



Twenty-two women from nine Pacific countries participated in a four-day climate negotiations training workshop that was organized by WEDO in partnership with the Australian Government and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in Suva, Fiji.

The workshop focused 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.

With Fiji as the COP23 President - the first time that a small island State of the Pacific has organized a COP - all eyes will be on the region. Considering the particular vulnerability of the region, Fiji's leadership will serve a crucial role in meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement. Capacity building and investing in women's leadership are critical for ensuring equal participation in all aspects of decision-making on climate change.

Delegate from Tuvalu, Ms. Moira Simmons-Avafoa, explained, "These workshops help our women to build our capacity so we can also contribute to negotiations at the regional and international level." Beyond the training, the workshop offered a valuable networking opportunity for women working on climate change in the Pacific.

Spotlight

The Pacific Islands Climate Change Negotiators Workshop was covered in 18 news articles by 7 different news outlets. Check out some of the highlights here:

- "Work together in the Pacific gender way"
- "Pacific women hone climate change negotiation skills"
- "Pacific Women Developing Climate Change Leadership, Negotiation Skills"
- "Participation of women in climate change negotiations critical for inclusive progress"



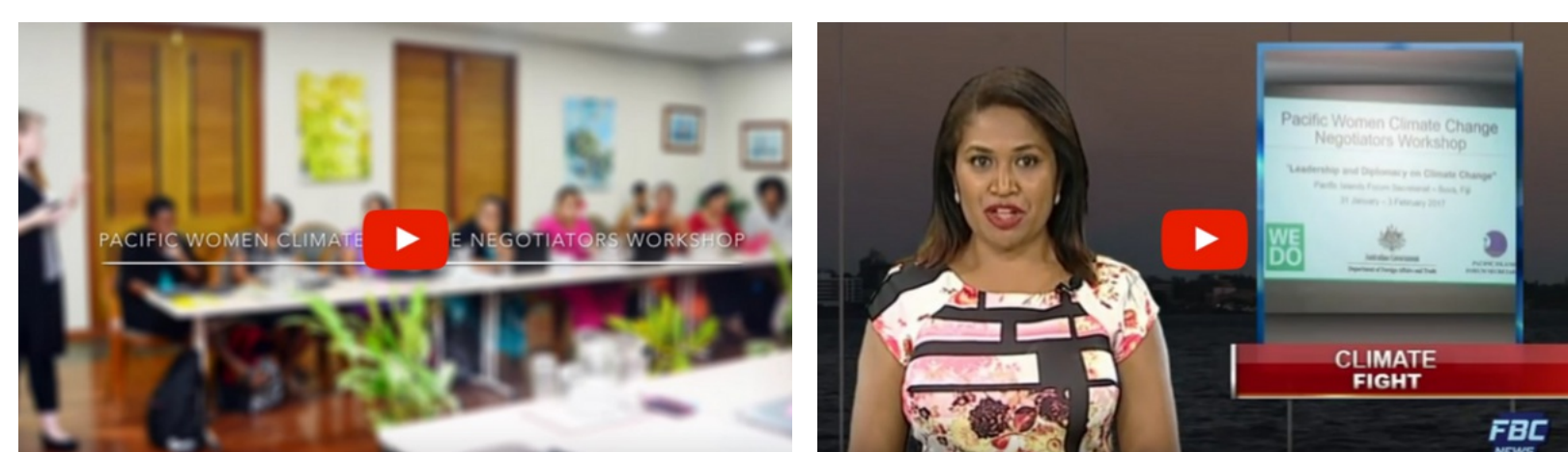
Views

Watch the interviews with some of the participants of the workshop:

- **Rose Godana Golina** is a GIS and Remote Sensing Specialist with the Climate Change and Development Authority in Papua New Guinea.
- **Moira Simmons-Avafoa** is a Senior Advisor of the Tuvalu Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- **Aliali Rabukawaqa-Nacewa** works with DRVA, Bua Urban Youth and Coral Reef Alliance.



The workshop is also featured on two local news stations.



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