



PACIFIC PEACE CONFERENCE 2016

“Strengthening the role of Peace in Nation Building”

Concept Note for the Pacific Peace Conference 2016

The Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding (PCP) for the first time, will host a Peace Conference in Fiji. The Conference targets Non- Governmental Organisations, Civil Societies Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, International and regional Organizations, Government Departments and Ministries, as well as individuals to a space where we can all dialogue, listen and collaborate. As a pioneer peacebuilding organisation in Fiji, PCP intends to make the Peace Conference a niche event for the organisation in recognition of the work carried out within the country and in the region. With this event PCP *aims* to increase visibility and improve accessibility of the organisation locally and into the Pacific region.

The theme for this year’s Pacific Peace Conference is “**Strengthening the role of Peace in Nation Building**”

The *objectives* of the Peace Conference are:

- To bring together individuals, communities, civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations to discuss, share and understand each other's' work within the context of peacebuilding and related areas
- To bring together peace practitioners to share their peacebuilding work
- To recognize the work that people are doing in their communities to bring about peace

The event is scheduled to be held over four days from the 18th - 21st September 2016 at the Grand Pacific Hotel. The General Secretary of the Pacific Council of Churches, Reverend Francois Pihataae will open the Conference on the 18th September followed a vigil in remembrance of all peacekeepers who are serving and have served in peacekeeping duties. A keynote address will be given each day for the three days of the conference with paper presentations and panel discussions to ensue. There are five panel sessions, which are based on the themes;

- ***Peace and Religion;***
- ***Peace and Human Security;***
- ***Peace and The Environment;***
- ***Peace, Education and Multiculturalism; and***
- ***Sustainable Development Goal- Building Blocks for Peace.***

The event will end with a public lecture to commemorate the International Day of Peace on the evening of September 21st. Peacebuilding practitioners, PCP partners and stakeholders will be invited to attend.

PCP hopes that through this event the organisation and peacebuilding work will be widely recognized across the Pacific region and internationally. This event will also provide opportunities for new partnerships, collaborations and ideas to inform future peacebuilding work.