



PACIFIC PEOPLES'
PARTNERSHIP

Pacific Peoples' Partnership

Who we are

For over 35 years, Pacific Peoples' Partnership has established a reputation for effective relationships with Indigenous and civil society partners across the Small Island Developing States of the South Pacific and First Nations in Canada. A registered charity, PPP strengthens rights-based sustainable development initiatives that enable communities to harness their own creativity to address poverty, environmental degradation, and loss of culture. With programmes that reach members and supporters in more than 35 countries worldwide, PPP is the only Canadian NGO dedicated to the South Pacific. No other Canadian NGO has North-South Indigenous linking so central to its mission.

OUR MISSION

To support the aspirations of Pacific Islanders for peace, justice, environmental sustainability and development.

We work in partnership

Partnerships are at the heart of who we are and what we do. We believe in the power of collaboration because it ensures effective results inclusive of a range of diverse needs and expert knowledge. PPP's partnerships integrate good governance practices, promote sustainable and healthy communities, and empower women and youth.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & CAPACITY BUILDING

Our partnerships in Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea have enabled basic health training and service delivery in rural communities, improved maternal and child health indicators, and enhanced the quality of disability outreach services. In Fiji, we strengthened women's practice of traditional medicinal knowledge and empowered their leadership in science, technology, and environmental management.

As leaders in promoting resilient, sustainable communities, we spearheaded an Indigenous education program with scientists, elders, and youth leaders in Canada and the Cook Islands about climate change adaptation, migration, and food security. We led networking and awareness for the Canada-South Pacific Ocean Development Programme, the largest Canadian development initiative in the Pacific Islands, increasing regional capacity to manage and protect marine resources.

CULTURAL EXCHANGES & INDIGENOUS LINKAGES

We cultivate cross-Pacific exchanges for mutual problem solving, cultural protection, and network-building. We hosted a Pacific Islands media tour for prominent Canadian Indigenous journalists and created international skill-building internships for nearly 100 young Indigenous professionals. Sharing knowledge with their Pacific counterparts, our interns built a body of knowledge and best practices that continue to inform our work.

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Hosted by PPP since 1988, Pacific Networking Conferences are the principal Canadian conference on the South Pacific, bringing together leaders from across the Pacific to share experiences and learn from each other. They regularly welcome over 100 participants, building synergies between civil society organizations, Indigenous communities, academics, and experts.

Our library of rare and one-of-a-kind resources on the Pacific is available to researchers and members of the public, and we provide resources to assist Canadians in preparation for living and working overseas. We have produced toolkits and educational materials on issues from climate change action to responsible tourism and purchasing.

Our journal, *Tok Blong Pasifik*, features a rich variety of news and views on the Pacific from across the North and South. Since 1982, it has been a key way that we connect with our members and partners. It forged a critical link during a fledgling-independence nuclear Cold War era in which information flows across the Pacific were virtually non-existent. Published twice per year, *Tok Blong Pasifik* reaches over 600 subscribers internationally by mail, and many more in digital form.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

We host several local networking, arts, and informational events each year. Recent highlights of successful events we have organized include:

Ongoing	Regular networking sessions for the international development community
Annual	One Wave Festival of arts, celebrating the rich cultures of the Pacific
2012	Welcome reception for public lecturer and cultural anthropologist Dr. Eben Kirksey
2011	University of Victoria Global Engagement Showcase on international development
2010	Sold-out performance and workshops with award-winning South Pacific band Te Vaka
2009	<i>Hailans to Ailans</i> international art exhibition featuring Canadian Coast Salish and Papua New Guinean artists, including public performances and cultural exchanges

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

Our expertise on the Pacific makes us global leaders in facilitating discussions on policy, trade, and regional partnerships. This includes hosting round tables and community consultations, as well as producing foreign policy papers and educational resource toolkits. PPP serves as the Secretariat for Canada's West Papua Action Network, and is a contributing member of the Canadian Advocacy Group on Indonesia, the Asia-Pacific Working Group, the Canadian Council for International Cooperation, the Climate Action Network of Canada, and the Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Movement.

Sound governance and management

Our Board of Directors, consisting of 10 members elected for two-year terms, reviews and approves PPP's annual budget, operational and work plans, significant policies, compensation practices, and programs, signing off on all financial transactions. The Executive Director serves on the Board in a non-voting capacity. PPP strives to have a board representative of its constituency and adheres to the CCIC Code of Ethics.

Management of daily operations, including administration, programming, and outreach, is handled by the Executive Director, with support from staff, committed volunteers, student interns, and practicum placements. PPP's Executive Director manages all financial dealings within the approved annual budget, with quarterly financial reports and re-forecasts approved by the Board. Activities are processed monthly by our Financial Officer, and an independent auditor ensures that our accounting practices meet CAA standards.

Pacific Peoples' Partnership works in collaboration with partners around the world. We gratefully acknowledge their commitment and dedication.

Government of Canada
 Province of British Columbia
 Capital Regional District
 UBC Museum of Anthropology
 Development and Peace
 United Church of Canada
 KAIROS
 Alcheringa Gallery
 Queen Alexandra Foundation for Children
 University of Victoria Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives
 BC Centre for Non-Profit Management and Sustainability
 International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers

Visitation Province
 Centre for Sacred Studies
 Canadian Council for International Cooperation
 Royal Roads University
 World Association of Christian Communications

Words from our supporters

"Few areas of the world face greater environmental degradation than the South Pacific nations. The work of Pacific Peoples' Partnership with the Pacific Peoples deserves the support of all who care about this region of the world."

*-David Suzuki, science broadcaster and environmental activist
 Vancouver, BC*

"The Pacific Countries and Small Island States need people from larger and more developed countries like Canada to remain sensitive and supportive to the issues we face in building sustainable and healthy economies for ourselves. Therefore, I pay respect to the 36 years you have dedicated yourselves to our issues and hope... to further strengthen your support to our Pacific people and civil societies."

*-Marie Bopp Dupont, founder and CEO of Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation
 Rarotonga, Cook Islands*

Current initiatives and partnership opportunities

With our expertise in facilitating links between diverse stakeholders and leading a wide array of projects, PPP is in a position to respond quickly to partnering opportunities for public programming, networking and informational events, and cultural exchanges. We are keen to remain on the cutting edge of the changing non-profit sector through emerging opportunities to partner with organizations that support our values and objectives.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Promote increased understanding among the Canadian public and decision-makers of issues of importance to the people of the Pacific Islands,
- Recommend policy change at a national, regional and international level,
- Foster the development of sustainable communities in the Pacific islands, and
- Facilitate links between peoples of the Pacific islands and Aboriginal Canadians.

INDIGENOUS WORLD FORUM ON WATER AND PEACE

This event is intended to bring together an Indigenous knowledge network to develop innovative water solutions for Indigenous communities. Members of the forum met in 2011 at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. We are collaborating to garner support for the forum by helping to refine the project design and to create proposals for partners.

CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND EVENTS

PPP is excited to participate in the hosting of the Pacific Arts Association Symposium in 2013 with the UBC Museum of Anthropology. PPP will be providing support for a Southern BC regional tour and a creative collaboration between Salish and Fijian Indigenous carvers-in-residence at the Museum of Anthropology.

ONE WAVE FESTIVAL

One Wave Festival weaves together music, art, and creativity to celebrate the rich cultures of the Pacific and the deep links between the North and South. Since 2008, this annual event has brought together hundreds of youth, Indigenous and non-Indigenous community members, and artists, inspiring awareness of a web of biodiversity under intense threat from pollution and climate change.

CROCODILE MEETS COPPER MINE

The construction of a copper and gold mine will have a serious impact on the lives of Indigenous people living on the Middle Sepik River in Papua New Guinea. It will affect the environment and the local economy and culture. This project will build awareness of and implement communications strategies to help villagers express their voices in public and when dealing with the mining company and government. Money raised will benefit indigenous people living in 50 small villages along the Sepik River. Workshops in the villages will identify resources and communication tools that would be of most help to the communities.

Project Profile

Papua: Land of Peace

Civil Society Leadership in Conflict Transformation

PPP is actively making a difference in West Papua through partnerships with three well-respected local organizations. Since 2009, this CIDA-funded initiative has enabled knowledge sharing and best practices of community-based resource stewardship, cultural strengthening, human rights, and gender equity.

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

YALHIMO is an environmental group that weaves Indigenous values and knowledge systems into initiatives that enhance local self-reliance and sustainability. Since 2009 they have facilitated community planning with 14 villages to protect traditional territories and provide sustainable economic alternatives.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUITY

LP3BH is a human rights and legal aid organization that focuses on strengthening civil society and providing legal support and counselling. They have formed a network of 25 women's organizations to serve women and children who are victims of gender-based violence.

COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

PTPS, the Association for Community Healthcare, has delivered HIV/AIDS education and support to more than 460 people through their mobile voluntary counselling and testing clinic. Since 2009 they have trained 25 local agencies, clinics, and provincial ministries to work with families to prevent HIV/AIDS.

Building new partnerships for West Papua

With the end of the first phase of the *Papua: Land of Peace* project in 2012, development of Phase II of this multi-year partnership is currently underway. We will build on the achievements of the first phase while developing additional programs that assist with the strengthening of civil society in West Papua. PPP is excited for the opportunity to build new partnerships that will further amplify our success with this project.