Pacific Feminist Fund Welcomes Three New Trustees to Its Board

The Pacific Feminist Fund(PFF) is pleased towelcomeBhavisha Lal, Edwina Kotoisuva and Razia Daud as new Trusteesto its Board.

Their appointments strengthen the Fund's collective leadership, bringing diverse expertise, perspectives and experiences from across the Pacific and its diaspora. Together, the Board will continue to advance PFF's commitment to resourcing feminist movements, strengthening collective power and advancing gender justice across the region.

> *"We warmly welcome Bhavisha, Edwina and Razia to the PFF Board. Each brings valuable knowledge, leadership and lived experience that will enrich our collective work. We look forward to building relationships, sharing learning and working together to strengthen the feminist movements driving change across our region,"* said Co-Lead Michelle Reddy.

Welcoming Our New Trustees

Bhavisha Lal

Bhavisha is a Chartered Accountant with nearly 17 years of experience across Fiji, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. She brings expertise in finance, governance, risk management and strategy, alongside a commitment to accountable, people-centred leadership and the responsible stewardship of resources.

Edwina Kotoisuva

Based in Manila, Edwina Kotoisuva is a Gender Specialist with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), bringing more than 25 years of experience in gender-based violence prevention, gender equality, and social inclusion across the Pacific. She spent 12 years in Papua New Guinea (PNG), supporting law and justice programmes to improve outcomes for women and girls. Prior to this, Edwina spent 19 years with the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre, including 13 years as Deputy Coordinator, while concurrently serving as Project Manager of the Vanuatu Women's Centre. Throughout her career, Edwina has contributed to the collective struggle for women's rights, safety, dignity and equality, working alongside women, feminist advocates and communities to challenge gender-based violence, strengthen women's agency and advance gender justice across the Pacific.

Razia Daud

Razia is a senior risk and governance professional based in Wellington with expertise in risk management, compliance, assurance and organisational accountability. With strong connections to the Pacific diaspora, she brings perspectives on identity, belonging and the importance of relationships across Pacific communities. Her work is grounded in the belief that accountable governance and strong organisational systems can advance equity, justice and collective wellbeing.



PFF Board and Team at the AGM & Board Meeting 28 October 2026 in Vanua Levu, Fiji.

Collective Leadership, Collective Power

The three new Trusteesjoina Board whosemembers bringdiverseexperience across feminist leadership, human rights, gender justice, research, policy andcommunity advocacy.

The Board comprises:

- **Afu Billy** (Solomon Islands) – Human rights defender and President of the Solomon Islands National Council of Women.
- **Dr Fiona Hukula** (Papua New Guinea) – Gender Specialist at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.
- **Merewalesi (Mere) Nailatikau** (Fiji) – Development practitioner, researcher, writer and Principal Consultant with Talanoa Consulting.
- **Professor Yvonne Underhill-Sem** (Cook Islands/New Zealand) – Pacific feminist decolonial development geographer and academic at the University of Auckland.
- **Bhavisha Lal, Edwina Kotoisuva and Razia Daud** – Newly appointed Trustees.

Together,the Board reflects the diversity, knowledge andcollective leadership of women across the Pacific and its diaspora.

Acknowledging a Founding Contribution

As wewelcomeour newTrustees, we also take this opportunitytoacknowledge and sincerely thank Virisila Buadromo, outgoing Trusteeand Co-Chair, for her invaluable contribution to the founding and establishment of the Pacific Feminist Fund.

Virisila has played an important role in shaping the Fund and building the foundations of a Pacific-led feminist funding institution. Her leadership, commitment and contribution to strengthening feminist movements across the region have helped make PFF what it is today.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation for her vision, solidarity and the legacy she leaves with the Fund.

As PFF enters this next chapter, we remain committed to collective leadership, solidarity and shared learning, continuing to resource and strengthen feminist movements across the Pacific.

We warmly welcome Bhavisha, Edwina and Razia. We are honoured to have them join our collective and look forward to the work ahead.

About the Pacific Feminist Fund

ThePacific Feminist Fund is a Pacific-led feminist fund dedicated to resourcing and strengthening feminist movements, organisations and activists acrossthe Pacific.Grounded in feminist principles, Pacific values and solidarity, PFF works to ensure that women, girls and gender-diverse people have the resources, power and support to shape their own futures and advance gender justice across the region.