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## **PACIFIC CIVIL SOCIETY MEET TO DISCUSS GLOBAL COMPACT ON MIGRATION**

(Suva – Fiji) Pacific civil society representatives will gather in Fiji this week to provide regional perspectives and inputs to the United Nations Global Compact on Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration. Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA) will be working in collaboration with the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP), Citizens Constitutional Forum (CCF) and the Pacific Islands Association of Non – Governmental Organization (PIANGO) to convene the two-day program this week.

Pacific Islands Association of NGOs executive director, Emele Duituturaga said while migration is a key issue in the Pacific particularly with the onset of climate change, there has been concerns raised by civil society organisations in the region that Pacific voices have not been adequately captured in the lead up to and the process of the adoption of the Global Compact on Migration. “Thanks to our Asia and Australian colleagues, this is the first we have heard about it. The meeting provides a space for Pacific civil society to discuss specific migration issues, challenges and priorities for the Pacific region and provide recommendations to the preparatory process of the global compact on migration to be signed off at the UN around September 2018,” Duituturaga said.

Key Resource person Mr William Gois from MFA will share knowledge and experiences at this consultation towards the building and understanding of the human rights framework that recognizes migrant’s rights. MFA and DTP are keen to support and seek Pacific civil society inputs into the consultative process with UN member states on the six thematic areas, with recommendation and inputs to be presented at the Asia Pacific Regional consultation in Bangkok later this month which will be attended by Pacific governments. It is not clear if there will be Pacific CSO representation.

Citizens Constitutional Forum Chief Executive Officer, Sara Bulutani Mataitawakilai stated this consultation will engage various local and regional organizations with specific knowledge and expertise. “The objective is to link the technical content from the global processes and to build the local knowledge and experiences of our participants,” Mataitawakilai said.

The two day consultation will begin tomorrow at the Tanoa International Hotel in Nadi.

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