaspora women, Indigenous women, women living in occupied and colonised territories, migrant women and girl women with disabilities, sex workers, women living with HIV and AIDS, widows, women living in rural and remote areas, young and older women and women throughout the life cycle, heterosexual women, women in sports, women in non-traditional roles and industries, women from faith-based communities, women in creative industries, women in the informal sector, women in private sector, micro, small, medium enterprises, MVPFAFF+ , PIDSOGIESC, and more

[2] Pacific feminists define polycrisis as the convergence of multiple, interconnected and mutually reinforcing crises that shape our lives, communities, vanua and wansolwara, such as climate change, economic injustice, and social inequality that affect and impact marginalized groups, including women and *I*ndigenous communities.

freedom and self-determination, and where women and girls in all their diversities are recognised, respected and upheld.

Naming what threatens us and strengthening what connects us

Across our region and globally, geopolitical upheaval, militarisation, rising authoritarianism, anti-rights and anti-gender movements, technological change, climate injustice, resource and funding cuts, are creating hard-won gender equality gains at risk. These shifts demand that feminist movements remain connected, organised and create new strategies for collective action. As Pacific Feminists, we refuse to turn a blind eye to multiple and intersecting forms of patriarchy, heteronormativity, ableism, deeply entrenched and unequal gendered power relations, and emerging processes of oppression that threaten our existence, rights, freedoms, dignity and collective self-determination.

Our journey as Pacific Feminists to address these are uniquely diverse. We recognise the specific challenge of geographical location in the richness of our vast Pacific Ocean. The multiple social, political, economic, psychological, technological, and ecological challenges we face as climate frontline states and territories are our realities. Our current struggles are rooted in herstories of gendered cultural and social hierarchies, colonisation, coloniality,[3] and unequal systems of power.

Our collective Feminist Futures and Just Pacific

This document builds on priorities raised through the 2016, 2019 and 2023 Forums, and as well as ongoing movement building across our diverse feminist spaces. The inaugural 2016 Forum convened over 100 feminists, marking an important moment in our herstory. We created and endorsed the Charter of *Feminist Principles for Pacific Feminists*[4] as a common set of collective principles to guide feminist organising and movement building across our region. Nearly a decade later, the Charter remains a living document continuing to guide our shared Pacific feminist identity, our values and principles, analysis and organising. Its Action Plan centers solidarity as a practice, emphasises resistance to colonial, capitalist and criminalising forces, and recognises the power of collective action to imagine safe liberated futures.

[3] Coloniality is the enduring set of power structures, cultural norms, and ways of knowing that continue to perpetuate Western dominance long after formal colonial administrations have ended.
[4] Charter of Feminist Principles for Pacific Feminists https://www.fwrm.org.fj/images/events/pff/2016/PFF-Charter-Final-2Dec2016.pdf

The 2nd PFF in 2019 moved from principles to the *Pacific Feminist Charter Action Plan*, focusing more strongly on feminist resistance, intersectionality, grassroots and intergenerational leadership, shrinking civic space and strengthening movements and alliances. And the 3rd PFF in 2023 deepened this analysis into an urgent call to action *"Pacific Feminist Strategies for Liberation"*, connecting patriarchy with colonialism, capitalism, ableism, racism, heteronormativity and extractive development, while prioritising gender based violence (GBV), political representation, climate and ecological justice, decolonisation and self-determination, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), transformative feminist resourcing appropriate and accessible information and communication systems.

In all three Forums, the persistent issues highlighted are: violence and inequality, meaningful participation and representation of women and girls with disabilities, climate justice, HIV, SRHR, bodily autonomy and integrity, PIDSOGIESC inclusion, movement solidarity and resourcing, collective liberation and systemic transformation.

Pacific Feminists call for the following:

Reimagining feminist resistance in a time of polycrisis

We recognise that the crises currently facing our Pacific region are interconnected, interlinked, and rooted in patriarchy, stereotypes and unequal power relations that sustain and continue to shape our lives and futures.[5] We will not simply endure the systems that continue to harm us. We choose to transform those systems intentionally, strategically and unapologetically, using our collective power to create different realities and build the futures we need with urgency and for our survival.

For the future of our movements, Pacific Feminists unequivocally calls for:

1. Dismantling colonial systems and structures that continue to reproduce patriarchy, discrimination and inequality, and reclaim Pacific knowledge, identities, relationships and systems of belonging, and our right to define our futures on our own terms.
2. Shift power and transform decision-making so that women, girls, gender-diverse people, persons with disabilities and marginalised communities are not only

[5] Draft general recommendation No. 41 on dismantling gender stereotypes and the unequal power relations that sustain them https://www.ohchr.org/en/documents/general-comments-and-recommendations/draft-general-recommendation-no-41-dismantling

represented at decision-making tables, but have the power to shape, redesign and lead them.

3. Fund feminist movements, not just feminist projects. We demand long-term, flexible and core resources that enable movements to organise, lead, advocate, respond to crises and build lasting power.
4. Invest in and grow feminist knowledge and leadership from within our movements, building the next generation of feminist leaders through mentorship and intergenerational learning; strengthen our advocacy through evidence and data; and make disability inclusion non-negotiable across all feminist organising and action.
5. Defend and restore the Living Planet by protecting our bodies, communities, land, ocean, waterways, air and global commons, and challenging extractive, exploitative and militarised systems that threaten our rights, sovereignty and collective futures.

PIDSOGIESC rights, decriminalisation and inclusion and dignity for all

We affirm that there can be no Feminist Future or Just Pacific without safeguarding the rights, dignity, safety, freedom and participation of PIDSOGIESC, gender-diverse people, persons with disability, LBQ women, trans and non-binary, intersex people. We must challenge and advocate against the discriminatory laws, systems and narratives that exclude, criminalise and silence people because of who they are. We recognise this as a matter of Indigenous rights, human rights, justice and equal citizenship, and affirm that protecting these rights does not diminish Pacific cultures, identities or religious beliefs.

Coloniality and colonial-era laws, violence, discrimination, misinformation and limited understanding of PIDSOGIESC continue to shape exclusion across our region, including where culture, mindset or religion is used to justify discrimination. We must create safe spaces for respectful dialogue, greater understanding and meaningful engagement with faith leaders, traditional leaders, communities and other influential actors to challenge stigma and discrimination and build more inclusive, safe and secured societies.

Autonomy demands that those most affected have the power to shape the change we seek. PIDSOGIESC and gender-diverse people must be able to tell their own stories, lead their own advocacy and decisions that impact their bodies, lives and futures. Inclusive, interlinked, embodied, intersectional, and intergenerational feminist movement building means moving beyond speaking about communities to building movements where they lead, participate, organise and shape both our collective actions and substantive equality.

Inclusive feminist movement building requires solidarity across movements, including with PIDSOGIESC and gender-diverse communities and persons with disabilities. We must move beyond speaking about communities, to creating space for them to lead, participate and shape feminist agendas and collective action. This includes recognising and supporting PIDSOGIESC, persons with disabilities and ensuring intersectional approaches that address multiple forms of exclusion and discrimination.

For the future of our movements, Pacific Feminists unequivocally calls for:

1. Repeal laws that criminalise and discriminate against PIDSOGIESC people, including colonial-era laws, and ensure laws protect the rights, dignity and equality of all people.
2. Shift power, resources and decision-making to PIDSOGIESC people, particularly Indigenous, young people, and persons with disabilities, so they lead feminist movements, policy processes and the agendas that affect their lives. Strengthen solidarity and intergenerational organising across PIDSOGIESC, feminist, disability, youth and human rights movements, and resource Pacific-led movements for law reform and social justice.
3. Strengthen public education and safe, respectful dialogue on human rights, gender equality and PIDSOGIESC with communities, faith leaders, traditional leaders and others, to challenge stigma, societal harm, misinformation, disinformation, malinformation and discrimination.
4. Institutionalise the *Pacific Women Lead PIDSOGIESC Guidance Note* so that it is mainstreamed across all funding cycles, programme design, methodologies, monitoring and reporting.

SRHR, pleasure and bodily autonomy in times of polycrisis

Across the Pacific, communities face cascading emergencies, climate disasters, and multi-layered polycrisis where fundamental human rights, disability rights, gender equality, bodily autonomy, and rights related to SRHR and PIDSOGIESC are systematically threatened and undermined by colonial structures, patriarchal institutions, and restrictive crisis responses.

Comprehensive sexuality education and advocacy must transcend risk reduction and prevention models to explicitly encompass sexual pleasure, affirmative and informed consent, bodily integrity, dignity, and diverse sexualities. Decolonising our approaches requires centring Pacific Indigenous and feminist knowledge, local languages, and lived experiences to dismantle colonial stigma, silence, and heteronormative control.

Reclaiming Indigenous Pacific understandings of joy and pleasure is a vital pathway toward consent, bodily sovereignty, and self-determination. Even amidst complex polycrisis, economic strain, and environmental destruction, upholding the right to make self-determined decisions over our bodies and lives remains an absolute, non-negotiable human right across all state and non-state institutions.

Building inclusive and equitable platforms, resourcing movement-led strategies such as the *Pacific Feminist SRHR Coalition 10 key Priorities*[6], and the *Pleasurenesia by the Youth OCEANS*[7], and expanding intergenerational solidarity, are essential to moving gender justice, PIDSOGIESC and SRHR dialogues from the margins into homes, schools, out-of-school premises, healthcare systems, and regional policy spaces to secure bodily autonomy for all. We affirm that women, girls, and gender-diverse persons, persons with disabilities, sex workers, people living with HIV, people in rural, remote and maritime communities, displaced peoples and people of other marginalised identities, require fully accessible, non-discriminatory, and inclusive SRH services. We honour their leadership and lived expertise in guiding transformational gender justice.

For the future of our movements, Pacific Feminists unequivocally calls for:

1. The enactment of legislative mandates and resourcing for comprehensive sexuality education that moves beyond risk and prevention to embrace pleasure, consent, bodily autonomy, and sexual and reproductive rights for all.
2. Dismantle the stigma, silence, shame, and discrimination surrounding sexuality and HIV by establishing safe spaces for dialogue and reclaiming Pacific languages, cultural and traditional knowledge, joy, and dignity.
3. End exclusion of marginalised and displaced communities and guarantee the meaningful participation and leadership of young people, women, people living with HIV, persons with disabilities, sex workers, and PIDSOGIESC communities in policy design and accountability.
4. Embedding feminist power analysis and a feminist double nexus approach across gender justice, SRHR and HIV policies and emergency responses, confronting patriarchal systems and ensuring affordable, confidential and uninterrupted services before, during and after crises.
5. Secure urgent investment in community-led HIV prevention, including affordable and accessible commodities including PrEP and PEP, evidence-based harm reduction

[6] Pacific Feminist SRHR Coalition https://divafiji.org/pacfemsrhr/
[7] Pleasurenesia: Pacific Youth's Voyage of Pleasure https://eseaor.ippf.org/resource/pleasurenesia-pacific-youths-voyage-pleasure

strategies as part of accurate and contextualised information and SRHR services, through sustained partnerships between governments, health providers, civil society, marginalised and displaced communities.

6. Prioritise sustainable domestic, regional and global financing for gender justice, SRHR and HIV responses, recognising unpredictable donor funding and safeguarding essential services for local and regional priorities.
7. Guarantee women, girls and gender-diverse people unhindered access to accurate and evidence-based information, ensuring confidentiality, non-judgemental SRH services, free from shame, coercion, fear and surveillance.
8. Pacific governments must commit dedicated, predictable public funding for SRHR and HIV, integrate these priorities into national health budgets and planning, and establish sustainable domestic and regional financing mechanisms that ensure essential services are maintained regardless of changes in donor funding.
9. Ensure women, girls, and gender-diverse individuals have unhindered access to accurate and confidential information, and where strategies to prevent misinformation and disinformation, and reform ICT policies, platforms and systems are actioned.
10. Ensure service confidentiality and empathetic trauma-informed care, specifically targeting young people, sex workers, and PIDSOGIESC communities so no one delays care due to fear or stigma.
11. Strengthen accountability for SRHR commitments through legal reform, transparent reporting, parliamentary scrutiny, and active participation of rights-holders in monitoring SRHR commitments.
12. Intentionally build cross-sector alliances between movements, health providers, and faith and cultural leaders to challenge harmful norms and coordinate advocacy across the Pacific region.

Building a Just Pacific for older women

We must build a Pacific where women can age with dignity, security, agency and belonging. This means recognising older and ageing women as knowledge and skill holders, leaders and movement-builders, and not only as caregivers. Transformative change must address the inequalities accumulated across women's lives, and ensure stronger social protection, pension systems, and a dignified and decent living wage.

Technology and AI present both opportunities and new risks of exclusion for older and ageing women. We demand digital inclusion across generations and feminist approaches to

AI that safeguard human agency, livelihoods, privacy, creativity and wellbeing; including accessible assistive technologies and universal design for persons with disabilities.

For the future of our movements, Pacific Feminists unequivocally calls for:

1. Build intergenerational feminist spaces and solidarity that bring older and younger generations together to exchange knowledge, skills, herstories and lived experiences, including the difficult lessons of feminist movement-building.
2. Advance gender responsive, dignified and sustainable economic security of older women by advocating for decent living wages, adequate pensions and social protection, accessible healthcare and care systems, and economic security across the life course.
3. Advance digital inclusion and feminist approaches to AI by ensuring equitable and affordable access to technology and digital literacy across generations and communities, while protecting human agency, livelihoods, safety, privacy and wellbeing.
4. Recognise and address the growing risks of Technology Facilitated GBV (TFGBV) and AI-enabled harms against older women, with measures that safeguard their safety, wellbeing, dignity, security and privacy.
5. Guarantee accessible, appropriate and culturally responsive mental health and psychosocial support for older women, underpinned by clear, localised and accessible referral pathways and services.

Sustaining national and regional feminist organising and movement building

Across the Pacific, strong feminist coalitions, alliances and networks have built and sustained collective feminist action and strategies for gender justice. This Forum acknowledges that there is no single Pacific feminist experience and movement building. Movements organise and mobilise through national and regional gatherings, coalitions, networks, community-based organising, intergenerational mentoring, advocacy, policy engagement, storytelling, cultural practice and collective action. We recognise that movements are the strongest when they are resourced, grounded by core values and shaped by political, cultural, geographic, economic and social contexts, locally rooted, inclusive and sustained beyond forums, projects and funding cycles.

We acknowledge the many national and regional feminist forums, organisations, coalitions, networks and movements across the Pacific that have shaped feminist priorities and

collective action for justice and equality.[8] These diverse spaces bring women, girls and gender-diverse communities together in pursuit of dignity, inclusion, self-determination, liberation, bodily autonomy, freedom from violence, economic, ecological and climate justice, Indigenous knowledge, intergenerational solidarity and accountable institutions.

We recognise the contributions of PIDSOGIESC and MVPFAFF+[9] and queer-led organising across our region, including Pacific networks led by LBQ women, trans and gender-diverse, and intersex people. Their organising is an integral part of the Pacific movement building work and our collective struggle, including the rights, freedom and leadership of women and girls with disabilities. These diverse movements reflect the strength of Pacific feminism; rooted in our own communities, cultures and contexts, while connected through shared struggles, collective power and solidarity for a just and feminist Pacific.

For the future of our movements, Pacific Feminists unequivocally calls for:

1. Strengthening intergenerational feminist leadership and succession by creating sustained spaces for older and younger feminists to exchange knowledge, herstories, and lived experiences, while resourcing young feminists to lead, organise and shape the future of our movements, with a commitment to long-term resources to leadership development and regional solidarity.
2. Make individual and collective care a non-negotiable practice of feminist movement building by resourcing the spaces, systems and practices that protect the wellbeing, dignity and sustainability of feminists and our movements.
3. Create and fund meaningful pathways for young feminists to lead, with intentional succession, intergenerational knowledge-sharing and access to leadership opportunities and decision-making spaces, moving beyond tokenistic participation.
4. We call for the establishment of a *Pacific Feminist Lawyers Network* to strengthen the movement's access to feminist legal, economic, social, GBV, climate justice expertise, including strategic advice, law reform and solidarity. The Network will connect lawyers across the Pacific to support feminist organisations, women human rights defenders and grassroots movements to challenge discriminatory laws, respond to legal threats and advance transformative legal and policy change, and more.

[8] National Feminist Forums & the Pacific Feminist Forums https://pacificfeministforum.org/

[9] Pacific feminists define MVPFAFF+ as a Pacific-centered term that recognises the diversity of gender-diverse and culturally specific identities across our islands and communities. It brings together distinct Pacific identities including māhū in Hawai'i and Tahiti, vakasalewalewa in Fiji, palopa in Papua New Guinea, fa'afafine in Samoa, akava'ine in Rarotonga, fakaleiti in Tonga, and fakafifine in Niue, alongside other culturally specific identities and terms such as fakaleitī, fa'afatama and rae-rae.

5. We call for the establishment of a *Pacific Feminist Medical and Mental Health Network* to strengthen access to feminist, rights-based and culturally grounded medical and mental health expertise, including specialised advice, referrals, psychosocial support, and solidarity. This network will connect feminist health professionals, mental health practitioners and allied service providers across the Pacific to support feminist organisations, women human rights defenders and grassroots movements, and to advance accessible, gender-responsive and survivor-centered health and mental health services, and more.
6. Integrate mental health and psychosocial support as core pillars of crisis response, ensuring accessible, culturally grounded and gender-responsive support that upholds resilience, recovery and dignity for all affected communities and individuals.

Young women reimagining the Pacific feminist movement

We affirm that young women are not only the future of Pacific feminist movements, but they are already leaders, organisers, advocates, storytellers and movement builders shaping our movements today. Their voices, lived experiences, knowledge, ideas and visions must be recognised, valued and centred in how our movements organise, lead, make decisions and build collective power. Young women must have meaningful space, resources and authority to shape the priorities, strategies and the future of Pacific feminist movements.

We reject tokenistic participation that invites diverse young women, including rural, remote and maritime young women, into spaces without giving them meaningful influence. Participation must mean real power to shape agendas, make decisions, lead initiatives, challenge systems and determine the priorities of our movements. The size of a young woman's island or country must never determine the size of her voice. Those who hold power must intentionally open doors, share knowledge, create opportunities and make space for young women to lead and shape feminist agendas now.

It is our collective responsibility not to prepare young women to inherit our movement but it is to build those movements with them now. We must pass on the light, share power and create space for the next generation to lead.

For the future of our movements, Pacific Feminists unequivocally calls for:

1. A Pacific feminist movement that shares power with young women, invests in their leadership and creates meaningful pathways for them to shape decisions, agendas and resources. This includes resourcing young women-led organising and dedicated

spaces, including a potential *Young Pacific Feminist Forum and Network*, while strengthening genuine intergenerational learning, mentorship and transfer of leadership.

2. Ensure accessible, inclusive and safe feminist spaces where young women, including young women with disabilities, can participate equally, speak for themselves, challenge power and belong without discrimination, violence or ageism.
3. Invest in young women's communication, storytelling and digital leadership, alongside stronger protections against TFGBV, harassment and misinformation.
4. We demand that young women's bodily autonomy, SRHR, safety, freedom from GBV, pleasure and wellbeing are upheld through laws, policies, services etc.

HIV, rights and community-led responses

HIV is deeply connected to gender inequality, power, stigma, discrimination, bodily autonomy, SRHR, access to services, and the right of every person to live with dignity and safety. The HIV response must be grounded in gender justice, human rights, community leadership and the recognition that people have agency over their bodies, health and lives.

Data and evidence is crucial in shaping effective HIV prevention, treatment and support. However, numbers alone do not tell the full story. Behind every statistic are people, relationships, experiences and communities navigating stigma, fear, confidentiality concerns, trust, care and dignity. Community-led responses remain central to understanding realities on the ground and ensuring that HIV services are accessible, affordable, inclusive and responsive.

We recognise that stigma and discrimination continue to prevent people from accessing HIV testing, treatment and support. Services must be safe, confidential, youth-friendly and accessible in urban, rural, remote and maritime communities, ensuring that no one is excluded because of their location, identity, age, gender expression, and PIDSOGIESC. Policymakers, service providers and movements have a responsibility to remove barriers where communities can access care without fear or judgement.

We must strengthen solidarity between feminist, health, human rights and PIDSOGIESC movements across the Pacific to advance inclusive HIV responses. This includes investing in community approaches, strengthening outreach services, building the capacity of service providers, and creating safe spaces where people can access information, prevention, testing and support.

For the future of our movements, Pacific Feminists unequivocally calls for:

1. Pacific governments, health institutions, donors and civil society movements must resource and strengthen community-led HIV responses by expanding accessible, confidential and inclusive services, addressing stigma and discrimination, and ensuring that affected communities are meaningfully involved in decision-making, policy development and implementation.
2. Embed *Mental Health and Psychosocial Support* within HIV response strategies, ensuring holistic care that addresses stigma, resilience, and well-being alongside medical treatment.
3. Access to training for peer supporters and community workers in basic mental health literacy and mental health first aid, strengthening community resilience and front line care.

Climate justice and feminist environmental action

We are not simply adapting but rather, we are fighting for our survival. Communities are already experiencing devastating economic and non-economic loss and damage from a climate crisis we did not create. We recognise displacement, climate mobility as a critical feminist justice issue, particularly as climate change, disasters, development projects, conflict and rising costs of living increasingly disrupt the lives, livelihoods, land, ocean, and cultural connections of vulnerable and marginalised Pacific communities.

1.5°C is not a guideline; it is a red line for survival. Representatives from communities on the frontlines of climate impacts, we assert that the climate crisis is an existential reality threatening our survival, bodily autonomy, ecosystems, and human rights. With 7 of the 9 planetary boundaries already crossed into the red zone, including freshwater, ocean acidification, and the nitrogen cycle, we must have immediate, structural transformation of global political and economic systems. We reject false solutions, delayed commitments, and the continued prioritisation of profit and militarism over human and ecological wellbeing.

Climate responses must not place the burden of survival on communities least responsible for the crisis. Where harm has not been caused by us, justice demands restitution, including accessible, grant-based and gender-responsive climate finance for loss and damage, adaptation and locally led solutions. Climate finance must reach the women and girls in all their diversities, including local communities who are leading climate action, rather than

remaining concentrated in institutions and elites. We affirm that climate justice is inseparable from gender, economic and political justice, food sovereignty, water and sanitation, and health, and we will continue to challenge the systems that concentrate power and deepen inequality, of those most affected.

We reiterate the urgent need for meaningful and equal participation of Pacific feminists and diverse communities at every level of climate decision-making, including national climate policy, COP processes, climate finance governance and implementation, with the power, resources and representation to shape agendas and decisions, influence the allocation of climate finance, and hold governments and institutions accountable for their climate commitments and actions. As we enter the road to Pre-COP, COP31 and Pacific Forum Women Leaders meeting, we reaffirm the *17 Pacific Feminist Defending the Living Planet Urgent Key Demands*[10], and building spaces that do not simply invite women into existing systems, but challenge who holds power, who sets the agenda and who controls resources.

For the future of our movements, Pacific Feminists unequivocally calls for:

1. We call for the institutionalisation, implementation and equitable resourcing of the *Belem Gender Action Plan* and *Pacific Pact on Gender and Climate Action*.
2. We recognise the Pacific leaders' 5 key priorities for COP31 and the alignment of this with our *Pacific Feminist Defending the Living Planet 17 Urgent Key Demands.*
3. Treat 1.5°C as a non-negotiable survival threshold and urgently strengthen emissions reduction commitments in line with the Paris Agreement.
4. Governments must act on the economic and non-economic loss and damage already experienced by Pacific communities; providing accessible, grant-based and gender-responsive finance for loss and damage and adaptation, while ensuring that those least responsible for the climate crisis are not left to bear its greatest costs.
5. Reform funding systems so that climate finance is flexible, long term, and reaches women, girls, young people, persons with disabilities, PIDSOGIESC, climate displaced communities, Indigenous peoples and local communities directly, and ensures gender-responsive budgeting, transparent allocation and accountability.
6. Guarantee Pacific women, young women, girls, women with disabilities and diverse communities have meaningful decision-making power, representation and resources across national climate policy, climate finance, COP processes and implementation; enabling those most affected to shape agendas, influence decisions and resource

[10] 17 Pacific Feminist Defending the Living Planet Urgent Actions https://divafiji.org/join-us-and-support-the-pacific-feminist-defending-the-living-planet-campaign/

allocation, and hold governments and institutions accountable for their climate commitments.

7. Frontline Pacific women in all their diversities will remain resolute, visible, and uncompromising in driving true climate justice and defending our living planet.

Feminist peacebuilding and our ocean of peace

The launch of the *Pacific Women Mediators Network* film, *We Are the Ocean, the Ocean Is Us,* is a testament of the enduring legacy of Pacific feminist peacebuilding. It honours the strands of resistance and organising woven through the Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific movement, the call for a Zone of Peace in the *1994 Pacific Platform for Action*, and the contributions of Pacific women to ending armed violence, advancing inclusive mediation and dialogue, and building peace across generations.

We recognise that feminist peacebuilding is intersectional and intergenerational, connecting peace and security with climate justice, climate security, self-determination, decolonisation, demilitarisation and denuclearisation.

We are reminded that women are not on standby for mediation deployment. Women must be recognised and resourced as peacebuilders, mediators, leaders and decision-makers before, during and after crises. If we are to realise a feminist vision of an Ocean of Peace, it cannot be separated from political self-determination or from well-resourced peacebuilding and mediation within formal governmental, regional and multilateral processes.

We are mindful that global investment in peacebuilding remains profoundly inadequate in comparison with military expenditure. For every USD 100 spent on the military, approximately USD 1 is invested in peacebuilding. We therefore call for a fundamental shift in priorities towards prevention, peace and human security. By recognising, resourcing and amplifying diverse women's voices, experiences, expertise and leadership, including within civil society, we can strengthen the strands of work for gender-inclusive and feminist peacebuilding and mediation across the movements for self-determination and decolonisation, young women's activism, climate justice and gender justice, SRHR & SOGIESC activism, peacebuilding with politicians and parliamentarians, theologians, traditional leaders and traditional security.

For the future of our movements, Pacific Feminists unequivocally calls for:

1. Ensure that implementation of the *Blue Pacific Ocean of Peace Declaration* protects the sovereignty, lands, waters, cultures, dignity and wellbeing of Pacific peoples, and is shaped by Pacific peoples themselves. Its implementation must be grounded in Pacific peoples' sovereignty, political self-determination, decolonisation, demilitarisation and denuclearisation as fundamental to peace and security in the Pacific.
2. Ensure a minimum of 30% representation of women in all their diversity in all tracks of formal peace processes, mediation, conflict prevention and climate security processes.
3. Support and invest in dedicated, sustained and accessible multi-year peacebuilding funds channelled through Pacific Island-led regional networks, enabling Pacific Island women peacebuilders, mediators and their networks to:
    a. Actively lead conflict prevention, preparedness, programme design, decision-making and long-term transformation.
    b. Be represented, protected and actively engaged across all aspects of the peace and security agenda, with dedicated resources and opportunities to shape the modalities of their participation in relevant processes, including dedicated funding for women mediator networks to participate in Track 1 processes beyond their engagement in technical tracks.
    c. Co-create and support intergenerational peacebuilding initiatives that enable diverse young women to draw on their creativity and contribute to community problem-solving and decision-making.

Reclaiming CEDAW as a living tool for Pacific feminist action, accountability and change.

We recognise the leadership, knowledge and collective organising of Pacific women's rights movements in making CEDAW relevant to our realities. We also recognise that the adoption of Concluding Observations is not the end of accountability - it is a starting point for action.

For the future of our movements, Pacific Feminists unequivocally calls for:

1. CEDAW must remain alive between reporting cycles, with its General Recommendations translated into concrete commitments, policies, laws, budgets and measurable action that advance the rights of women and girls across the Pacific.
2. Strengthening Pacific feminist movements to use CEDAW as a tool for accountability, law and policy reform, and movement building. We strongly call for Pacific governments, particularly Tonga, Niue and Palau, to urgently ratify CEDAW.

3. Pacific governments must ratify the CEDAW Optional Protocol to strengthen protection, accountability and access to justice and effective remedies for women and girls.
4. Pacific governments and regional partners must secure sustained resourcing for the next Pacific Technical Cooperation Week in 2029.
5. Pacific governments must turn commitments into substantive equality by addressing GBV, SRHR and bodily autonomy, unpaid care, economic and political inequality, land and citizenship rights, inclusive education and WASH, climate justice, harmful norms, and intersecting discrimination, including against PIDSOGIESC people and persons with disabilities.
6. Prioritise monitoring, government budget accountability, shadow and parallel reporting and regional feminist solidarity to hold States accountable, and respond collectively to backlash against women's rights.

Pacific feminist pathways to economic justice

Feminist economic justice works and responds to structural poverty, economic exclusion and inequality across the *Pacific Feminist Approaches to Economic Justice Network* has advanced pro-poor, feminist and human rights-based approaches to economic justice, supporting and accompanying diverse women, PIDSOGIESC people and the wider communities to claim economic justice and challenge systems that reproduce inequality. To change our work on poverty, we must re-examine and research women's experiences of society, government and the state.

For the future of our movements, Pacific Feminists unequivocally calls for:

1. Build and share feminist resources on poverty and economic justice beyond those of mainstream economists and international financial institutions.
2. Develop and implement national policy responses grounded in the 5Rs of unpaid care and domestic and communal work i.e. recognition, reduction, redistribution, representation and reward; and transforming care systems to ensure care is shared, valued and adequately resourced.
3. Recognise about 46% of the women and girls in the world are in remote, rural, maritime and other non-urban areas.
4. Shift from women's economic empowerment to Women, Gender and Economic Justice. Economic justice requires system change to discriminatory social norms and socio-economic structures, laws, policies, and practices from local, national, regional to global spaces.

5. Be clear on the particular urgent context and conditions of women in the Pacific that influence their experiences of, and responses to poverty and economic injustices.
6. Consistently and substantively include women and gender diverse people from urban poor, rural, remote and maritime areas into local and national decision making platforms on every aspect of life including poverty eradication and economic justice.

This is our future, we will rebuild!

We leave this Forum not with an ending, but with a full heart, renewed and reenergised commitment to the work ahead. We carry with us the wisdom of generations, the courage of women and girls in all our diversity, the strength of our diverse feminist movements, and the hope of a Feminist Future, Just Pacific.

Endorsements:
We, the participants of the 4th Pacific Feminist Forum, held from 21–24 September 2026 in Pacific Harbour, Fiji, endorse this collective vision and urgent call to action.