On the occasion of the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Permanent Mission of Palau to the United Nations
The Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Nauru to the United Nations
Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
The Secretariat of the Pacific Community
and The Pacific Young Women’s Leadership Alliance

invite you to attend

Pacific Women Rising!
Progress towards achieving Beijing and beyond

Wednesday 11 March 2015, from 1.15pm to 2.30pm
Conference Room 12
United Nations Headquarters, New York

Over the past 20 years, the Pacific has witnessed growing political commitment by Pacific Island Forum Leaders, with many Pacific Island Countries developing implementation strategies proposed by women’s and economic Ministers, aimed at transforming the lives of Pacific women and girls.

This side event will focus on Pacific women’s stories in addressing inequality, their role in improving access to services and the need to take into consideration Pacific women’s needs, concerns and priorities across all development sectors.

Panellists will explain how social and economic inequalities exacerbate women’s vulnerability and their ability to adapt to the impacts of climate change, respond to humanitarian crises, conflicts and disasters.

Panellists will showcase progress in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories towards achieving gender equality, empowerment, and women’s human rights in the 12 Critical Areas of Concern of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Final concept note to follow.
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