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Pacific Journalists Strengthen Understanding on Human Rights Reporting

Alofi, Niue, 18th April 2016: Senior Journalists from 13 Pacific Island Countries joined the Secretariat of the Pacific Community last week at Nadi, Fiji to learn and discuss news reporting with a human rights-based approach.

The Regional Human Rights and Media Forum in Fiji was the first ever dialogue of media and Human Rights groups and stakeholders held in the Pacific Region.



(Pacific Regional Senior Journalists & SPC Facilitators with Professor David Robbie middle of front row)

The Forum highlighted the importance of building strong relationships between Government communication personnel and journalists in sharing and disseminating information.

Giving ‘voice to the voiceless’ and ‘championing the rights of all peoples’ was also key messages highlighted at the Human Rights and Media Forum.

Whilst it was important to recognise the correct approach to reporting, the media representatives also learn their respective country commitments to the International Human Rights Conventions and Treaties.

Niue has ratified the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women as well as the Convention on the Rights of the Child, however Niue is still governed under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

An Outcomes Document will be presented in poster format for newsrooms in the region, providing practical tips for 'rights-based reporting'.

The workshop was supported by the Australian Government and European Union.

The Forum was organised by the Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) of the Pacific Community (SPC) in partnership with the Pacific Media Assistance Scheme (PACMAS), the Pacific Islands News Association (PINA) and the University of the South Pacific (USP) Journalism and supported by the Australian Government and European Union.

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