

ENGAGING PACIFIC YOUTH TO HELP INFORM THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPC'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2021+

BUILDING ON THE CORE PRINCIPLE OF **INCLUSIVE CONSULTATIONS** that capture the rich intelligence at national level and across the spectrum of the Pacific Community's stakeholders

Respecting leadership objectives of the Pacific Framework for Youth Centred Development

Responding to the 2019 Pacific Youth Convening message for purposeful engagement with young people

Facilitating engagement with our members on a holistic vision that includes the voice of youth



What we have done in 2020?



Through our SDP team contacted **SPC YOUTH FOCAL POINTS** (including national youth councils, disability organisations and young LGBTQI network) in 21 PICTs



We asked **7 QUESTIONS** to inform SPC of what is important for the next generation

We received **16 RESPONSES** from youth and disability representatives from **8 PICTS** in Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga and Tuvalu, including 2 responses from Facebook



The responses were collated and provided back to all **youth and disability focal points**

Emerging conversations on preferred Pacific futures

'Reweaving the ecological mat' Reviving our interconnectedness with our lands and the important relationship we have with mother earth.

Change from perceiving development as the increase in the general well-being of people or justice for everyone rather than just the increase in profit/capital/GDP.

Our Pacific people are in need of more agents of change to lead their nations into a sustainable future...one that allows us as indigenous people to go back to our traditions and support for our motherland and living in harmony with the earth, one that can sustain our land for many generations to come.

Think outside the box, be more innovative in addressing regional challenges for the betterment of all/everyone.

Our behaviour towards our environment must change, and we must adopt environment-friendly initiatives i.e. waste management systems, solar energy, hydroelectric power etc.

Inclusiveness to be the core principle for decision-making so no one is left behind.

Shifting away from the financial dependence of aid models from foreign powers and truly prospering as a region independently.

Prioritise social issues and its impact on tomorrow's generation mentally, physically, spiritually and socially i.e. building labour capacity in the social services area.

A future for our Pacific region that builds on our interconnectedness in a social, economic and environmental sense.

Five emerging themes: If the next decade involves positive changes to the Pacific – what would this look like?

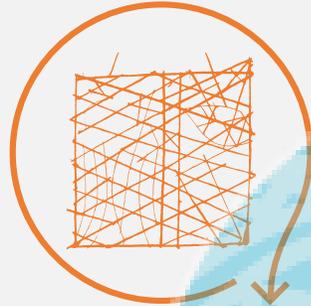


INCLUSIVENESS

Respecting/accepting other groups within our communities such as the LGBTQI groups.

Development as 'justice for people' - the poor, marginalised, discriminated and ignored.

Free of discrimination and gender inequality; give women and minorities a place to be heard.



CULTURE AND TRADITIONS

A Pacific region that has revived its own stories and traditions.

This is us living by it rather than fully adapting to globalisation and modernisation.

Practicing traditional conservation methods where in our Pacific culture we are portrayed as custodians and stewards of the earth.



LEADERSHIP & CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Barriers broken between young and older leaders.

A generation of informed and ethical citizens.

Better leaders as a result of the youth empowerment and leadership programs.

With the right leadership and policies anything is possible. Leadership redesigned to be more pragmatic and reasonable.



CLIMATE ACTION

Climate change adaptation measures would be 90% adopted or utilised.

Go green, stop usage of plastics; and more reliant on renewable energy.

Moving away from using single-use plastics and foam to going local.

Solutions to climate change begin with our people.



WELLBEING

Improve our education system and health system, the outcome could significantly improve every corner of the Pacific.

GDP measured in the holistic wellbeing of our Pacific people.

Eliminate stigma of mental illness in the Pacific islands.

Universal health care and quality education. Invest in the non-formal education curriculums