

Triennial's 'Snakes and Ladders' side event maps the advances and pitfalls of women's empowerment

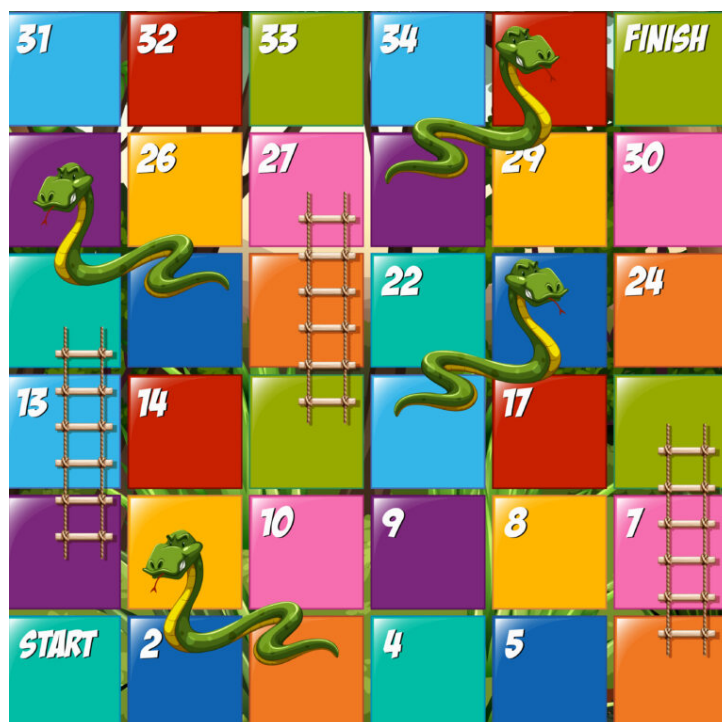
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This Triennial, participants joined an interactive side event to map economic pathways to women's empowerment through a 'Snakes and Ladders' tool.

'From participation to power: mapping economic pathways to women's empowerment' was one of the side events in the margins of the 14th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women, from 27-29 April. It featured panelists from Vanuatu Skills Partnership, CARE International in Papua New Guinea and *Pacific Women* using the 'Snakes and Ladders' tool to share their approaches, plus the enablers and barriers, to women's economic empowerment (WEE).



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This interactive and engaging session focussed on strategic and practical measures to enhance WEE in the Pacific region. Participants were able to share and learn about successful, practical approaches that amplify women's voices and value the critical economic role of women in the Pacific. It showcased practical, successful approaches for empowering women economically, shared by Pacific practitioners and community implementers in Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu. The models are effective for replication and scale-up and can be used to inform national policy action and to improve practice and implementation.

The *Pacific Women* event was held on 22 April at 11:30am (Fiji time), in partnership with CARE PNG and Vanuatu Skills Partnership. [More details are available on the event poster.](#)

Guests speakers were:

- Fremden Shadrack, Vanuatu Skills Partnership
- Elsie Mongoru, CARE International in Papua New Guinea
- Gabriella Marimyas, *Pacific Women* Support Unit.

14th Triennial Conference

The virtual 14th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women, 27-29 April, will be followed by the 7th Meeting of Pacific Ministers for Women, 4 May. Both meetings will comprise of policy decision makers and representatives from 22 member Pacific Island Countries (PICTS) of the Pacific Community (SPC) along with other stakeholders.

The Triennial will provide a space to analyse implementation of gender commitments against the impact of COVID-19.