



### **Concept Note for the Pacific Champion for Peace Award**

The Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding as a pioneer peacebuilding organisation in Fiji intends to make the Pacific Champion for Peace Award a niche event for the organisation in recognition of peacebuilding work in the Pacific region. With this event PCP **aims** to increase visibility and improve accessibility of the organisation locally and regionally and to highlight the importance of peacebuilding work.

The **objectives** of the event are:

- To highlight and recognize the work of peacebuilders and peacebuilding organizations in the Pacific region,
- To reward outstanding peacebuilders,
- To build a community of peacebuilding practitioners,
- To celebrate International Day of Peace with peacebuilding practitioners, PCP stakeholders and members of the community

PCP will host the event, to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 with the International Day of Peace. Given the high profile nature of the event it will be held at the Grand Pacific Hotel from 6pm- 9pm. The Pacific Champion for Peace Award will be opened by a keynote address from a prominent individual (to be decided), preferably a Nobel Peace Laureate. Peacebuilding practitioners, PCP partners and stakeholders will be invited to attend. Activities of the day will include; the keynote address from the guest of honor; highlights of peacebuilding work carried out by nominees; screening of the Peace Champion’s story and the Awards followed by dinner and networking.

It is intended that the event will attract the attention of media, donors, governments, civil society organisations and peacebuilding organizations and partners across the Pacific region.

PCP hopes that through this event the organisation and peacebuilding work will be widely recognized across the Pacific region and internationally as an important part of and significant contributor to the development of peaceful communities. This event also offers opportunities for new partnerships, collaborations and ideas to inform future peacebuilding work.

The event will be conducted bi-ennially.