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Participants

The meeting was attended by Associate Professor Yvonne Underhill-Sem (University of Auckland/Chair), Caroline Lambert (IWDA), Professor Betty Lovai (UPNG), Professor Nicole Hayley (ANU), Heidi Tyedmers (Vanuatu), Meghan Chisholm (CARE), Dr Claire Slatter (USP), Dr Milika Sobey (Fiji), Kim Robertson (SPC), Jane Kierath, Nilesh Goundar (DFAT), Kymberley Kepore, Sarah Boxall, Amali Shaw, Tara Chetty, Gayle Nelson, Linda Petersen (*Pacific Women* Support Unit).

Apologies

Helen Tanielu (NUS)

Objectives

- To provide an update on the *Pacific Women* Research Strategy in the context of progress of Pacific Women over 2016/2017 and agree on next steps for 2018.
- Review and discuss the *Pacific Women* Research Advisory Group Terms of Reference and related issues, e.g. ways of working, co-chair, membership etc.
- Discuss and review *Pacific Women* Research Strategy implementation plan, provide feedback on key existing research activities and generate new research ideas.

Key issues and actions

Session I: Introductions and Objectives

The meeting agreed:

- The January 2018 meeting would serve as the inaugural meeting of the AGR, as the group was not formally constituted in April 2017.
- The meeting record would consist of key issues and decisions.

Session II: Setting the scene for the AGR meeting – how did we get here?

Main issues from discussions were:

- The AGR is a voluntary group from Pacific universities, Pacific-aligned NGOS, and regional organisations, along with some individual researchers.
- DFAT has withdrawn as co-chair, and a decision needs to be made on the co-chair role in later discussion.
- Declarations of conflict of interest were made by:
 - CARE Vanuatu in relation to the cash transfer study, the Balance of Power, Pacific Girl and the Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) research initiatives.
 - IWDA in relation to the Balance of Power program design process.
 - ANU in relation to the research on Bride Price and violence against women (VAW) research raised by the Advisory Board.

The meeting agreed:

- Conflict of interest issues would be a standard item on meeting agendas and that they could be raised at any point during the meeting.
- Edits to the Research Strategy be sent directly to Linda and Amali.

III. *Pacific Women* Support Unit Update – the program context for AGR work

Main issues from discussions were:

- Ongoing revision of the Research Strategy.
- Ways to better link Support Unit reporting and trends analysis (such as through the six-monthly progress report) with the research agenda.
- Potential for the *Pacific Women* website to be connected to the proposed Pacific Gender Research portal.
- Scope for Pacific Girl design process to connect with programs in New Zealand and Australia that involve people with Pacific heritage.
- The need to refine the complex research area of bride price suggesting that it should not be framed solely in terms of VAW given the complexity of the issues.
- Interest in POETCom scoping research on women producers in organic and ethical value chains.

The meeting agreed:

- The *Pacific Women* Research Strategy is a living document, open to regular revision and update.
- Yvonne Underhill-Sem would develop a research matrix that could assist the Support Unit to categorise new knowledge and program results and learning that need to be further explored.
- Members of the AGR would contribute to refining the Bride price/VAW research topic.

IV. *Pacific Women* Research strategy update

Main issues from the discussion were:

- The need to target decision making policy forums to highlight research such as the Forum Economic Ministers' Meeting (FEMM) or Pacific Forum Leaders' meetings.
- Annual research policy dialogues could be face to face or online and need to be timely and focus on a specific topical issue, e.g. bride price, and could be done as an online symposium if needed.
- Objective of annual policy dialogues should be to demonstrate depth and breadth of knowledge, address needs of policy people and encourage dialogue between researchers/ policymakers/ practitioners;
- Potential for the 2018 policy dialogue to be linked to USP's 50th celebrations and include the launch of gender research portal.
- AGR sees its role as also contributing to/reviewing *Pacific Women* design activities, particularly to integrate research elements from conceptual stages.

The meeting agreed:

- Substantial progress had been made on the Research Strategy implementation plan.
- To develop and circulate a list of key gender research related events.
- AGR members would be included on Reference Groups for all research initiatives and potentially for project design processes to ensure strong, relevant research components.

Session V: Update on *Pacific Women* research/studies

The meeting heard updates on the following studies:

- **Gender Equality Fund – Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) study:** research submission on adolescent pregnancy and the sexual and reproductive health needs and rights of young people; submission was successful and *Pacific Women* awarded funding for 2018/2019 to carry out this research.
- **Last Taboo** research on menstruation management in the Pacific has been finalised, published and prepared for publication in peer reviewed journals, has been workshopped with NGO and private sector groups to identify practical next steps. Lessons learned included being able to better anticipate time taken for ethics approval processes.
- **Do No Harm research with ANU and IWDA:** The Bougainville and Solomon Islands reports are currently being copy-edited and once this is complete they will be formatted for publication. The PNG report will be copy-edited in January for publication by the end of the month. SSGM is also working to finalise the consolidated 10-page report following an internal peer-review process. That report will be finalised in the next two weeks.
- **Pacific Gender Research Portal Scoping Study** is being carried out by University of Queensland with the involvement of a Pacific researcher from USP. AGR members are on the Reference Group and responsible for reviewing deliverables and guiding the process. Consultations will be conducted through country visits to Fiji, PNG and Samoa. Other countries will be covered by phone and Skype interviews. Final report is expected in May 2018.
- **Feasibility Study: Development of a cash transfer program** and alternatives for survivors of violence. There have been two unsuccessful attempts at tendering this research, and *Pacific Women* is seeking AGR feedback on the way forward.
- Main issues from the discussion:
 - In relation to The Last Taboo ongoing research issues highlighted were social and cultural issues which were different in each country raising the potential to do research on these especially in Vanuatu and Solomon Islands; length of time taken to get ethics approvals which reduced the amount of time for field work and impacted on sample size; and capacity building for Pacific researchers included country level research partnerships and participation in workshop to present findings in Melbourne.
 - Lessons for the upcoming SRHR research from The Last Taboo include: take time to find appropriate partners and staff; have a clear dissemination strategy and capacity development strategy that aims to work with and support Pacific researchers.
 - In relation to Do No Harm research, capacity development of Pacific researchers was carried out through the involvement of teams of local researchers who were trained and participated in some workshops, involved in the design of the research and some of the analysis and write up.

The meeting agreed:

- DFAT/SU to circulate final version of the GEF proposal.
- In relation to the cash transfers program feasibility study, the AGR endorsed this as an important area of research despite some challenges and concerns and agreed that it should be taken forward in some form.

Session VI: Update on broader research developments in the region to gain a wider understanding of gender research in the Pacific region

Members of the AGR shared information on the following new research developments in the region since 2017. The list is not a comprehensive list.

Pacific Research Program (N. Haley)

This is a consortium led by the Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU, with the Lowy Institute and DevPolicy is a DFAT funded AUD \$20m program over four years for research on the Pacific. Six priority research areas identified: politics and the state; geopolitics and regionalism; economic development (DevPolicy lead); security, stability and resilience; gender, social change and inclusion.

kNowVAWdata, UNFPA and University of Melbourne (K. Diemer)

A partnership between UNFPA and the University of Melbourne which aims to build capacity on WHO-methodology GBV prevalence studies; and facilitate regional partnerships and collaboration. It plans to run a pilot programme for prevalence studies and is in the process of seeking interest from countries.

Other initiatives that members of the AGR may be involved in or know about

- Research collective working with local researchers in **Vanuatu** (H. Tyedmers.)
- **SPC** research (K. Robertson): Fisheries sector gender analysis work; FAO gender analysis of the agricultural sector; Observatory and/or research hub; SDG data mining work; regional gender statistics publication.
- **IWDA** engagement in the region (C. Lambert): WAVE research project is partner-led and implemented and builds in a capacity building approach. There is both an internal and external advisory group on research that is involved in a formal ethical review process that is built into the TOR of the group.
- **CARE** (M. Chisholm): Provided an overview of work including recent sexual harassment survey across Asia including: work in PNG on Coffee project and SRHR funded by *Pacific Women*; in Vanuatu on leadership mentoring, life skills with adolescent girls and boys involving revisions to life skills healthy relationships curriculum working with Vanuatu Women Centre, Police and Vanuatu Family Health and a community score card project being piloted in partnership with Ministry of Health with a focus on women and girls, this is funded through DFAT innovation exchange.
- **UPNG** (B. Lovai): Focus on capacity building and improving academic quality as follow up to a recommendation from recent external reviews. UPNG has a twinning arrangement with James Cook University (JCU) where early career researchers from UPNG are identified and mentored via this arrangement. An annual conference is undertaken to showcase the work of these researchers. PNG has research councils established to coordinate research activities in the country. A database of all foreign researchers working in PNG is kept and maintained by the Council.
- **USP** (C. Slatter): There are six research clusters with pockets of gender work done via these clusters; they have a reward system for publishing in A-star journals. Claire is also part of the feminist DAWN network doing work on four themes.
- **New Zealand Institute of Pacific Research** (Y. Underhill-Sem): Research in Samoa investigating how bible groups and theological principles are used to tackle gender inequality.

Main issues from the discussion:

- Process for commissioning research needs to allow more time for genuine partnership brokering and engagement of local researchers throughout the process.

- Research is different from design work although needs to be an essential part of the design process.
- Programs and program design processes need to be able to define processes for identifying research points/interventions.
- Challenge faced by NGO publications in trying to get them published via journals.
- The Gender Research Portal currently being scoped provides the opportunity to make other gender research in the region easily available.

Session VII. Non-research components of research and better positioning the work of the AGR

Part A: The group focused on the broader question of research protocols and whether they were working for *Pacific Women*. Discussions focused on ethics, capacity building and partnerships as they are referred to in the Research Strategy.

Main issues from the discussion:

- IWDA model works with organisations in-country where research is conducted by local women's organisations but with donor funding.
- In PNG, ethical clearance is sought from the university/organisation, the provincial and research council. In addition, foreign researchers need special visa requirements.
- The document on ethical review process, that was recently published by ACFID¹ is out-of-date.
- Guidelines vs principles with agreement that principles will remain whereas guidelines may change as time goes. IWDA uses a feminist approach with specific requirements pulled out from the ACFID guidelines and incorporates ethics of feminist research and ethics of research to practice.
- Selection criteria for research proposals in the Research Strategy need to be strengthened in relation to capacity building and partnerships requirements and ensure these requirements are reflected in the ToR for commissioned research.
- Good practice that can be promoted.

The meeting agreed:

- To revise Annex 7 of the *Pacific Women* Research Strategy.
- Working group made up of Nicole, Betty, Heidi and Caroline would review and redraft Annex 7 and detail step by step process.
- Timeline - as soon as possible but before next 2018 meeting.
- To strengthen the selection criteria for research proposals in relation to capacity building and partnerships. Refer to the IWDA document to be shared by Caroline on looking at their feminist research framework.
- Linda to take the lead on revision and circulate to the group.
- Capacity building along with partnerships should become part of the proposal content of whoever is interested in doing the research. TORs should have capacity building and partnerships built into it.

Part B: The meeting broke into three working groups to discuss key pieces of work - Cash Transfer Program, Adolescent SRHR study and the AGR TOR.

Main issues/decisions/recommendations of the discussions are summarised below.

¹ ACFID – Australian Council for International Development

Feasibility Study: Development of a cash transfer program

- Clarify whether this piece of work is a research or a feasibility study. Currently, it is framed as a feasibility study and too broad.
- Revise and articulate research questions clearly and gather all the relevant existing literature.
- Suggest the work be conducted in two phases.
- **Phase 1:** Literature review noting do no harm approach for women who are receiving cash and the quality of the review needs to be systematic and carefully framed.
- **Phase 2:** Focus group meeting involving partners and practitioners knowledgeable in this field to review the findings and discuss next steps.
- Possible next phase could be a pilot of a cash transfer program through the crisis centres. These could provide an opportunity to conduct longitudinal action research to further investigate the issue.
- Recommend the regional network on Ending Violence against Women (EVAW) as a regional partner for Phase 1 and their advice sought on who might be best placed to carry out the literature review.
- Agreed this is a practical way of using organisations who are working in this region. Whilst the study is a narrow way of looking at a bigger issue, this is a small part of a bigger spectrum and should also include enabling environment (in both rural and urban settings) and capture knowledge from practitioners.
- SU to discuss way forward with DFAT.

Terms of Reference – Advisory Group on Research

- Co-chair arrangement
- Agreed on the need to maintain practice of feminist co-leadership.
- Voluntary nature and the engagement of the group in prioritising their inputs.
- Potential to utilise expertise of AGR members for reviewing products that are outside the research strategy and where AGR members have technical interest.
- Suggestion for members of the AGR to share their CVs with *Pacific Women* to ensure effective interaction.

Links and connection to the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Panel and Gender Panel and the potential that this is going beyond the initial scope of the AGR.

GEF Proposal - Adolescent SRHR study

- Early planning and well-informed partnerships is crucial given the sensitive nature associated with this research.
- Like the Cash Transfer study, a phased partnership approach was suggested.
- **Phase 1:** initial mapping exercise to identify what has been done or is being done in this field. Facilitate an online discussion based on the mapping to generate discussion among researchers and practitioners. Hold a one-day research symposium to define the research questions. This could potentially be held in conjunction with the Pacific Girl meeting scheduled for May (on Day 3).
- *Pacific Women* SU to develop ToR and call for proposals.
- A small AGR Reference group was established consisting of Yvonne, Claire and Kim. They volunteered to guide the initial stages of the research until a formal reference group is established.
- SU to discuss way forward with DFAT.

Session VIII: Generating ideas for research: based on updates in Day 1 and other opportunities

The group reviewed the list of research priorities and commented on their viability and appropriateness for implementation in 2018.

Main issues/Outcomes/Recommendations of the discussions are summarised below.

Priority 1: Balance of Power

- Agreed that N. Haley would represent the AGR on the Reference Group.

Priority 2: Feasibility Study: Development of a cash transfer program

- See Session VII Part B issues and decisions.

Priority 3: Mapping the Policy space

- Linked to 'building agency' pillar of *Pacific Women* and the topic needs further development.
- Agreed that it would be useful in the sense of talking about how change happens and would have special strategic value if linked to supporting feminist activist groups shaping policy and would need the involvement of feminist groups/coalitions.
- Agreed that it remains a priority but for 2019.
- Megan to lead revisions to the topic for further discussion in 2019.

Priority 4: Workplace sexual harassment

- SPC expressed interest in supporting this work as it is already considering pilots in consultation with three countries – Solomon Islands, RMI and Tuvalu linked to agriculture, public service commission and social cluster ministry/internal affairs.
- Suggest piloting in a focus area, e.g. public service, tourism.
- Suggested additional area of interest is 'stranger harassment'.
- Budget, timing and planning needs to be confirmed.
- Agreed to prioritise this work for 2019.
- Yvonne, Kim, Nicole, CARE rep would form the AGR working group.
- Suggest Jane Kesno, participate on behalf of the *Pacific Women* Advisory Board.
- Suggest hiring expertise to lead and manage and extended focus group to explore, scope and shape this work possibly through an extended concept note.
- CARE Asia resources would be useful in informing the process.

Priority 5: Civic Education

- Agreed to put this research on hold and learn from other developing initiatives that it could possibly be linked to such as Pacific Girl and RRRT work on civic education.

Priority 6: Adolescent SRHR study

- See Session VII Part B issues and decisions.

New research ideas generated by the AGR noting the feasibility of these ideas to be implemented by the Support Unit.

- **Disability and Poverty:** independent deprivation measure research is developing interesting information.
- **Organisational culture of women's organisations and organisations that work with women:** Developing better practice.
- **Rights, protections and constitutions:** learning lessons and supporting gender equality.
- **Resource management and gender:** is there a research focus perhaps linked to the economic empowerment of women; research may assess how to ground this area of work through solid frameworks, intersectionality, rights based focus to forge better understanding of how to address WEE, build agency and support other *Pacific Women* objectives. This may require revisiting and refreshing historical work, e.g. in Fisheries carried out in Samoa in 90s. Important to note that the considerable amount of ongoing environmental, climate change resource management work does not have a transformational theory of change or clear (if any) gender equality framework.
- **Profiling the public sector in PNG:** evidence shows improvement in central agencies but abysmal progress in line and provincial agencies. Provinces move toward autonomy if they meet certain requirements but criteria for gender responsiveness in service delivery or engagement of women in leadership and senior positions is low.
- **Food security and climate change:** re-examination of existing areas of work always highlights developing and emerging challenges. This is particularly linked to climate change and food security. Food security is an area where there is not enough information and there is a need for further research.
- **Bride price and VAW:** prioritised as this request came from the Advisory Board. Agreed that there was a need to carefully scope and define the research topic with the SU to follow up on seeking this clarification. Refer record of Agenda Item III discussion.
- **Additional topics linked to *Pacific Women*:** Six-month progress reports can identify new research areas based on trends.

Other issues/recommendations:

- Utilise the proposed Pacific Gender Research Portal to scope and prioritise research ideas/topics for *Pacific Women* once it is established and operating.
- Move towards collecting information by country or topic (environment, governance, etc.) using systematic methodology and categorisation system which is updated regularly.
- Eventually could host a live wiki-page that that annotates research, has a moderator and seeks views on research.
- Conduct rapid appraisal of recent *Pacific Women* research to identify further areas of research.

Session IX: AGR Terms of Reference and Working arrangements: for clarification and to identify any changes to the ToR

The meeting agreed:

- **Next meeting:** would be held in the first week of July, possibly 3-4 July, prior to the Pacific Update meeting at the University of the South Pacific.
- **Meeting agenda:** July meeting agenda to include a presentation on the Pacific Gender Research Portal Scoping Study by a member of the study team.
- **USP membership:** Margaret Mishra, Feminist Historian, USP be nominated to replace Claire Slatter on the AGR. Claire is retiring from USP in February. Yoko Kanemasu, Senior Lecturer in Sociology

and Deputy Head of the School of Social Sciences be nominated as her alternative in the place of Andreea Torre who left USP in late 2017.

- **Adding members to the group:** For additional member(s) from PNG, that the PNG research group be consulted through AGR member from UPNG, Betty Lovai. The current Co-Chair would respond formally to requests.
- **Support Unit working arrangements:** Working with the Support Unit on outcomes/actions of the meeting to be discussed and assessed by the SU and DFAT and fed back to the AGR through the current co-Chair. SU and DFAT need to assess work implications of current meeting and identify what is realistic.
- **Ethics working group** made up of Betty, Caroline, Heidi and Nicole.
- **Partnerships discussion** carried over to the next meeting.
- **Capacity development discussion** carried over to the next meeting.

Session X: Summary of actions and concluding comments

Part A: The meeting went through the implementation plan and agreed

In relation to KRA 1: (i) working group on ethics would present revised ethics guidelines at the next meeting. See Section IX for members of the working group. (Betty, Caroline, Heidi and Nicole)

In relation to KRA 2: (ii) further clarification on prioritisation of projects and working with the SU is work in progress. See section IX. (iii) 2018 priority projects are Cash Transfers Study and Adolescent SRHR. Refer Sections 7 & 8. Sexual harassment identified as a priority in 2019 and further clarification to be sought from the Advisory Board on Bride price and VAW research. (iv) Yvonne to further develop list of other potential research areas and modalities in addition to (v) developing a matrix to support categorisation of future research ideas arising from program analysis and learning.

In relation to KRA 3: (vi) Linda to work on further elaborating research selection criteria for distribution/comment by the AGR; (vii) share information on capacity building approaches prior to the next meeting.

In relation to KRA 4: (viii) develop and circulate table of upcoming events/opportunities to present research and connect with policy interventions; (ix) discuss Pacific Gender Research Portal study at the July meeting; (x) potentially use Pacific Girl convening as the first research dialogue event.

Part B: Reflections

All AGR members commended the meeting and valued the discussion and contribution of all the members and the Chair. They thanked the Support Unit for their contributions in terms of learning about the workings and the progress of the *Pacific Women* program and were particularly appreciative of the support leading up to and during the meeting.

The meeting expressed special appreciation to USP AGR members, Dr. Claire Slatter and Dr. Andreea Torre for their contributions to the development of *Pacific Women* Research Strategy and the formation of the AGR.

Annex 1 Workshop objectives

- Provide an update on the on the *Pacific Women* Research Strategy in the context of progress of *Pacific Women* over 2016/2017 and agree on next steps for 2018.
- Review and discuss the *Pacific Women* Research Advisory Group Terms of Reference and related issues, e.g. ways of working, co-chair, membership etc.
- Discuss and review *Pacific Women* Research Strategy implementation plan, provide feedback on key existing research activities and generate new research ideas.

Tuesday 23 January

Day 1: Pacific Women and research update	
8.30 AM	Arrival
9.00 -9.30	I. Introductions and workshop objectives Led by the AGR Chair, Yvonne Underhill-Sem
9.30 – 10.00	II. Setting the scene for the AGR meeting – how did we get here? Led by Linda Petersen, Pacific Women Support Unit Regional Engagement Adviser Chair: Yvonne Underhill-Sem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • Membership and Chair arrangements • Research Strategy Update • Declarations of conflict of interest • Questions and discussion
10.00 – 10.30	III. Pacific Women Support Unit Update – the program context for AGR work Led by DFAT and the Pacific Women Support Unit Chair: Yvonne Underhill-Sem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program progress • Program evaluations – Year 3 and Support Unit • Questions and discussion
10.30-11.00	Morning Tea
11.00-11.30	Pacific Women Support Unit Update continues – the program context for AGR work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant recommendations from Pacific Women Advisory Board and Program Management Committee Meetings held in 2017 • Demonstration of upgraded Pacific Women research website – Amali Shaw, Knowledge Management and Research Officer • Questions and discussions
11.00 - 11.30	IV. Pacific Women Research strategy update Led by Amali Shaw and Linda Petersen Chair: Yvonne Underhill-Sem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation plan • Triennial Conference of Pacific Women 2017 • Research priority areas • Research project reference groups
12.30-1.30	Lunch
1.30 – 3.00	V. Update on Pacific Women research/studies Led by DFAT and Pacific Women Support Unit Chair: Yvonne Underhill-Sem

Day 1: Pacific Women and research update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Last Taboo: completed research on menstruation management in the Pacific • Do No Harm: SSGM& IWDA • Gender Equality Fund Research submission: I'm not planning a family?" The sexual and reproductive health needs and rights of young people. • Balance of power design – increasing women's participation and voice in political processes program • Pacific Gender Research Portal Scoping Study • Feasibility Study: Development of a cash transfer program and alternatives for survivors of violence – feedback on TOR, recommendations on limited tender approach and way forward. • Other research being commissioned by Pacific Women but not included in the AGR agenda
3.00 -3.30	Afternoon Tea
3.30 – 4.45	<p>VI. Update on broader research developments in the region to gain a wider understanding of gender research in the Pacific region</p> <p>Led by Yvonne Underhill-Sem Chair: Linda Petersen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New research initiatives since April 2017, e.g. Pacific Research Program, ANU College of Asia & the Pacific (N Haley); knNOwVAWdata, UNFPA and University of Melbourne (K Diemer) • Other initiatives that members of the AGR may be involved in or know about • Opportunities these initiatives present to Pacific Women in terms of partnerships, capacity building and influencing policy • Questions and discussion
4.45 – 5.00	Reflections and close of Day 1

Wednesday 24 January

Day 2: Future planning and moving forward	
9.00-9.30	Wrap up from Day 1 and introduction to Day 2
9.30 – 10.30	<p>VII. Non-research components of research and better positioning the work of the AGR</p> <p>Led by members of the AGR Chair: Yvonne Underhill-Sem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research protocols and are they working for Pacific Women? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ethics - Capacity building - Partnerships • Good practice that can be promoted • Action points to be mapped against the Implementation Plan for 2018
10.30 - 11.00	Morning Tea
11.00- 12.30	<p>Non-research components of research and better positioning of the work of the AGR (cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and discussion • Summary

Day 2: Future planning and moving forward	
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch
1.30-3.00	VIII. Generating ideas for research: based on updates in Day 1 and other opportunities Led by members of the AGR Chair: Yvonne Underhill-Sem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the AGR members in developing and drafting future research initiatives and proposals • Role of the AGR in identifying and mentoring Pacific researchers in future research • Identify research areas we want to see progress, prioritise initiatives for the next year.
3.00-3.30	Afternoon Tea
3.30-4.30	IX. AGR Terms of Reference and Working arrangements: for clarification and to identify any changes to the ToR Led by Yvonne Underhill-Sem Chair: Pacific Women Support Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of co-chair • Membership, availability & conflicts • Ways of working together and with the Support Unit • Responsibilities of members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Input to research proposals and ToRs ○ Ethics committees ○ Capacity building ○ Partnerships ○ Communications (public and policy)
4.30-5.00	X. Concluding session Led by Amali Shaw and Linda Petersen Chair: Yvonne Underhill-Sem Key outcomes and recommendations. Reflections on the meeting. Meeting ends

Annex 2 Upcoming events, relevant to Pacific gender research and AGR

2018
January
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pacific Women Advisory Group on Research meeting, Suva, 23-24 Jan
February
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Australasian Aid Conference, Canberra, 11-13 Feb ▪ Pacific Health Governance Workshop, Brisbane, 15-17 Feb ▪ Do No Harm learning event, Solomon Islands, 21-22 Feb ▪ Do No Harm learning event, Buka, late Feb ▪ Do No Harm learning event, Port Moresby, late Feb
March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do No Harm learning event, Goroka, week of 19 Mar ▪ CSW62, rural women focus, New York City, 12-23 Mar ▪ CSW62 side event, Micronesian Women's Conference Declaration, Mar ▪ We Rise Coalition side event, TBC
April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do No Harm learning event, Australia, week of 9-13 Apr ▪ Forum Economic Ministers Meeting, Palau (Dates TBC)
May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pacific Girl: ▪ Regional Girls Meeting 14-15 May ▪ Pacific Girl Stakeholders Dialogue 16-17/18 May (TBC) ▪ Adolescent SRHR research meeting 18 May (TBC)
July
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pacific Women Advisory Group on Research meeting, Suva, 3-4 Jul (TBC) ▪ Pacific Update, USP, Suva, 5-6 Jul ▪ Commission on Gender and Geography of the International Geographical Union workshop, Auckland, 9 Jul ▪ NZ Geographical Society & Institute of Australian Geographers meeting, Auckland, 10-12 Jul
September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State of the Pacific Conference, ANU, 5-7 Sep
December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NZ Dev-Net Conference, Canterbury, 3-5 Dec ▪ New Zealand Institute of Pacific Research Symposium, Auckland, 29-30 Dec

Other opportunities, to be considered:

- Forum regional meetings, e.g. FEMM
- SPC regional meetings, TBC
- Regional workshop on gender analysis, TBC
- Global Gender Statistics Forum, Nov/Dec, TBC
- USP 50th Anniversary – key dates – conference TBC
- Key national Parliament meetings
- APEC – any relevant meetings, or side events
- PACER+ -- any relevant meetings
- *Pacific Women PNG Annual Partners Meeting*
- *Pacific Women Advisory Board meeting*
- *PWNAVAW meeting, TBC*

Annex 3 Implementation Plan

– Refer p 9 of the Research Strategy