



FemLINKPACIFIC EMagazine: The Thirteen 25 Report

FemTALK: Budget Must Put Women’s Human Security First

press release – 26th April (11/2017)

Rural women leaders at femLINKpacific’s Divisional ‘Women’s Human Security First’ Consultation held this week in Lautoka are calling for more gender inclusive processes to support women’s engagement in development processes including national budget preparations.

“It doesn’t matter if we don’t drink grog – we can come to the meetings,” said Urmila Prasad, one of two female advisory councillors in Rakiraki.

A gender responsive budget has been prioritised by the 30 women leaders in all their diversities, representing a total of 3063 other women through their communities, clubs and networks.

“This is not just about funding the National Women’s Plan of Action but also funding strategies of the gender policy,” said Sharon Bhagwan Rolls, femLINKpacific’s Executive Producer-Director. “The leaders are very specific on the importance of financing development that responds to the needs of communities as a whole which included environment security, specifically river dredging for Nadi and Rakiraki, the development of infrastructure, specifically roads and bridges, health security and economic security, specifically an increase in the National Minimum Wage.”

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-budget-must-put-womens-human-security-first/10155332433809295/>

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Peace, Human Security and Development

Supporting Rural Women's Communication – From the Reef to the Airwaves

presented by Lucille Chute to the Women in Fisheries Forum – 8th March, 2017

Tawake village is located at about 150km away from Labasa Town, along the coastal line of Udu Point, in the Tikina of Tawake and the Province of Cakaudrove. Through the years of my growing up, listening to my grandmother, my mother and aunts, talking about the changes in accessing sea food resources and my own experiences over the years going out fishing whenever I am at the village.

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/supporting-rural-womens-communication-from-the-reef-to-the-airwaves/10155161673944295/>



FemTALK: Unpacking VAW with Special Rapporteurs

by Sian Rolls

“Violence against women is the most pervasive human rights violation that we face today whether in times of peace or conflict transitions or displacements,” said Rashida Manjoo, speaking to Sharon Bhagwan Rolls last September at the Commonwealth’s 11th Women’s Affairs Ministerial Meeting. “There’s the lack of political will to acknowledge that this is a human rights violation, a lack of understanding that this is a human rights issue - it isn’t a social welfare issue, it isn’t a charity issue, this is not something that happens to poor black women and we don’t have to worry too much about it.”

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-unpacking-vaw-with-special-rapporteurs/10155217532014295/>

FemTALK: Making the Pacific Count – Still A Gap At Global Level

by Sian Rolls

“The one size fits all approach is definitely not the way to go even here in the Pacific,” stressed HE Reteta Rimon, Kiribati High Commissioner during the Pacific launch of the Human Development Report in Suva on Thursday the 30th of March.

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-making-the-pacific-count-still-a-gap-at-global-level/10155254527934295/>

FemTALK: Transformative Development must be Gender Inclusive

by Sian Rolls

“We need women in decision making processes - help them get there,” remarked Losana Derenalagi, speaking to Ministry of Economy officials today as femLINKpacific presented recommendations on the National Development Plan. “Women’s participation in decision making process is important to realise the sustainability of development.”

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-transformative-development-must-be-gender-inclusive/10155255490414295/>



Events and Campaigns

Women’s Human Security First

femLINKpacific First National Consultation for 2017 Begins

femLINKpacific statement – 6th March (7/2017)

femLINKpacific’s first National Women’s Human Security First: Women’s Weather Watch Consultation in 2017 will see the organisation once again bringing together a cadre of 40 rural women leaders from across the Northern, Western and Central Division.

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femlinkpacific-first-national-consultation-for-2017-begins/10155154629114295/> or <http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/archive/520-first-national-women-s-human-security-first-women-s-weather-watch-consultation-2017>



International Women's Day

HEROWINS Launch

<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/femtalk-17-international-womens-day-herowins-launch>

For International Women's Day, femLINKpacific held an event at the Fiji Museum to celebrate women as leaders and launch the 4th Edition of HEROWINS – a locally produced comic book. The launch, MC'd by Tammara Balenaveikau, featured remarks by femLINKpacific convenors, Fane Boseiwaqa, Losana Derenalagi and Adi Vasulevu, Australia's High Commissioner to Fiji, Margaret Twomey, and femLINKpacific Executive Producer-Director, Sharon Bhagwan Rolls.



HEROWINS 4: Participation for Preparedness

<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/policy-documents/523-herowins-4-participation-for-preparedness>

<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/policy-documents/528-women-s-human-security-first-policy-brief-april-2017>

Women's Speak Out

<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/femtalk89fm-17-international-womens-day-speak-out>

During femLINKpacific's commemoration of International Women's Day, Hannah Hicks, femLINKpacific Programme Associate: Broadcast, hosted a Women's Speak Out featuring Mereani Nawadra, Titaku Tabuariki, Shakuntla Permal, Williama Swamy, Nirmala Sharma, Dimakita Lena, Nila Rao, Salome Raqiyawa, Bonita Qio, Mareta Tagivakatini, Inise Dawai, Benjamin Patel, Urmila Kumar, Jai Mati, Sudeshna Singh and Audrey Seru.



The 61st Session on the Commission on the Status of Women

All coverage: <http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/archive/526-the-61st-session-of-the-commission-on-the-status-of-women>

Women, Peace and Security and the Humanitarian Agenda: Participation, Preparedness and Protection – Regional Consultation

<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/archive/537-wps-and-the-humanitarian-agenda-participation-preparedness-and-protection-regional-consultation>

femLINKpacific statement - 10th April (8/2017)

“The women... they are the architects of peace,” said Vanessa Heleta of the Talitha Project in Tonga, underscoring the importance of recognising and engaging women as leaders in humanitarian response. “So, do you want to speak to the ‘head of the house’ or the one who knows what’s going on?”

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-women-peace-and-security-and-the-humanitarian-agenda-participation-prepa/10155274318669295/>

press release – 12th April (9/2017)

“Protection with dignity is not just ensuring the absence of violence, a negative peace, but having humanitarian actors not be undignified in their work to provide relief,” highlighted Adi Vasulevu of Transcend Oceania from Fiji at today’s ‘Women, Peace and Security and the Humanitarian Agenda: Participation, Preparedness and Protection’ Interactive Dialogue.

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-women-peace-and-security-and-the-humanitarian-agenda-participation-prepa/10155285793554295/>



FemTALK: FemTALK89FM – Back in Nadi

press release – 24th April (10/2017)

The ‘Suitcase Radio’ FemTALK89FM is back in Nadi!

femLINKpacific continues its collaboration with the Nadi Town Council with another community radio broadcast at the Nadi Market on Thursday, the 27th of April.

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-femtalk89fm-back-in-nadi/10155325712219295/>



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Here Are The Women







Visit our Here Are The Women section on our Website: <http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/here-are-the-women>

Partner Updates

The Fiji Women's Forum: No Longer About 'Temporary' – Women Need Special Measures says The Fiji Women's Forum

<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/archive/541-no-longer-about-temporary-women-need-special-measures-says-the-fiji-women-s-forum>



27 April 2017 - Suva, Fiji Islands

“Systems and laws need to liberate people to participate,” says the President of the Soqosoqo Vakamarama Taukei (SSVMT), Adi Finau Tabakaucoro, as the co-convenors of the The Fiji Women's Forum (The FWF) today reaffirmed their commitment to advance women led participation in decision making structures with the signing of the latest Terms of Reference (TOR) today:

“Changes are needed to enable meaningful participation.”

The TOR signed today will carry the work of The FWF forward for the next two years.

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/no-longer-about-temporary-women-need-special-measures-says-the-fiji-womens-forum/10155335264949295/>

A First Decade of Commitment

25 April 2017 - Suva, Fiji Islands

“It's an affirmation of our unity and solidarity,” said Adi Finau Tabakaucoro, Soqosoqo Vakamarama i Taukei General Secretary.

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/media-advisory-the-fiji-womens-forum-a-first-decade-of-commitment/10155331535529295/>

Women's Weather Watch

Women's Weather Watch Updates – March, April 2017

<http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/index.php/en/actions/archive/522-women-s-weather-watch-updates-2017-march-april>



FemTALK: Women Leaders Call for Greater Investment in Agriculture

by Sulueti Waqa

“The fertilisers were washed away and the tonnes of sugarcane goes down because of the continuous heavy rain,” shared Nirmala Sharma, Project Manager for Vunicuicui Multiracial Women’s Group.

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-women-leaders-call-for-greater-investment-in-agriculture/10155237372814295/>

FemTALK: Environment – Threat to Human Security for Rural Women Leaders

by Sian Rolls

“The consultation in Lagi yesterday created an empowering space bringing together women of all age groups (including) young women and mothers,” shared Adi Vasulevu, femLINKpacific’s convenor for the North.

For more: <https://www.facebook.com/notes/femlinkpacific/femtalk-environment-threat-to-human-security-for-rural-women-leaders/10155208268909295/>

OUR VISION
femLINKpacific will be a catalyst for change. We seek a world where there is gender justice, ecological sustainability, peace, freedom, equality and human rights.

OUR MISSION
Our mission is to be a strong and effective feminist community media and policy network recognising and affirming our multi-ethnic and multi-faith founding principles

OUR GOALS

- Women, young women and the under-served communities access key information and communication platforms and participate in public dialogue and decision-making and lead shifts in public and political opinion
- Through the production of radio and multimedia content and publications which raise awareness of women's leadership and participation at all levels of decision-making
- Working collaboratively with CSOs, donors and development partners and strengthening our own internal governance systems and processes

On Air and Online

‘Women’s Human Security First’ District Consultations – March 2017

https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/sets/suva_mar2017_first-network-meeting

Rural Programmes

<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/nadi-mar-17-womens-water-woes-malamala-community>

Sokoveti Lutumailagi speaks to four women members of the Veilomani Women's Club - Saumalie Talataua, Maggie, Kalesi Navude and Timaima Ralolokula - about the ongoing challenges of access to clean drinking water and electricity.

<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/rakiraki-mar-17-here-are-the-women-urmila-kumar>

Fane Boseiwaqa speaks to Urmila Prasad, an Advisory Councillor in Rakiraki about her role as a leader in her community.

<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/tavua-women-in-leadership-ivselai-adimaitoga>

Fane Boseiwaqa speaks to Selai Adimaitoga, a Founder and the President of the Senimokosoi Women’s Group on her role as a woman leader including her roles in the districts of Rakiraki, Tavua and Ba.

For more: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/sets/femtalk-from-our-rural>

FemTALK89FM Suva

<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/suva-mar2017-women-build>

Hannah Hicks speaks to the National Director for Habitat for Humanity (HFH) Masi Latianara and the Communications Manager for Habitat For Humanity, Doreen Narayan about a HFH organised event - Women Build links to construction and women's participation in humanitarian response.

<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/suva-mar2017-world-water-day>

On FemTALK89FM, we mark World Water Day with Rotary Pacific Water.

<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/usp>

HE Peter Thomson, President of the UN General Assembly, speaks at the University of the South Pacific in Suva outlining the Sustainable Development Goals and the upcoming Oceans Conference.

Who Makes The News

<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/femtalk89fm-suva-mar-17-wmtn-fiji>

This episode of Who Makes The News takes a look at a snap shot at the national headlines for Fiji from the month of March. The topics of the show include access to basic health services, rising cost of living coupled with unemployment rates as well as asking the question – what makes a good leader? This episode was hosted by femLINKpacific's Alisia Evans, featuring Sian Rolls Programme Associate Media Advocacy.

For more: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/sets/who-makes-the-news>

The 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women

<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/sets/uncsw61>

FemTALK89FM's coverage of the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Women, Peace and Security and the Humanitarian Agenda - Interactive Dialogue

<https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/femtalk89fm-pacific-apr-17-wps-and-the-humanitarian-agenda-interactive-dialogue>

Sharon Bhagwan Rolls, femLINKpacific's Executive Producer-Director, hosts a 'Women, Peace and Security and the Humanitarian Agenda: Participation, Preparedness and Protection' Interactive Dialogue held at the end of a 3 day regional consultation.

FemTALK89FM Flashback: Teresia Teaiwa

Soundcloud: <https://soundcloud.com/femlinkpacific/femtalk89fm-flashback-teresia-teaiwa>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=56vyrrVruCM>

In June 2016, we had the opportunity to talk to Dr. Teresia Teaiwa during the Pacific Gender Research workshop in Suva. In this interview, she speaks about her work to research and communicate the gendered aspects of militarism on Fiji women soldiers. She also speaks about the power of radio to connect and empower communities in the Pacific on information regarding social issues and how to address them as well as the critical need for partnerships to engage with and transform groups whether at the community or policy level while undertaking research on gender.

FemVids Ultimo March

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/femlinkpacific/videos/10158713384135093/>

YouTube: https://youtu.be/f_DsyrlUNVQ

In this edition of FemVids Ultimo, Hannah Hicks and Alisia Evans reflect on highlights from our CSW61, our national consultations, International Women's Day HEROWINS launch, district consultations, and Human Development Report Pacific Launch.