Pacific Partnership to End Violence Against Women and Girls
(Pacific Partnership)

Pacific Delegation to the SVRI Forum 2026 I Bangkok, Thailand I 5-9 October 2026

DELEGATION INFORMATION SHEET

Why the Pacific at SVRI

Pacific evidence belongs in the global conversation on what works to prevent violence against women and girls, and this delegation brings together Pacific experts working across policy, prevention, research, service delivery and community action.

Attendance at the Sexual Violence Research Institute (SVRI) Forum 2026 **represents the culmination of eight years of Pacific Partnership evidence, practice and learning since the programme's inception in 2018**, which has been led by our Pacific-partners, and funded primarily by the Government of Australia, and the European Union, and coordinated by UN Women and the Pacific Community (SPC), in strategic partnership with the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF).

At SVRI, the Pacific is not only here to learn.
We are here to share Pacific expertise, evidence and innovation with the world.

Our Delegation at a Glance

27	8	20+	5+
DELEGATES	**COUNTRIES**	**ORGANISATIONS**	**SECTORS**

Sectors: Government · Civil Society · Faith · Sport · Academic · Development Partners

Countries: Fiji · Kiribati · Samoa · Solomon Islands · Tonga · Tuvalu · Vanuatu · Australia

Our Interventions at SVRI 2026

15 panel abstracts submitted for consideration → 16 interventions approved across multiple formats

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PANELS (10 partners)	**FIVE-MINUTE PRESENTATIONS**	**PROGRAMME PRESENTATION**	**POSTERS**

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DELEGATE SESSIONS OVERVIEW

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MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

Pre-conference day.
No Pacific Partnership delegate session scheduled.

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

● **PANEL 11:00 – 12:30**

1.5. A decade of change: How rugby in the Pacific became a platform for preventing violence against women and girls

Speakers: *Rusila Naqasau (Fiji), Koli Sewabu (Fiji), Tihrani Uluinakauvadra (Regional, and Dana Young (Australia).*
Moderated by: *Shazia Usman, UNW Fiji MCO.*

● **PROGRAMME PRESENTATION 15:00 - 16:30**

2.7. From policy to practice: Laws, strategies, and movements to address violence against women. FIJI PRESENTATION: From policy to practice, Fiji: Whole-of-society prevention through the Fiji National Action Plan (NAP) to Prevent Violence Against All Women and Girls (2023-2028)

Speaker: *Laisani Petersen (Fiji)*

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER

● **PANEL 11:00 – 12:30**

4.5. When climate change hits: Gender-based violence response in Pacific Island communities

Speakers: *Melinda Christopher Koeta (Kiribati), Juliana Zutu (Solomon Islands), Filiga Taukiei Nelu (Tuvalu), Ilaisaane Tuitupou (Tonga), and Rothina Ilo Noka (Vanuatu).* ***Moderated by:*** *Lucy Stevens, UNW Fiji MCO.*

● **POSTERS 13:00 – 14:00**

- **From policy to practice in Samoa: Lessons from operationalising the Pola Puipui Framework.**
  Speaker: *Ana Leau Vaasa-Teo (Samoa)*
- **Feminist, movement-led approach to preventing violence against women and girls in the Pacific.**
  Speaker: *Vika Kalokalo (Fiji)*
- **From policy to practice, Solomons Islands - developing and implementing the national prevention strategy.**
  Speaker: *Hezilyn Lang (Solomon Islands)*
- **Building safe sport systems in the Pacific as an enabler of violence prevention against women and girls.**
  Speaker: *Ala-Cassandra Singh (Regional)*
- **Golkipa - transforming social norms through sport, community and faith leadership, a Pacific model for primary prevention.**
  Speaker: *Dr. Teeny Aiken (Regional)*
- **Challenges and opportunities for faith-based social norms change in the Pacific in the context of backlash.**
  Speaker*: Anareta Apole (Regional)*
- **Long-term change through faith: Lessons from faith-based primary prevention approaches in the Pacific.**
  Speaker*: Alisi Qaiqaica (Fiji)*
- **Community mobilisation during slow onset disasters: Lessons from the Strengthening Peaceful Villages programme in Kiribati.**
  Speaker: *Teata Wilson (Kiribati)*
- **Possibilities and promising practices for primary prevention through climate action.**
  Speaker: *Lizzie Moli (Vanuatu)*

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THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER

5-MINUTE PRESENTATION 11:00 – 12:30

8.6: Prevention, movements and technology: Approaches to ending violence against women and children

- **Costing across the continuum: Costing national prevention frameworks in the Pacific**
  Speaker: *Mereseini Rakuita (Regional)*
- **Prevention of violence against women and girls through sports and faith: An integrated approach in the Solomon Islands**
  Speaker: *Rev. Dr. Cliff Bird (Solomon Islands)*

POSTERS 13:00 – 14:00

- **Adaptive survivor-centred safe shelter in resource-scarce Pacific contexts**
  Speaker: *Florence Taro (Solomon Islands)*
- **Counting the cost: Financing violence prevention in Fiji**
  Speaker: *Hila R. Davui (Fiji)*

Key Resources & Knowledge Products Highlighted at the Forum (working list)

- **Publication:** Pola Puipui - National Prevention Framework for Ending Gender-Based Violence in Samoa (2025) – Samoa Ministry for Family and Social Affairs
- **Publication:** Fiji National Action Plan to Prevent Violence Against All Women and Girls 2023-2028 - Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection
- **Publication:** South Tarawa Healthy Living Study: An Impact Evaluation of the Strengthening Peaceful Villages (SPV) Violence Prevention Intervention in South Tarawa, Kiribati (2023) - Government of Kiribati with UN Women
- **Publication:** We Are All Created Equal - Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls in Fiji's Faith Settings (2022) – House of Sarah with UN Women
- **Story:** Pacific Leadership on a Global Stage to End Gender-Based Violence (2026) – UN Women, Pacific Community, and Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.
- **Story**: Why Violence Against Women is a Climate Crisis (2026) – UN Women with Vanuatu Minister for Climate Change Adaptation, Energy, Environment, Meteorology, Geo-Hazards and Disaster Management
- **Story:** Having Faith in Sport: Football and a Future Free of Violence for Girls in the Pacific (2025) – UN Women with Oceania Football Confederation
- **Story:** How an Olympic medal for women's rugby helped efforts to end gender-based violence in the Pacific Islands (2024) - UN Women with Oceania Rugby
- **Video:** Breaking Ground – Official Trailer | Fijiana Women's Rugby Documentary (2025) - Oceania Rugby with UN Women, Fiji Rugby, and PacificAusSports

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