PACIFIC WOMEN’S PARLIAMENTARY PARTNERSHIPS FORUM
9 AND 10 FEBRUARY 2013, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
AGENDA
Saturday 9 February 2013

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| 09:00  | **Welcome and Prayers**  
Video presentation Ms Lisa Baker MLA (Western Australia), Chair, Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Australia |
| 09:15  | **Keynote Address**  
Mr James Batley, Deputy Director General (Country Programs Group), Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) |
| 09:30  | **Introductions**  
Ms Christine Fyffe, MP (Victoria), Deputy Chair, Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Australia |
| 10:00  | Morning tea |
| 10:30  | **Experiences of women MPs in the Pacific**  
Session chaired by Hon. Niki Rattle, Speaker of Cook Islands Parliament  
Getting elected and using temporary special measures: Hon. Fiame Naomi Mataafa, Samoa  
Using the parliament to advance gender equality: Hon. Hilda Heine, Republic of the Marshall Islands  
Young Parliamentary Women’s Group, Ms Rhoda Sikilabu, Solomon Islands  
Learning from electoral defeat: Hon. Eta Rory, Vanuatu |
| 12:00  | Lunch |
| 13:00  | **Six-point action plan for gender equality**  
Discussion led by Professor Pippa Norris, Harvard University |
| 15:30  | Afternoon tea |
Saturday 9 February 2013 – continued

15:45 Parliamentary strengthening and gender equality in the Pacific
Session chaired by Ms Amanda Rishworth, MP (Australia), Chair, Australia – Pacific Parliamentary Group

Outline of current parliamentary strengthening activities with Pacific parliaments on gender equality: Are these activities working? Is there room for improvement? Is there evidence of success?

Direct Parliament to Parliament links: Andres Lomp, Director, ICRO Australian Parliament
Centre for Democratic Institutions: Luke Hambly, Program Manager
United Nations Development Programme: Garry Wiseman, Director, Pacific Centre
UN Women: Doreen Buettner, Regional Human Rights and Programme Advisor, Tonni Brodber, Team Leader, Advancing Gender Justice in the Pacific
Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development: Ramon San Pascual, Executive Director

Plenary discussion

Session objectives: To take stock of the gender activities currently being undertaken across parliaments in the region, and those organisations implementing them; to identify the gaps e.g. areas not being addressed; to identify areas that could be more effectively coordinated

17:30 Meeting adjourns
19:00 Dinner

Sunday 10 February 2013

09:00 Prayers
Hon Gatoloaifa’na Amataga Alesana Gidlow, MP (Samoa) and Senator Ursula Stephens (Australia)

09:10 Looking at the project proposal in detail
Revisiting the project: Break-out groups to discuss different elements

Group 1: Working to support individual women MPs in the Pacific
Group 2: Working to support parliaments
Group 3: Working to ensure parliamentary staff have the capacity to support parliaments on gender equality

Session objective: To ensure that the project activities match the needs and expectations of women MPs in the Pacific

10:30 Morning tea
Sunday 10 February 2013 – continued

11:00 Reporting back from break-out groups
   Session chaired by Senator Lee Rhiannon (Australia) and Mrs Jane Prentice MP (Australia)

   Session objectives: To agree to the range of activities to be conducted by the Pacific Women’s Parliamentary Partnerships project, over the next four years

12:15 Address by the Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives, Ms Anna Burke MP

12:30 Lunch

14:30 Ensuring positive outcomes of the project
   Session chaired by Ms Lynnette Breuer MLA (South Australia)

   How can these activities be coordinated to maximum benefit?
   How to keep communication between all relevant parties flowing?
   Practical assistance to make this happen.
   Keeping in contact to review progress.

   Plenary discussion

   Session objective: To ensure that there is capacity to implement the activities jointly agreed on and to establish a road map for that implementation.

15:00 Concluding remarks and agreement on the way forward
   Session co-chaired by Ms Anna Burke, Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives and Ms Christine Fyffe MP (Victoria)

15:30 Meeting concludes