Ms Emele Duituturaga: Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO)

Ms. Emele Duituturaga is the Executive Director of the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO), a position she has held since 2009. Emele has been instrumental in PIANGO's positioning as a regional and global civil society development actor and a thought leader in Rethinking Development and Reshaping the Pacific we Want in the past 3 years.

As a Pacific civil society leader active on the global stage, Emele was one of the founding Global Co-Chairs of the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) based in the Philippines. She is the Pacific representative on the Global Executive Council of the International Forum for National Platforms based in Paris. She is one of the 10 civil society leaders of Global Advisory Group for Bread for the World, based in Berlin.

Prior to joining PIANGO Emele was a Research Associate at Fiji’s University of the South Pacific; Fiji Government’s CEO for the Ministry of Women, Social Welfare, Poverty Alleviation and Housing; UNFPA’s Pacific Regional Adolescent Health Programme Manager; Asia Development Bank’s NGO Specialist on Population and Family Planning in PNG; and she was Head of the Pacific Women's Bureau at the SPC headquarters in Noumea. She has worked in the Pacific region as a development specialist over two decades after a decade of working in New Zealand in central and local government.

She has a Bachelor in Social Work, a Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Management and a Masters in Business Administration. She has completed first year towards a law degree. She has been pursuing a second Masters degree – MA in Governance at the University of the South Pacific towards a PhD in public policy.

Vaea’s current role is with the Samoa Association of Sports National Olympic Committee in Sports Education, particularly in capacity building. Vaea is a qualified regional master educator under the Oceania Sport Education Program. A qualified World Rugby Coach Educator with previous international experience as an international coach for Italy in the RBS 6 Nations as well as with Manu Samoa.

Vaea has participated in three (3) Rugby World Cups as a player in RWC 1991, a coach in RWC 2007 and as a campaign leader in RWC 2011.

Vaea has vast experience in high performance management with his recent role as General Manager of the Samoa Rugby Union-International Rugby Board high performance unit.

He is a passionate educator in sports with international rugby coaching experience in New Zealand, Italy and Samoa, since 1995.

Applied Knowledge Summary

Training & Development Coordinator SASNOC | OSEP Regional Master Educator | World Rugby Coach Educator | General Manager SRU IRB High Performance Unit | Head Coach SRU IRB License Training Centre | National Assistant Coach Federation Italian Rugby | Executive Certificate High Performance Management University of Sydney-University of Technology Sydney Australia | NZRU Coach Certification Level 1-4 | RWC 1991 Samoa | Rugby World XV | Principal Stellaris Consult | 1st Pacific Island International Rugby Coach in Europe RBS Six Nations

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Ms Finau Heuifanga Limuloa: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in the Pacific

Finau Heuifanga Limuloa: A former diplomat and international lawyer, Finau heads the Disaster Law & Advocacy Programme for the International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in the Pacific. Working with governments and humanitarian partners, Finau’s work aims to strengthen legal frameworks on humanitarian assistance, disaster risk reduction, shelter, and housing, land and property. Finau is Tongan and holds qualifications in International Law, International Trade Policy and International Diplomacy. In her spare time, Finau can be found running after (and from!) her 5 and 6 year old boy.

Michael Din: Fiji Association of the Deaf (FAD)

Mr Michael Bete Din is currently the Vice President of the Fiji Association of the Deaf. It is a Non Government Organisation which advocates for Deaf and Hearing Impaired people in terms of education, health, their rights and employment. He also is a member of the Sign Language Committee and works alongside students, teachers and sign language interpreters for the advantage of Deaf members to have access to inclusive education and equality.

Michael is in the committee which took young deaf people to participate in the Deaf Games which was held in Adelaide early this year in January which qualifies them for the Deaflympics in Turkey in 2017.

He is a welder by Profession and is employed by the only bus company in Fiji which employs 10 deaf men. He is married to Kalisi Din who is a Sign Language Interpreter employed under the AQEP.

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Fuarosa Maulolo: Manager – Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations

Rosa Maulolo is the current Office Manager for the Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations (SUNGO), based in Vaitele, Samoa. Rosa has been with SUNGO for 2.5 years and comes from an Administrative and Management background. Employment positions held in the past as an Immigration Officer for Immigration New Zealand based at the Auckland International Airport, an Administrator for SKYCITY Auckland and Office Manager for a Community based Mental Health organisation in Auckland, NZ – Framework Trust. Rosa and her family moved to Samoa where her husband is now a Lecturer at Malua Theological College. On migrating to Samoa in 2008, Rosa has worked closely with communities and civil society organisations within Samoa and enjoys the challenge and diversity.

Mr. Mori Mori – Chuuk Youth Council (CYC)

Mr. Mori Mori is the President of Chuuk Youth Council an umbrella youth NGO in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia. Alongside his role as a youth volunteer, he previously worked as an English and social studies teacher at a high school in Chuuk. He is currently a staff of the International Organization for Migration mission in Micronesia since 2014. Mori attended the College of Micronesia and proceeded to Ritsumeikan University in Japan prior to his return to his home state. His drive has been and is always in youth development. Activities such as organizing and hosting youth leadership conferences, community awareness, youth health, women empowerment campaigns and partnerships have also been his work in his role as a youth leader in Chuuk. His dream is to develop strength in his youth coalition and establishing partnerships with local, national and regional NGO’s to empower youth in the Pacific.

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