

International Workshop: Gender, Youth and Economic Empowerment in the Pacific

16-17 April 2008, Rydges Lakeside, Canberra, Australia

1. Background

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), in partnership with Learning Oceania in the College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University (ANU), will host a two-day workshop to consider the youth and gender dimensions of economic growth in the Pacific. The workshop will focus on key gender and youth issues in Pacific economic development, including:

- Women in enterprise;
- Gender, youth and employment;
- Youth, technology and globalization;
- Gender and youth in economic policy and programming;
- Gender and land;
- Labour mobility and remittances;
- Grassroots accountability and voice; and
- The role of culture in economic development.

2. Call for Applications

AusAID and the ANU are **calling for applications** from interested persons for **funded participation** in the workshop.

The workshop will bring together participants from Australia and the Pacific working on youth and gender issues in the region and focus on issues of sustainable economic development. The workshop will provide a forum for researchers to present relevant findings, an opportunity to debate emerging issues and seed a networked community for future collaboration across the region. The workshop will seek to create intra-regional links, will be a valuable resource for leaders and policymakers working on youth and gender issues, and provide knowledge for future Pacific leaders.

3. Application Selection Criteria

Applicants are expected to:

- have strong communication and analytical skills;
- be committed to sharing local and acquired knowledge with others in their country/community; and

- be a citizen or resident in a Pacific Island Country.

4. Application Process

Applicants must:

- Complete the application form for funded participation (Appendix A);
- Provide a copy of your résumé or curriculum vitae;
- Submit a proposed, detailed travel itinerary for your travel to Canberra (economy class).

The application form, résumé and proposed travel itinerary must be submitted by 5:00PM (AEDST) on Monday 18 February 2008.

Please direct all enquiries to the Workshop Manager *Conference Solutions*.

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Applications must be submitted by email to: ausaid@con-sol.com

5. Selection Process

Up to 20 participants will be selected for funded participation. A selection panel will convene to assess the applications against the above criteria. The panel will be aiming for a balance from different Pacific Island Countries, age, gender, and for the participants to come from a range of sectors. It is expected that successful applicants will be advised by the end of February.

6. Costs

The following costs will be covered:

- A round trip economy airfare to the workshop;
- Accommodation and incidentals;
- Visa costs (to be reimbursed).

Application form for funded participation (Appendix A)

Name of Applicant:	Last/Family name First/Given name
Country:	
Age:	<20 20-30 30-40 40-50 50-60 60+
Gender:	Male Female
Email address:	(Please supply an email address that you check regularly)
What is your job or position of relevance to the workshop? ¹ Please provide details – eg. name of department, function of NGO.	Government: _____ University : _____ CSO or NGO: _____ Private Sector: _____ Other: _____
Your current position (describe what your main responsibilities are)	
Please outline how participation in the workshop would benefit you and your organization	

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¹ This may not necessarily be your main source of income