7TH MICRONESIA NONPROFIT CONGRESS

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We as individuals, families, organizations and communities have the CAPACITY and POWER to bring POSITIVE CHANGE to our lives.

The ONUS is on us and the OWNNESS is within us.
By Us, For Us, Within Us.

After great discussion, our Board of Directors decided on this theme chosen for the 7th Non Profit Congress. We wanted to be empathic and passionate in our beliefs that not only are we capable of bringing on change in our various island communities but we must be the responsible drivers of our quests. In this conference, we suggest you first identify those values that most move you to action and those skills and knowledge that you feel least comfortable in. It is from this self-assessment that you can take yourself and your organization to the next level.

Look around you and see your friends and colleagues from Guam and the region who you can learn and share with. Listen to the ideas and strategies that are being proposed for you to consider implementing in your own lives and organizations. Embrace the awesome interactions you have with those at the conference who are like-minded and like-spirited. These special moments are now and are windows of opportunity for you.

We have a wonderful program and a cadre of some of the most dedicated and brilliant people in our region in this room. Please use every moment you can to take it all in! For those who are visiting our island of Guam, welcome and enjoy our hospitality and build and rekindle old friendships. A special thank you for our partners who continue to believe in us over the last several years to support our annual gathering: Office of Minority Health Resource Center, WestCare Foundation, Bank of Guam and Guam Visitors Bureau. The Pacific Islands Association of Non Governmental Organizations (PIANGO) based in Suva, Fiji and comprised of our non-profit colleagues from Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia are now even more tightly knitted with Payuta and our regional civil society organizations. We open our arms to thank them for their partnership as we face regional and international issues such as climate change, sea bed mining, and the myriad of disparities and inequities in our island homes.

Together let’s make this congress an incredible experience, one that will leave lasting impressions moving us to action today and in the weeks that will follow.

Si Yu’os Maase.
Sarah M. Thomas-Nededog
Payu-ta Board Chair
HONORABLE RAY TENORIO
LIETENANT GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Ray Tenorio spent three decades working for the people of Guam, channeling his passion for our island into a humble career of public service. From putting his life on the line by keeping our neighborhoods safe as a police officer, to voicing our community’s concerns in the Guam Legislature, Ray Tenorio embodies the leadership, experience and courage our island needs to move Guam in the right direction.

In 2002, Ray Tenorio took his public service career to the next level, successfully winning his first bid for elected office in the 27th Guam Legislature. He assured the people, “I want you to make history. Just work hard,” and that’s what he did. Ray Tenorio fulfilled his commitment as a leader by accomplishing more than he set out to do, fighting for what is right and giving back to the community he loves. As a result, he twice garnered the highest votes and lived up to the people’s confidence.

In 2010, Ray Tenorio ran a successful campaign for Lieutenant Governor with his colleague, then Senator now Governor, Edward Basa Calvo, in the closest election in Guam’s history. As Lieutenant Governor, Ray has overseen a great many areas, including Public Safety, the Guam State Cleancourtesy, and the Islandwide Beautification Task Force. During Ray’s first four years as Lieutenant Governor, all public safety agencies enjoyed dramatic improvements, more federal funds and grants have been obtained and optimized, and an already beautiful island has become even more.

After four productive years serving as Lieutenant Governor, Ray was re-elected to serve alongside Governor Calvo for another four years in a historic successful election. Governor Calvo and Lieutenant Governor Tenorio were sworn in and began their second term on January 5, 2015.

HONORABLE BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ
SPEAKER, 34TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

Benjamin J.F. Cruz is a Retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam. Today, his abiding commitment to public service continues as Speaker of the 34th Guam Legislature. During his distinguished career spanning all three branches of government, his work has been marked with fairness, tenacity and compassion. He remains a fierce advocate for Guam’s families, the elderly, and the individual taxpayer.

Cruz’s policy achievements include passing two balanced budgets with substantial bipartisan support, shielding millions of dollars in unnecessary government spending, increasing the minimum wage for the working poor, and authorizing the most comprehensive retirement reform in over a decade. A hallmark of Cruz’s leadership has been his fight to make our government more accountable to the People of Guam. The Vote Speaker has fought -especially key contracts that cost ratepayers millions of dollars a year, stood against excessive government debt, and identified an illegal retroactive pay scheme orchestrated after the 2014 gubernatorial election.

HONORABLE MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO
MEMBER OF CONGRESS, GUAM

A lifetime public servant, in 2003 Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo became the first woman to represent Guam in the United States House of Representatives. Ms. Bordallo brings to Congress over forty years of experience representing the territory of Guam in the U.S. Congress. She represents the 3rdCongressional District that includes the island of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Ms. Bordallo is a ranking Democrat of the Subcommittee on Readiness in the House Armed Services Committee for the 115th Congress. She is also a member of the Defense Policy & National Security Task Force, the National Defense Authorization Act Conference Committee, the Women’s Caucus, and the Progressive Caucus.

Ms. Bordallo is the author and original sponsor of the Guam Community Reinvestment Act of 2017. The Bill was signed into law by President Donald J. Trump in July 2017. She also authored the Guam Guano Act of 2017 which will allow Guam to become a leader in the global Guano industry.

In her role in Congress, Ms. Bordallo serves as the Vice Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) and the co-chair of the Congressional China Caucus and the Congressional Long Range Strike Caucus. She is also a member of the U.S. Philippines Friendship Caucus, the Caucus on Guano, the Navy/Marine Corps Caucus, the National Guard and Reserve Component Caucus, the Travel and Tourism Caucus, the Women’s Caucus, the Taiwan Caucus, the Long Range Strike Caucus, and the Wounded to Work Caucus, among others.

Ms. Bordallo’s legislative efforts have benefited from the close relationships she has established and fostered with other Members from the U.S. territories, the Hawaiian delegation, and House leadership on both sides of the aisle. She has also worked in a bipartisan approach with other government officials from Guam to address federal issues that are important to the island.

EMELE DUITUTURAGA
Chairman, Deputy Director

Ms. Emelie Duituturaga is the Executive Director of the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (PIANGO) Secretariat. Emelie heads the 8 person Secretariat Team at the PIANGO Headquarters in Suva, Fiji. Emelie has been instrumental in PIANGO’s positioning as a regional and global civil society development actor and a thought leader in Rethinking Development and Reshaping the Pacific we Want over the recent years.

As a Pacific civil society leader active on the global stage, Emelie was one of the founding Global Co-Chairs of the NGO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (EPD) based in Manila, Philippines. She is the Pacific representative on the Global Executive Council of the International Forum for National Platforms (IFNF) based in Paris, France. She is one of 10 civil society leaders of Global Advisory Group for BEATfortheWorld, based in Berlin, Germany.

Prior to joining PIANGO Emelie was a Research Associate at Fiji’s University of the South Pacific; Fiji Government’s CEO for the Ministry of Women, Social Welfare, Poverty Allocation and Housing; UNFPA’s Pacific Regional Adolescent Health Programme Manager; Asia Development Bank’s NGO Specialist on Population and Family Planning in Papua New Guinea, and she was Head of the Pacific Women’s Bureau at the UNFPA’s headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia.

She has a Bachelor in Social Work, a Postgraduate Diploma in Corporate Management and a Masters in Business Administration. She has completed her last year towards a law degree. She has been pursuing a Masters degree in Governance at the University of the South Pacific.
Andy S. George

Andy S. George is the executive director of Kosrae Pacific Nonprofit Security Organization (KPCNO). He has been with the organization since 2015. Andy has worked collectively with KPCNO board of directors and partners to develop and build KPCNO into a successful NGO in the state of Kosrae. With his leadership, KPCNO has been able to develop and maintain platforms that work successfully with the local communities to support conservation efforts toward the protection of our marvelous biodiversity. Andy holds a Masters degree in Management from Southern Oregon University, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from the University of Hawaii, and an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts from the College of Micronesia-FSM. Andy also has completed graduate level project management trainings. He is married to former Bernarina Reepah and together they have three children, Basil, Singkithy, and Ariena.

Cindy M. Sori

Cindy M. Sori is Chukuee living in Weno, Chuuk. FSM. She is the Chief Executive Officer of Sea Venture Company, a shipping agent and freight forwarding firm. Cindy brings a strong, active community advocate in the private sector serving on the board of the Chamber of Commerce and Chuuk Visitors Bureau. She also served as delegate for FSM in Chuuk Political Commission. She was past board member of the Board of Education and past president to the Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon. As a political advocate, Cindy is a candidate for FSM State Constitutional Convention and a candidate for Chuuk state Senate.

Eddy Reyes

Eddy Reyes, co-founder of the FLAME TREE Freeport/Chuuk, has used his experience in government organizations and the private sector to promote vocational training and employment opportunities for youth with disabilities. FLAME TREE which stands for Fundamental Livelihoods, Abilities, Mobility, Education and Employment stands as a model for an umbrella organization for civil society in FSM to an involved in an ongoing collaborative effort with IDI and the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei to look at the possibility of operationalizing the women’s shelter in Pohnpei. The recent FSM PHSY and Family Safety Study released in 2014 identified that 1 out of 3 FSM women have experienced violence in their lifetime. The situation has not improved and it has come to address it head on. She has done extensive lobby work with the Pohnpei State Legislature to adopt family protection legislation, with a draft bill that was initiated in 2008 and still pending with that legislature.

Regina Rajagnet

Regina Rajagnet of Kapingamarangi is a community-based organization that uses traditional skills to confront the social, economic, and environmental challenges faced by the people of Micronesia’s most remote outer islands. Her organization, MNI-EDMI, includes Gender in Development, traditional weaving, and early childhood education. She works with a range of local and national NGOs, government associations across the Central Pacific. She serves as a member on the Yap Women Association Advisory Committee and as the chair of the Nogah Islands Women Association. She is also a Board Director for the Habele Outer Island Education Foundation Fund. Regina served as the United States Peace Corps Field Representative in the State of Yap and worked as a liaison for the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers.

Frances Sablan

Frances Mary Mbasuan Sablan is born and reared on Guam. Graduated from George Washington High School and attended University of Guam in Secondary Education, with a Specialty in Social Studies at the University of Guam. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education at the University of Guam. Currently the WERI CMI Program Coordinator for the Department of Education, she is involved in providing training, training, training, training. She has graduated from University of Guam at Eci Pano with a Masters degree in Management & Marketing from the University of Notre Dame de Namur, California. She is married to Vincent P. Atoiva.

Klioulechad-Singed

Ann Klioulechad was named as Executive Director of Eblsi Society Inc., in January 2011. She is a founding member of Eblsi Society and served on the Board of Directors for the University of Guam Students for Social Change, she works with communities to initiate grassroots projects that promotes sustainable natural resources and social environmental awareness. She acquired this diverse work experience from various management positions, such as an Executive Director for Palau Primary Care, Inc. Chief of Gender Division, and a private consultant in the local and regional area of the Pacific. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Pacific Disability Forum, an organization established in 2001 to preserve Chamorro cultural values and traditions as Board Member, Project Director, and Grant Writer. She has been involved in various programs such as providing disabilities to Palau high school students, under the Guam State Department of Education, and the FSM. She is married to a government employee who also works as the Palau Public Health Officer. Mr. Takesy has a B.A. degree in Business Administration from the University of Guam and has served for fisheries access, trade, aviation landing right, and climate change. Mr. Gerson A. Jackson ended his brief diplomatic career as Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Ambassador to the Pacific Islands Forum Countries based in Fiji in August 2003. He was posted as the FSM’s Consul General in the US Territory of Guam. He was appointed to the post in 2011. During his tenure as Ambassador to Fiji he was instrumental in the start-up of the new Pacific Islands Development Forum (PfDF) which focuses on sustainable development. He was also actively involved in numerous initiatives, including the following: a New Framework for Pacific Regionalism (FPF), SAMOA Pathway, Pohnpei Declaration of Pacific Leaders (PPOA), and Pacific Disability Forum (PDF). He was the first Chairman of the PDF Senior Officials Committee (PDF SOCs) in 2007-2008. Mr. Takesy has a B.A. degree in Business Administration from the University of Guam and has served for fisheries access, trade, aviation landing right, and climate change. Mr. Takesy has also spent some time working with Pohnpei Sea Venture Company, a shipping agent and freight forwarding firm in the State of Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia. He is the Chief Executive Officer of National Fisheries Corporation, a government owned pelagic fishing company.
Henry Ocampo

Henry Ocampo has worked in minority health for over 25 years, completing his undergraduate degree with a BS in Psychology at UC Davis. He worked in San Francisco managing HIV prevention programs targeting Asian and Pacific Islanders. Henry eventually returned to school in 2004 to complete the MPA in Health administration.

Mori Mori

Mori Mori is the President of Chuuk Youth Council an umbrella youth NGO in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia. Alongside his role as a youth volunteer, he previously worked as an English and social studies teacher at a high school in Chuuk. He is currently a staff of the International Organization for Migration mission in Micronesia since 2014. Mori attended the College of Micronesia and proceeded to Japan to join numerous charity work projects prior to his return to his home state. His drive has been and is always in youth development. Activities such as organizing and hosting youth leadership conferences, community awareness, youth health, women empowerment campaigns and partnerships have also been his work as a youth leader in Chuuk. His dream is to develop strength in his youth coalition through research and policy engagement and establishing partnerships with local, national and regional NGOs to empower youth in the Pacific.

Kosimy Rudolph

Kosimy Rudolph was born on January 11, 1946 on the island of Nukuoro. Received his BA in Art with a concentration in pottery. Currently working as Executive Director for FSM Church Leaders Association of Guam or known also as FSM Community Care.

Philm Tengemiel

Philm Tengemiel is a Human Rights Advocate and Breastfeeding Specialist, advocating for the management of wet nurses and counseling mothers on breastfeeding with Kotel A Dauming [KAD]. Currently Executive Director of Oceanic Regional Anti-Doping (ORDAK), Member of Palau Medical Commission, Member of International Baby Food Action Network (IFANAP).

Maurice Lee

Maurice Lee is responsible for daily operations, supervision and organizational management of WestCare Foundation. Prior to his appointment as CEO, Mr. Lee was the Senior Vice President of the Western Region [California, Nevada, Arizona, Wyoming, Oregon, Washington, and Guam]. He has 25 years of experience providing substance abuse treatment services, which includes 15 years directing, planning, implementing, operating and monitoring budgets, contracts, and personnel in substance abuse treatment programs within the WestCare system. During the past sixteen years he has acted in a supervisory capacity, leading teams of qualified substance abuse counselors in the implementation and development of quality in-prison and post-prison community programs. Mr. Lee is Level I FACT Certified, and holds numerous other chemical dependency, licensure and certification capabilities being a Level II Chemical Dependency Counselor in Texas. Mr. Lee has been instrumental in developing responsive substance abuse services for male and female offenders in California including the Region I SASSA, in-custody treatment programs at PSPV and ASP, the DTP at Bakersfield, and FPNP at Fresno and San Diego.

Marry Okada

Dr. Mary Ann Young Okada became the first female president and chief executive officer of Guam Community College in May 2012, serving as GCC President/CEO, Dr. Okada held several financial positions in the policy development of the college, including Vice President of Financial Affairs, Controller, and General Accounting Supervisor. Dr. Okada’s leadership has led to Guam Community College being consistently ranked by both the public and private sectors for its development and support of workforce education. She has overseen the addition of several new programs to the curriculum in response to community workforce needs, the construction of five new sustainable buildings, and the renovation of several other buildings on campus. Her focus has been on GCC having received, for 14 consecutive years, a qualified status as a low-risk institution with no questionable costs or unresolved prior year audit finds. Dr. Okada was appointed by President Barack Obama in 2014 to serve on the President’s Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; She is also a member of the American Association of College Community Colleges (AACC), the Asian Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies (APAFS), the American Association of University Women (AAUW); and the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Dr. Okada is the current chair of the Pacific Region, ICAN has a membership in these organizations. Dr. Okada aggressively advocates the development and growth of career and technical education for Guam and Micronesia.

Marie Leon Guerrero

Marie-Leon Guerrero is the Director of Operations for ICAN Resources, Inc. ICAN Resources is a non-profit organization that provides employment, education, and capacity building opportunities for people with disabilities. ICAN currently administers 5 federal contracts on both AAFB and Naval Station, Guam providing food services and janitorial services. Under her leadership, ICAN has approximately 150 employees of which 90% are persons with disabilities. Marie provides support, resources, and identifies training development opportunities to her management team as part of their continuous improvement process. Marie started out her career at ICAN as the Assistant General Manager of Island Broadcasting Inc, a commercial television station where she honed her skills in general management. In 2004, after 20 years of experience in television and market research, Marie switched career fields by attending the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco, California and obtained an AOS in Hotel & Restaurant Management. In 2005, she started her career in Food Services by joining Able Industries of the Pacific as the Project Manager for the Magellan Inn Dining Facility on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. In 2007, Marie was awarded the contract to the Camp Cuninggim Dining Facility and the Guam Community College Dining Facility. In 2008, Marie joined ICAN Resources, Inc. to assist in their pilot AmeriCorps program. In November 2011, ICAN was awarded 2 food service contracts on AAFB and Naval Station. With minimal notice and turnaround time, ICAN absorbed existing employees and managed a seamless transition. In 2013, 5 new federal contracts were awarded to ICAN, again with minimal notice to transition. ICAN’s dedication to excellence, accountability, and unparalleled customer service provides vital behavioral services to the most vulnerable populations in the communities it serves. She has assisted WCPI in numerous projects that address technical assistance and capacity building needs of other service providers in the region. Kathleen also serves as one of the Project’s principal investigators.

JAY R. MERRILL

Jay R. Merrill is Chairman of Market Research & Development, Inc (MIRAD). As MIRAD’s Chairman, Mr. Merrill has played a key role in the development of the business and consumer research industry on Guam. He established the first full service business and market research agency on Guam in 1984 and established the visitor consumer research protocols currently adopted by the Guam Visitors Bureau in collecting visitor industry research. In addition to his position as Chairman, he currently provides strategic market planning services to industry and government services. He has provided strategic planning services to the Guam Community College, the Guam Memorial Hospital, the Guam Chamber of Commerce and the Guam Contractors Association as well as numerous private companies on Guam. Mr. Merrill is also the Executive Director for the Center of Micronesian Empowerment.

Katherine Tolosa

Katherine has committed the past 10 years to helping youth in the Micronesian region. She is currently with WestCare Pacific Islands (WCPI), a long-standing organization that provides vital behavioral services to the most vulnerable populations in the communities it serves. She has assisted WCPI in numerous projects that address technical assistance and capacity building needs of other service providers in the region. Kathleen also serves as one of the Project’s principal investigators.

Kathleen holds numerous certifications to include Active Relationships Curriculum Facilitation for Families and Military Families. She is also certified in Relationship Intervention as an Experiential Trainer. Kathleen serves as the Vice-President for the Micronesian Youth Services Network (MYSN) Board of Directors and has been active member since 2008.

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MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 | 9AM – 4PM
Day 1: Pre-Conference Workshops
iCAN Resource Inc. Office, Orlean Pacific Plaza, 865 S. Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning

9:00 AM  Reflection and Opening Prayer
Welcome Remarks
Ms. Sarah Thomas-Nededog, PIANGO Board member, Payuta Inc. Board Chairperson
Introductory Remarks

9:15 AM  Session 1: Rethinking Development and Reshaping the Pacific We Want
Ms. Emele Duituturaga, PIANGO Executive Director

10:30 AM Break

10:50 AM Session 2: Leaving No One Behind
Ms. Emele Duituturaga, PIANGO Executive Director

12:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Session 3: PIANGO Partnerships
Ms. Emele Duituturaga, PIANGO Executive Director

3:00 PM Break

3:20 PM Session 4: PIANGO Upcoming Events - 2017
Ms. Emele Duituturaga, PIANGO Executive Director

4:00 PM Session 5: Summary and Brief

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017 | 9AM – 4PM
Day 2: Pre-Conference Workshops
Sanctuary Incorporated of Guam, 406 Mai Mai Road, Chalan Pago

9:00 AM Session 6: Recap of Day 1

9:50 AM Session 7: CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness & the High Level Meeting in Nairobi (GPEDC)
Ms. Sarah Thomas-Nededog, Micronesian CPDE focal person

10:50 AM Session 8: Istanbul Principles & CSO Accountability
Ms. Emele Duituturaga, PIANGO Executive Director

12:30 PM LUNCH

1:30 PM Session 9: Agenda 2030 and the Compact of Free Association
Ms. Sarah Thomas-Nededog
Facilitated by: Ms. Emele Duituturaga, PIANGO Executive Director

3:00 PM BREAK

3:20 PM Session 10: Group Plenary Report

4:00 PM Session 11: Micronesian CSO Commitments Moving Forward
Ms. Emele Duituturaga, PIANGO Executive Director

5:00 PM Closing Remarks
Ms. Sarah Thomas-Nededog, PIANGO Board member, Payuta Inc. Board Chair
Ms. Emele Duituturaga, PIANGO Executive Director

6:00 PM Welcome Reception, Guam Museum, Skinner Plaza, Hagåtña
1. Increased and improved support for “disabilities friendly” employers and the promotion of employment of persons with disabilities.

2. Reconsider the compulsory school age and encourage youth over 16 years old to stay in school until at least high school graduation or the completion of vocational training.

3. Provide improved childcare and transportation for young adults returning to school.

4. Expand local government support for veteran services especially for veterans who may not qualify for federal government programs (veterans who have committed a crime, were dishonorably discharged or who are currently homeless) and increase the amount of employers and landlords who are “veteran friendly”, which may increase the likeliness of a homeless veteran to have permanent housing.

5. Increase the local government support for drug and alcohol residential treatment programs as well as encourage the training of new substance abuse counselors throughout our region, therefore increasing the capacity to address the rise in substance abuse cases.

6. Increase the number of crisis workers in the field of behavioral health to supplement the increased needs of our communities, including the need in substance abuse treatment.

7. Ensure full representation and inclusion of NGOs (non-governmental organizations) in the decision making processes as well as deepen the understanding and defining roles of NGOs across the Pacific.

8. Urgencies for CSOs (civil society organizations) to work towards solutions vigilantly in the face of militarization in our region as well as create a regional umbrella organization for CSOs.

9. Establish better access to better health services/care.

10. Develop an improved infrastructure on regional transportation (air and sea).

11. Establish a collective effort regionally using a “One Pacific” ideological approach to addressing our needs in Micronesia.

12. Increase and engage congressional support for local and regional causes.
A Very Special Thank You

Your participation in this 7th Non Profit Congress and our gathering of local and regional leaders has made this effort possible and successful.

We are humbled by your commitment to more fully embrace what we know to be possible in building greater socio economic sustainability for all of us in our Blue Continent.

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