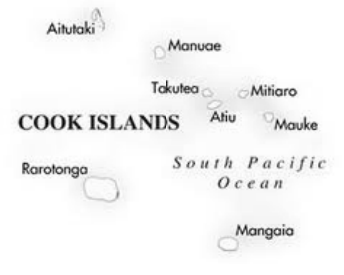


# Fund for Gender Equality

| GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION   |  |                         |                   |   |
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| Project Information             |  |                         |                   | Small Islands States  |
| <b>Project Name</b>             | The Catalytic Fund for Gender Equality in Small Island States  |                         |                   | <b>Programme Type:</b> Catalytic  |
| <b>Lead Org</b>                 | Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat  |                         |                   | <b>Grant ID:</b> 1716   |
| <b>Co-lead Org</b>              |  |                         |                   |  <p>A map of the Cook Islands in the South Pacific Ocean, showing islands including Aitutaki, Manuae, Takutea, Mitiaro, Atiu, Mauke, Rarolonga, and Mangaia.</p> |
| <b>Thematic Area(s)</b>         | Political Empowerment  |                         |                   |   |
| <b>Thematic Sub Area(s)</b>     | Development of Sub-Regional Action Plan on Supporting Women's Participation in Decision Making Processes 2011-2016; National Action Plans in 7 Small Island States (SIS) countries |                         |                   |   |
| <b>Grant Amount</b>             | \$200,000  | <b>Grant Start Date</b> | December 18, 2009 |   |
| <b>Additional Gov't Funding</b> |  | <b>Grant End Date</b>   | December 31, 2011 |   |
| <b>Total Budget</b>             | \$200,000  |                         |                   |   |

| Partner Agencies     |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <b>Government</b>    | Small Islands States (SIS) National Machineries     |
| <b>Civil Society</b> | National Women's Councils (countries not specified) |

| Programme Summary  |
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| In small island states, strategic action plans for gender equality face extra implementation difficulties due to limited capacity and vulnerable environments. The programme will therefore provide special assistance to the participating countries to develop and implement an action plan for advancing women's political and economic empowerment, to complement their respective National Strategic Development Plans. |

| DETAILED PROGRAMME INFORMATION   |             |                  |                      |  |
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| Contribution to Law(s)   |             |                  |                      |  |
| Name of Law  | Law Type    | Year Implemented | Type of Contribution | Expected Level of Contribution (High or Low) |
| Sub-Regional Action Plan on Supporting Women's Participation in Decision Making Processes 2011-2016                                      | Action Plan | 2011             | Creation             | High   |
| National Action Plans in 7 Small Island States (SIS): Cook Islands, Kiribati, Niue, Nauru, Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) and Tuvalu | Action Plan | 2010             | Creation             | High   |

| General Programme Goal   |
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| Governments and national women's organizations work with civil society and other national, regional and international stakeholders to achieve government commitments to gender equality. |

| Expected Programme Outcomes   |
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| Outcome 1: SIS Governments discuss and recognize political empowerment of women's development priority and an indicator of national development in the SIS officials Committee meeting in 2010. |

## Main Achievements

The following achievements took place in 2010:

- All seven Small Island States (Cook Islands, Republic of Marshall Islands, Tuvalu Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, and Palau) developed and endorsed the Small Islands State Sub-Regional Action Plan on Supporting Women's Participation in Decision Making Processes 2010-2015. The Plan, consider a key instrument to measure progress in the next five years, identifies strategic actions, key stakeholders' roles and timelines to achieve women's political participation.
- Donors in the Pacific Region are expected to widely support the sub-Regional Action Plan and its implementation, making this an emphasized contribution to Development Effectiveness Agenda.
- The 7 Small Islands States have completed national consultations developing and agreeing on implementation of National Action Plans presenting concrete actions, results to achieve, and ways to complement the Sub-Regional Plan. Consultations have ignited debates on women's political rights and sparked recommendations to amend electoral laws including quota systems and gender-sensitive laws and policies.
- In 2011 the programme is expected to develop a Sub-Regional Plan for Economic Empowerment and will facilitate preparation of 7 National Plans with innovative suggestions on trade, small business development and impact of economic changes to women's lives.
- During programme implementation several scale up activities at the national level will be funded by other donors, reinforcing ownership, and sustainability of programme results.

## Key Highlights

- This programme offers the first substantial, broadly agreed upon systemic interventions on women's political rights in the Small Island States- a great model of achieving political consensus with results in advancing women's political agenda in the SIS.