Lami Outcome Statement of the Consultation for Advocacy for Population & Development in the Pacific: July 10-12, 2011

**Preamble**

A comprehensive platform for parliamentary advocacy: The 1994 conferences do complement each other in an exceptional manner and a ‘marriage’ between the Rio Strategy and the ICPD PoA may well be provide for the best possible benchmark of successful advocacy for sustainable development in the Pacific. The 11-year history of PPAPD in the Pacific is testimony of UNFPA’s early belief in the importance of engaging with parliaments for advocating the importance of population dynamics for national development; time has come to re-invigorate this partnership.

**A triangular leadership alliance:** The consultation organised at the occasion of the 2011 World Population Day which commemorates the World at 7 Billion. This milestone offers an opportunity to explore the potential of an advocacy that relies on the best of leadership in the Pacific, on a triangular alliance of constitutional, faith-based and traditional leadership for the promotion of a Pacific-appropriate implementation of the Barbados and ICPD PoAs.

**Outcome**

Recognizing relevance and complementarity of the Principles underlying the ICPD PoA and the Rio Strategy, the consultation affirmed the following:

* **An alliance that focuses on the family:** The consultation recognizes that the establishment of the importance of advocating for empowering the household and family as the key manager and beneficiary of the natural and other resources abundantly available in the Pacific.
* **An alliance that advocates for resource planning:** The consultation recognizes that the establishment of a country-level alliance between constitutional, faith-based and traditional leadership is the way forward in advocating for households and families to effectively take on the role of resource managers for a sustainable future.
* **An alliance that networks upstream:** The consultation takes note that the alliance is a good complement to the ‘Single Regional Parliamentary Body for the Pacific’ recommended during the 3rd General Assembly of the Pacific Parliamentary Assembly on Population and Development (PPAPD) and 8th Meeting of the Forum of Presiding Officers and Clerks (FPOC).
* **An alliance that mobilizes downstream:** The consultation asserts that the alliance is a means of outreach for the National Groups for Parliamentarians for Population and Development, to work in alignment, add value and effectiveness to the advocacy of population and development issues at the national, sub-national and community levels.
* **An alliance that greens the blue:** The consultation recommends the alliances to engage in the UN’s Green Growth Partnership for wealth creation that is consistent with the 15 Principles that guide the implementation of the ICPD PoA and the Rio Strategy.

**Statement of Action:**

**We commit to:**

* Utilize the triangular leadership alliances of the Parliamentarians, traditional and faith-based sectors to promote the ICPD PoA and the Rio Strategy for the benefit of our people;
* Urge our Governments and our national parliaments to continuously formulate and improve laws and regulations to stabilize population growth, in order to protect families and communities, secure accessible services in health and education, and advance the status of women;
* Urge our Governments to progress further with ICPD PoA, the Rio Strategy and the MDGs and to work to attain a fair share of the national budgets for population and development programmes;
* Call on governments and national Parliaments to take lead role in key development areas to address current population issues, for which we aspire to support and advocate.

**We propose the following key actions:**

1. **Population and Development within key sector strategies**

To provide inputs into relevant sector strategies to incorporate/support key population and development issues to accelerate the ICPD PoA, the Rio Strategy and MDG targets in the next five years

1. **Evidence-based Advocacy**

UNFPA to work with the triangular alliance to provide evidence-based advice for advocacy in respect of population and development issues of concern to countries

1. **Partnerships**

UNFPA to support triangular leadership alliances for advocacy on population and development whilst strengthening partnerships with IPPF