



## PUBLIC FORUM

### ***“The Pacific in the Fierce New World: Possibilities for Solidarity, Knowledge Networking and Social Dialogue”.***

**Venue:** Lower Civic Auditorium, Suva Civic Center

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010

**Time:** 4 – 7pm

Various versions of Pacific regionalism have been proposed in the past and new ones are still being proposed. Amidst this drive are complex and sometimes seemingly contradictory individual and collective struggles for self-determination and the preservation of cultures and heritage. At the same time, Australia, New Zealand, the USA, Europe and Asia find the region an area of interest, so that attempts at Pacific regionalism are also shaped and coloured by the region's relations with these donor countries.

In the global context, the first decade of the 21st century has been marked so far by unprecedented crises. Historically accumulated as well as externally generated crises in its varied forms and fierce intensities have come to affect not only developing countries but now also developed countries. As the global community struggles to find ways of managing the multiple risks associated with these crises, this public forum explores how gender justice, economic justice, climate justice and democracy are being taken into account, defined and positioned in the Pacific, toward resolutions to crises in all their complexities.

#### **Presenters:**

- Josefa 'Gigi' Francisco: Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)
- Rosa Koian: Bismarck Ramu, Papua New Guinea
- Dr. Claire Slatter: Head of School of Social Sciences, Fiji National University, DAWN Chair, PANG Board Member

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