

## Pacific Disability Forum Brief Background.

Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) was born in 2002 and through further consultation from 2004 to 2005, NZAID provided the much needed financial assistance to lift PDF off the ground in 2006 for an initial one-year period with effect from July.

The PDF Executive Committee appointed a Chief Executive and opened its regional office in Suva, Fiji within 6 months of the funding period. After its General Meeting in Nadi, Fiji in March 2007, PDF through its newly elected Executive Committee is engaged in further dialogue with NZAID which has expressed funding commitment for a further four years, 2007-2011.

The establishment of this regional office with requisite resources to coordinate and promote development efforts in the region has increasingly become a vital step towards securing representation and ensuring participation of Pacific persons with disabilities in the regional forums of the United Nations regional inter-governmental bodies, the governments of the region, and regional non-state actors or NGOs.

Thus persons with disabilities in the Pacific, speaking with one voice through a federation as a regional block, cannot be lightly ignored in both regional and international forums.



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## Vision.

To promote and facilitate Pacific regional cooperation on disability-related concerns for the benefit of people with disabilities.



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## Mission.

Is to work towards inclusive, barrier-free, socially just, and gender equitable societies that recognize the human rights, citizenship, contribution and potential of people with disabilities.



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## Summary Objectives.

- Promote recognition of the human rights of people with disabilities in the Pacific Region.
- Promote recognition of the needs and interest of Pacific people with disabilities in respect of political, economical, social and cultural development.
- Promote, support and monitor the development and implementation of the UNESCAP BMF, the UN Millennium Goals, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities and all other intergovernmental agreements and initiatives for the benefit of people with disabilities in the Pacific.
- Promote recognition of the needs and rights of women and youths with disabilities.
- Represent and promote the interests and concerns of PDF at Pacific Regional, Asian and Pacific Regional and International events and decisions - making processes.
- Promote the mainstreaming of disability rights and issues in the plans and policies of governments, partners and civil society in the region.

## Membership.

The Council of the PDF may admit members.

There are three classes of memberships;

- Full members
- Associate members
- Life members

Please contact us by phone, fax or email as given on this brochure, should you require more information on being a member.

Pacific disability Forum welcomes membership from the following countries;

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| • American Samoa.  | • Niue                 |
| • Australia        | • Northern Mariana Is. |
| • FSM              | • Palau                |
| • Fiji Is.         | • PNG                  |
| • French Polynesia | • Pitcairn             |
| • Guam             | • Samoa                |
| • Kiribati         | • Solomon Is.          |
| • Marshall Is.     | • Tokelau              |
| • Nauru            | • Tonga                |
| • New Caledonia    | • Tuvalu               |
| • New Zealand      | • Vanuatu              |
|                    | • Wallis and Fatuna    |



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