

Reporting on women's economic empowerment

An online workshop for Pacific media

Overview

This online training aims to support Pacific media to report on the economic pressures facing Pacific communities and the role of women in economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through online training and one-on-one mentored reporting participants will:

- Increase their understanding of women's economic empowerment, with a focus on economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic
- Develop skills for audience-focused storytelling on women as development leaders
- Generate informed coverage of the progress made by Pacific governments in realizing gender equality and the commitments made by Ministers to Pacific women at the 2021 ministerial meeting.

It is supported by the Pacific Media Assistance Scheme (PACMAS), the Pacific Community (SPC) and the Pacific Islands News Association (PINA).

Background

In 2020, the socio-economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have exacerbated the challenges that women and girls face. However, the past year, also saw the re-affirmation of gender equality as inextricably linked to achieving sustainable development for all.

During late April and early May, women's organisations and Pacific Women's Ministers will meet for their once-in-three-year's peak decision-making events: the 14th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women and the 7th Meeting of Pacific Ministers for Women. These meetings provide a forum for important consultations that aim to sustain momentum towards gender equality in the Pacific.

This year's conference title is "Our Oceans, Our Heritage, Our Future - Empowering All Women in the Blue Pacific" and will cover priority themes of women's economic empowerment, climate justice and gender-based violence. Workshop participants will be supported to cover the entire conference, its outcomes and gender equality in the Pacific.

Workshop dates

The formal training will comprise four online sessions of 1 hour and 20 minutes each morning on:

- Tuesday 20 April, 11.00 am - 12.20 pm (Fiji time GMT+12)
- Monday 26 April, 11.00 am - 12.20 pm (Fiji time GMT+12)
- Tuesday 4 May, 09.00 am – 10.20 am (Fiji time GMT+12)
- Tuesday 11 May, 11.00 am - 12.20 pm (Fiji time GMT+12)

Participants will also be expected to join open sessions of the Triennial Conference of Pacific Women (27-29 April) and the Meeting of Pacific Ministers for Women (4 May) so will need to be available to attend on all days.

Trainers

Our trainers are leading Solomon Islands journalist Priestly Habru and Prianka Srinivasan from the ABC Pacific Newsroom. They will provide one-on-one mentoring and sub-editing support to help participants to follow the stories that matter and ask the important questions of Pacific leaders.

Participants

The opportunity is open to journalists, editors, freelancers, local and community media and government media from across the Pacific.

The program will be conducted in English, but media professionals working in French are encouraged to apply. Interpretation services will be available, but some proficiency in English is preferred.

Male and female reporters are encouraged to apply. People with disability are also encouraged to apply. Additional support to enable participation is available on request.

A training stipend of \$120AUD will be provided to participants who attend all four sessions, payable to the individual or the media organisation as requested. Each session will run for approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes and will require a stable internet connection.

Applications must be endorsed by managing editors.

How to apply

A limited number of places are available. Expressions of interest are being accepted at:

<https://www.abc.net.au/abc-international-development/opportunities/>

Applications close at 12 NOON TUESDAY 6 APRIL (Fiji time GMT+12)