



## Australian Government



Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

# Pacific Women Climate Change Negotiators Workshop Monday 21 August – Thursday 24 August 2017 Location: Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat - Suva, Fiji

Distinguished Delegates and Colleagues,

The Australian Government in partnership with Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat are pleased to invite you to a four-day climate negotiations training workshop in Suva, Fiji.

The course will focus on developing skills in diplomacy, including on drafting text for interventions, decisions and other written outcomes of the negotiating process, with the aim of strengthening the participants' capacity to participate effectively in the negotiating process. The training will include experiential learning through mock negotiation exercises and provide a set of tools and materials that participants can utilize in upcoming UNFCCC meetings. The course will also provide delegates with a foundation in the workings of the UNFCCC, including Marrakesh and Paris outcomes, the road to COP23, the link between other international processes and the intersection of gender and climate. Beyond the training, the workshop will be a valuable networking opportunity for women working on climate change in the Pacific.

#### Workshop organizers

WEDO is a global women's advocacy organization working at the intersection of women's rights, sustainable development and the environment. Since 2009, WEDO has administered the Women Delegates Fund program (WDF) supporting the participation of over 60 female delegates in climate negotiations. In addition to travel support, WEDO also provides a comprehensive capacity building program with training, networking and communication activities for participants.

## Logistical arrangements

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade will fund economy flights, accommodation and a small per diem for each delegate. WEDO will manage logistical arrangements including flights, travel insurance and accommodation. To facilitate the timely booking of flights, please complete the attached travel information form by **Friday**, **July 14 or ASAP**.







#### Schedule and venue

The course will be held at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and will run from 9am to 5pm. Delegates will stay at the Holiday Inn Suva and transfers to and from the course will be provided. Delegates are required to attend all sessions. A detailed welcome pack, including the program and logistics note, will be sent in due course.

### Pre course questionnaire

Participants will be sent a pre-course questionnaire to help us tailor the training to participants' experience and needs in due course.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail prachi@wedo.org.

We look forward to your participation.

Kindest Regards,

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