



PIANGO

PACIFIC ISLANDS ASSOCIATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS
ASSOCIATION DES ONGS DES ILES DU PACIFIQUE

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WHO is PIANGO, WHAT does it do?

PIANGO is :

- A network of Pacific NGOs
- A regional umbrella body of 22 national platforms (NLU) each has average of 60 members – represent over 1,300 local NGOs
- A common voice for national Pacific NGO leaders at regional and international fora
- The collective action of Pacific NGO national platforms to respond to priority regional and global concerns
- A regional NGO think Tank

Civil Society Actors in the Pacific region

- **NGOs** – Non Govt. Organisations
 - **CBOs** – Community Based Organisations
 - **BINGOs** – Big International NGOs – WWF, Greenpeace; Oxfam, World Vision
 - **PIANGO** – Pacific Islands Association of NGOs –a network of 22 **NLU**s
 - **PRNGO** Alliance– Pacific Regional NGOs
- [**NSA** – Non State Actors (EU Contonou Agreement) Creation of NSA Liaison Officer at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Civil society at the local level

- Extended families
- Traditional societies – villages, clans, tribes
- Clubs, Associations, Religious and Faith based organisations, Trade unions, Charities, school committees, women's groups, church groups
- Interest groups, political parties, NGOs
- Professional association and services

- Following the three year PIANGO governing body meeting of August 2008, the PIANGO representatives participated in the Pacific CSO Forum of Pacific CSO bodies to deliberate on key issues. Amongst these was **Climate Change**.
- PIANGO is not a Climate Change focused organisation but sees its role in communicating, raising awareness and disseminating information at the community level through the NGO network and the umbrella NGO bodies who make up the PIANGO network
- PIANGO is also part the regional network of NGOs which is PRNGO. PIANGO has also partnered with Coordination Sud, the French National Platform of NGOs to lead the NGO diplomacy exercise on Climate Change.

- This position paper reiterates the actions that PIANGO body has agreed to at the August 2008 CSO Forum. Subsequently PIANGO through PRNGO has also endorsed a Pacific Regional position in July 2009 called “No Island left behind”.