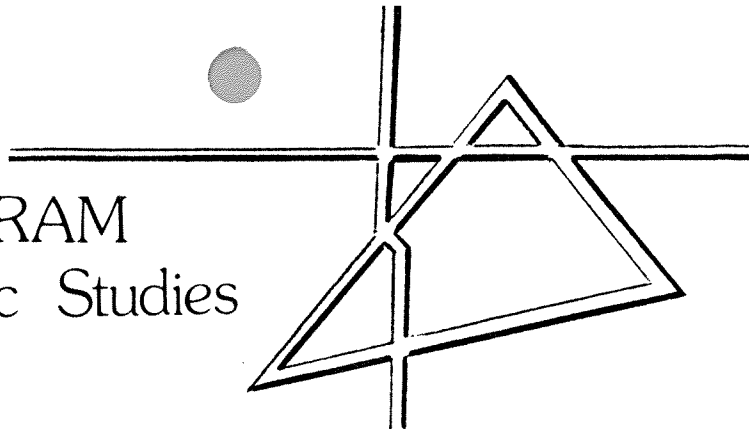


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SPECIAL EDITION: ACRONYMS

Introduction

This issue of the Pacific Islands Studies Program Newsletter consists of a list of acronyms in wide use throughout the Pacific. It is certainly not an exhaustive list; and is not meant to be. My aim was to create a handy reference to prominent organizations working in the Pacific. I tried to avoid trivia and esoterica, however some important organizations have undoubtedly been omitted. As always, I call upon our readers for additions and corrections. If there is sufficient response, I will update and reissue the list six months from now.

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Explanation of Abbreviations

The initials in parentheses following the name of the organizations indicate the following:

- IO: International Organization.
- RO: Regional Organization.
- NGO: Non-Governmental Organization.
- PIO: Pacific Islands Country/Territorial Organizations and Agencies Serving the Pacific.
- MCO: Metropolitan Country Institutions, Organizations and Agencies Serving the Pacific.

UN FAMILY (IO)

ESCAP: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UN Regional Program for Asia and the Pacific. As of 1984,
Pacific office in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

CCOP-SOPAC: Committee for Co-ordination of Joint
Prospecting for Mineral Resources in Asian Off-Shore Areas -
South Pacific

EPOC: ESCAP Pacific Operations Center.
Port Vila Office

ILO: International Labor Organization
Based in Suva.

UNEP: UN Environmental Program
Regional office in Suva.

UNDAT: UN Development Advisory Team
Operated out of EPOC office in Vila. Provides short term
consultants.

FAO: Food and Agricultural Organization
Regional Office in Apia; Fisheries Coordinator in Suva.

WFP: World Food Program.
Provides relief food; part of FAO.

- WHO: World Health Organization
Regional Office in Manila
- WMO: World Meteorological Organization
Membership organization with limited Pacific membership.
- UNPEDP: UN Pacific Energy Development Program
Regional Office in Suva. Provides technical and policy assistance on energy planning and development.
- UNDRO: UN Disaster Relief Office
Responsible for coordination of UN disaster assistance. Administered in the Pacific through UNDP Resident Representatives.
- UNDP: UN Development Program
Most heavily funded of the UN family. Has both regional and country programs. Regional Representatives in Apia and Suva; Resident Representative in Port Moresby.
- UNCHS or UNHABITAT: UN Centre for Human Settlements
Headquarters in Nairobi.
- UNCTAD: UN Council on Trade and Development
Headquarters in Geneva. Serves General Assembly.
- UNIDO: UN Industrial Development Organization
Based in Suva.
- UNHCR: UN High Commissioner on Refugees
- UNICEF: When established in 1946, the letters stood for UN International Children's Emergency Fund. Since 1950 it stands simply for United Nations Children's Fund.
- UNESCO: UN Educational and Social Council
New Regional Office in Apia.
- ITU: International Telecommunications Union
An office operates in Suva.

UNCTC: UN Center on Transnational Corporations
New York based. No field offices. Provides technical assistance and research on transnational corporations.

UNFPA: UN Fund for Population Activities
Regional Office in Suva.

WORLD BANK FAMILY (IO)

World Bank Group

IBRD: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Known as World Bank. Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

EDI: Economic Development Institute
Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

IFC: International Finance Corporation
Does project analysis and takes equity in private sector projects in developing countries.

IDA: International Development Association
Makes concessionary loans to the poorest countries.

IMF: International Monetary Fund
Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

USP: University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji (RO)
Main campus in Suva. Serves eleven participating countries.

IMR: USP Institute of Marine Resources
On main campus.

INR: Institute of Natural Resources
On main campus.

IDR: Institute for Rural Development
Based in Tonga.

SSED: School of Social and Economic Development
On main campus.

SNR: School of Natural Resources
On main campus.

SOE: School of Education
On main campus.

ISAS: Institute of Social and Administrative Studies
On main campus.

IRETA: Institute for Research, Education, and Training in Agriculture
Based at School of Agriculture, Western Samoa.

IPS: Institute of Pacific Studies
On main campus.

PLU: Pacific Languages Unit
Based in Vanuatu.

PIC: Pacific Information Centre
On main campus.

Alafua College: USP College of Agriculture
Based at Alafua, Western Samoa.

USP Centres: USP regional centers
Located in ten Pacific Countries

USPSA: USP Student Association
On Main campus.

ANU: Australian National University (MCO)
Based in Canberra.

RSPacS: Research School of Pacific Studies

DSC: Development Studies Centre

CREs: Centre for Renewable Energy Studies

UPNG: University of Papua New Guinea (PIO)
Based in Port Moresby.

ERU: Educational Research Unit

MIRD: Motupore Island Research Department

UNITEC: Papua New Guinea University of Technology (PIO)
Based in Lae.

UH: University of Hawaii (MCO)

CAPS: Center for Asian and Pacific Studies
Coordinates activities of UH Programs in Pacific Islands Studies, Asian Studies and Philippines Studies.

CRDG: Curriculum Research and Development Group
Conducts curriculum research for schools in Hawaii and Pacific.

HIMB: Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology
Research programs in marine biology including fisheries and aquaculture.

HITAHR: Hawaii Institute of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
Programs to promote agriculture in Hawaii and the Pacific.

SPRAD Program: South Pacific Regional Agricultural Development Program
UH/Cornell - USAID funded program.

HNEI: Hawaii Natural Energy Institute
Works with federal, state, county, and private industry etc. in renewable energy activities.

PICHTR: Pacific International Center for High Tech Research
New organization to promote high technology research, manufacture, and applications in Hawaii and the Pacific.

PIP (also PISP): Pacific Islands Studies Program
Multidisciplinary masters degree program in Pacific Islands Studies.

PIMS: Pacific Islands Monograph Series
Published by UH Press for Pacific Islands Studies
Program.

SSRI: Social Science Research Institute
Research Unit conducting research and publishing in social
sciences and linguistics.

UOG: University of Guam

CALS: College of Agriculture and Life Science

CAS: College of Arts and Sciences

COE: College of Education

CPBA: College of Business and Public Administration

MARC: Micronesia Area Research Center

WERI: Water, Energy Research Institute

COM: College of Micronesia (PIO)
Main campus in Ponape. Satellite campuses in Palau, Marshalls and
Northern Marianas.

MOC: Micronesian Occupational Center
Based in Palau. Part of College of Micronesia.

CCM: Community College of Micronesia
Based in Ponape.

EAST- WEST CENTER

EWC: East-West Center (MCO)
 Headquarters in Honolulu. Research and educational institution with an international board of governors.

PIDP: Pacific Islands Development Program
 Serves as research arm and secretariat for PIC. Operates as an RO.

Each of East West Center's institutes listed below have Pacific related projects:

EWPI: East-West Population Institute

EWRSI: East-West Resource Systems Institute

EWEAPI: East-West Environment and Policy Institute

EWICC: East-West Institute for Culture and Communications

SAOG: Student Affairs and Open Grants

ACP: Africa Caribbean and the Pacific (IO)
 Former colonies of EEC countries tied to EEC through Lome Conventions.

ADAB: Australian Development Assistance Bureau (MCO)
 Based in Canberra and at diplomatic missions. Australia's development assistance agency.

AODRO: Australian Overseas Disaster Relief Organization (Australian NGO)
 Headquarters in Sydney. Consortium of NGOs supported by ADAB .

ADB: Asian Development Bank (IO)
 Regional Office in Port Vila; main office in Manila.

ANZAC: Australian and New Zealand Army Corps

- ANZUS: Australia, New Zealand and United States
Security pact.
- ARC: American Red Cross (US NGO)
Headquarters in Washington. Has assisted Pacific Red Cross societies.
- ASAO: American Society for Anthropology in Oceania (MCO)
- ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations (RO)
- AVA: Australian Volunteers Abroad
Australian development volunteer-sending agency.
- CDC: Commonwealth Development Corporation (MCO)
Joint ventures development corporation supported by government in the U.K.
- CHOGRM: Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting (RO)
Secretariat in London.
- CIDA: Canadian International Development Agencies (MCO)
Headquarters in Canada. Pacific region served from Wellington High Commission. CIDA is the Canadian aid agency.
- CIIMA: Coordinated Investigation of Micronesian Anthropology
Research effort mounted after World War II.
- CINCPACFLT: Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet
U.S. Navy command center in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- COMSEC: Commonwealth Secretariat (IO)
Headquarters in London. Provides technical assistance to commonwealth countries.
- CFTC: Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation
Supports technical services and fellowships in commonwealth countries.
- CNEOXO: Centre National pour l'Exploitation des Oceans (MCO)
French organization. National Center for Oceanic Research.

- CNMI: Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands
- CUSO: Canadian University Service Overseas (MCO)
Canadian development volunteer-sending agency.
- DAWR: Division of Aquatic Wildlife Resources
Guam.
- DBWS: Development Bank of Western Samoa
- DOI: (U.S.) Department of the Interior
- EDB: European Development Bank (IO)
Based in Belgium. Provides capital for development at commercial rates.
- EEC: European Economic Communities (IO)
Regional representative in Suva. Largely concerned with Lome Convention involving EEC and ACP countries.
- IDC: International Development Corporation
Joint venture support for developing countries.
- FFA: Forum Fisheries Agency (RO)
Based in Honiara, Reports to SPF. Assists governments with preparations for fisheries negotiations and advises governments on fisheries matters.
- FSM: Federated States of Micronesia
Includes Yap, Truk, Ponape and Kosrae.
- FSP: Foundation for the Peoples of the South Pacific (US NGO)
Headquarters in New York City. Country offices in some Pacific countries.
- IASER: Institute of Applied Social and Economic Research (PIO)
Based in Port Moresby; government supported research unit.
- ICOD: International Council for Ocean Development (Canadian MCO)
Headquarters in Ottawa.

- IDRC: International Development Research Centre (Canadian MCO)
Headquarters in Ottawa. Supports development of third world research institutions.
- IHAP: International Human Assistance Program (US NGO)
Headquarters in New York City. Country offices in some Pacific countries.
- IIE: Institute for International Education
Headquarters in New York. Administers part of Fulbright Program.
- INA: Institute for National Affairs (PIO)
Based in Port Moresby; private sector research institute.
- IPNG: Institute of Papua New Guinea Studies (PIO)
Based in Port Moresby.
- MMOC: Micronesia Mariculture Demonstration Center
Based in Palau.
- MPRL: Mid Pacific Research Laboratory
- EMBL: Eniwetok Marine Biological Laboratory
- ODA: Overseas Development Agency (MCO)
UK development assistance agency based in London.
- ORSTOM: Office De La Recherche Scientifique et Technique Outre-Mer (French MCO)
Offices in Noumea and Papeete.
- OTEC: Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion
- OTIA: Office of Territorial and International Affairs (MCO)
U.S. Department of Interior office with responsibilities for programs in U.S. Territories and emerging entities of Micronesia.
- PBDC: Pacific Basin Development Council (RO)
Headquarters in Honolulu. Serves as secretariat to council of Governors from U.S. Pacific territories and Hawaii.
- PFFDF: Pacific Fisheries Development Foundation
Provides funding for fisheries development activities.

- PFL: Pacific Forum Line (RO)
Regional shipping line owned by Forum country governments.
Headquarters in Wellington, New Zealand.
- PIA: Pacific Islands Association (NGO)
Forum for discussion of issues affecting Pacific Island
countries. Headquarters in New York.
- PIC: Pacific Islands Conference (RO)
Heads of Government body with a Standing Committee of eight
leaders. Secretariat and research arm is PIDP in Honolulu.
- PIILS: Pacific Information and Library Services Newsletter
Published by UH Graduate School of Library Studies.
- PIM: Pacific Islands Monthly
News magazine of the Pacific; published in Sydney.
- PSA: Pacific Science Association
- PSB: Pacific Science Board
- ICCM/ICCP: Insect/Invertebrate Control Committee of Micronesia/Pacific
- PSIC: Pacific Science Information Center (MCO)
Bishop Museum, Honolulu.
- PTC: Pacific Telecommunications Council (International NGO)
To promote understanding and beneficial use of telecommunications
in the Pacific region. Located in Honolulu.
- QANTAS: Queensland and Northern Territory Air Services
Australia's national airline.
- RIO: Foundation for the Reorganization of the International Order (NGO)
European operated foundation with Pacific development interest.
- RMI: Republic of the Marshall Islands
- SCF: Save the Children Fund (US NGO)
Headquarters in Westport, Connecticut. Country offices in some
countries.

- SPARTECA:** South Pacific Area Regional Trade and Economic Cooperation Agreement
Provides import concessions to Pacific Island countries to Australia and New Zealand.
- SPC:** South Pacific Commission (RO)
Headquarters in Noumea, Secretariat of South Pacific Conference.
- SPEC:** South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (RO)
Headquarters in Suva; Secretariat of South Pacific Forum.
- PRAS:** Pacific Regional Advisory Service (RO)
Based at SPEC in Suva. Provides referrals of regional experts.
- SPF:** South Pacific Forum (RO)
Heads of Government body for the South Pacific.
- SPIA:** South Pacific Island Airways
- SPREP:** South Pacific Regional Environmental Program (RO)
Based at SPC in Noumea; a joint SPC/SPEC effort.
- SPTC:** South Pacific Trade Centre
Major trade center for Pacific products in Sydney.
- SPTDC:** South Pacific Telecommunications Development Program
Based at SPEC in Suva.
- The League:** The League of Red Cross Societies (International NGO)
Headquarters in Geneva.
- TTPI:** Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (US MCO)
Old US Trust Territory administration in Micronesia.
- USAID:** US Agency for International Development (MCO)
Regional Office in Suva; Main Office in Washington.
- OFDA:** Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance
Specialized office based in Washington.
- OPIC:** Overseas Private Investment Corporation
Promotes U.S. investment abroad and provides guarantees.

PRE: Bureau for Private Enterprise
Central bureau in Washington.

TDP: Trade and Development Program
Promotes U.S. investment for development.

SPRDO: South Pacific Regional Development Office
Regional Office in the Pacific in Suva for USAID.

S & T: Science and Technology Bureau
Central Bureau in Washington.

EXIMBANK:
Provides export financing for U.S. manufacturers and industries.

USIA: US Information Agency (MCO)
Headquarters in Washington.

VOA: Voice of America
Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

VSA: Volunteer Services Abroad
New Zealand development volunteer-sending agency.

VSO: Volunteer Services Overseas
British development volunteer-sending agency.

WESTPAC: Western Pacific Fisheries Development Council (MCO)
Headquarters in Honolulu. Public sector/private sector fisheries
management council.

"Not to be confused with..."

FSM: Federated States of Micronesia (PIO)

FSM: Fiji School of Medicine (RO)

PTC: Pacific Telecommunications Council (RO)

PTC: Pacific Theological College (NGO)

PCC: Pacific Conference of Churches (NGO)

PCC: Polynesian Cultural Center (MCO)

IPS: Institute of Pacific Studies (University of the South Pacific)

IPS: Institute for Polynesian Studies (Brigham Young U., Hawaii Campus.)

IPS: Institute for Policy Studies (Victoria University, Wellington, N.Z.)

PIC: Pacific Islands Conference

PIC: Pacific Information Centre

MARC: Micronesia Area Research Center

MARC: Marianas Association for Retarded Children

MARC: Marianas Association of Retired Citizens

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