

DAY 2 SUMMARY



Pacific Conference of Parliamentarians for Advocacy on ICPD Beyond 2014

13-15 August

Fiji

SESSION 4: Green Economy Pathways Towards Sustainable Development



- Need to be moving away from the brown to a green economy
- Blue economy is based on oceanic activities; Green economy is sustainable
- Three “divides” of commons/collectives
 - Ecological Divide – people versus nature
 - Social Divide- people versus people
 - Spiritual Cultural Divide –self versus self
- Rio+20 Outcome – green economy as tool for narrowing ecological and social divide; addresses root causes; measure of progress beyond GDP; sustainable consumption and production patterns

SESSION 4 Cont'd



- PSIDS Outcome- ecological; social inclusion and health, especially NCDs; green growth; governance, peace and security (and leadership); inclusive and sustainable economic development
- LEADERSHIP IS CRITICAL

SESSION 5: Examples of Parliamentary Advocacy through national mechanisms



- SAM,KIR,FSM,TON – the use of the Matai system, community leadership through women’s committees, village mayors feeding information up to government through sectoral partners and information flowing back from Parliamentary level back to the communities
- mentoring young girls, advocating for legislation
- National Population Policy Committee
- National Policy on GBV
- Majority of women are in key civil service positions & diplomatic postings
- PDG and affiliation to regional bodies with similar mandates
- Involving Speaker and other MPs in advocating key ICPD issues
- Possible Standing Committee for ICPD

Session 7: Working with Non State Actors



- Update on role of DAWN – working to influence development conferences and to ensure that women’s voices are heard
- DAWN works to increase women’s human rights, protecting and increasing the advances for women’s rights in ICPD and subsequent meetings
- Nadi meeting in Feb 2013 of Pacific activists and advocates called for recognition of all sex and gender identities and diversities, any SRHR programmes be implemented by participants
- Need to decriminalise sex work; sexual minorities.
- Call for CEDAW ratification by Palau & Tonga

Session 7: Non-State Actors



IPPF – The Pacific KACI

- Document containing 6 issues and calling for action in SRHR in the Pacific, to consolidate the efforts of civil society, governments and donors
- Enabling Environment: Universal Access, SRH Information Education & Training, Supply, Accountability, Data & Information;
- Document calling for commitment from governments and donor partners;
- Another meeting on Friday 9th August to look at the way forward-2 proposals have been tabled.

- Wellington Roundtable on ASRH
 - Similar issues raised in previous sessions on ASRH were recommended
 - Partnership with the NZPGPD
- SOL & VAN
 - Govt. needs to work with partners to formalise and support the importance of SRH, youth and development
 - Tackling youth is a problem but training of MPs to advocate on their behalf would be useful
 - Need for improved Health Information Systems - people trained in Australia but on their return there are no resources to set up a system;
 - Maternal and Child Health issues, including maternal and infant/child health, need to be addressed

Session 8 Cont'd



- Vanuatu – advocacy with MPs led to the review of PAA and formulation of National Population Policy, Youth Policy
- ICPD global survey in 2012 showed Vanuatu had many achievements but also some significant gaps, esp data and gender equality and empowerment, unmet FP need, maternal and child health –results to be taken back to