

7TH ANNUAL MICRONESIA NONPROFIT CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS - 2017

1. Strengthen not-for-profit coalitions or umbrella organizations to increase stakeholder participation in decision-making at all levels through assistance from the recently established Micronesian Hub (Pacific Partnership Office) based on Guam.
2. Initiate a conversation between the GovGuam and civil society organizations (CSOs) to start discussions on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), and where necessary, mainstream the 17 SDGs into government policies, plans and legislation.
3. Formalize a mechanism for increased and inclusive engagement of Micronesian CSOs with government in the monitoring and reporting of the UN SDGs.
4. Encourage a "One Micronesia" position for the U.S. to adhere to its commitment to the Paris Agreement.
5. Commit to increased Pacific CSO participation at the next climate change summit (Conference of the Parties 23) in Bonn, Germany, and thereafter.
6. Request the establishment of a formal relationship between Micronesian Island Forum (MIF) and Micronesia Nonprofit Congress.
7. Strengthen community resilience against climate change, including enacting legislation.
8. Represent the "One Micronesia" voice regarding U.S. military presence and use of our islands.
9. Increase and strengthen youth participation in policy development.
10. Increase dialogue on the decolonization of the minds, especially with the youth.
11. Develop youth resource center network across the Pacific.
12. Design consistent and entrenched education campaigns to empower our communities to re-think development issues that truly benefit our islands' environment and secure a more sustainable future for our children.
13. Encourage the adoption of PIANGO's Code of Minimum Standards towards accreditation by CSOs.
14. Call on governments to partner with CSOs in addressing HIVs/STIs and substance abuse and prevention.
15. Encourage governments of Guam and CNMI to pass resolution supporting the ratification of CRPD (Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities) by US Congress.
16. Recognize the role of faith based organizations across Micronesia and their contribution to inclusive community development.