

INTRODUCTION

The Pacific Network ("Pazifik-Netzwerk e.V.") is a non-profit association registered in Germany. It serves as a platform for people of various backgrounds from all over Germany and other German-speaking countries who have a joint interest in the Pacific Islands region, including scientists, professionals and people who used to live in the region.

The main objective of the Network is to inform about and raise awareness on the political, socio-economic, cultural and environmental situation in Pacific Island countries. Appreciation for the Pacific way of life and its cultural values with the aim to contribute to a better and peaceful mutual understanding is at the heart of our efforts.

With regular publications and newsletters, exhibitions, cultural presentations, seminars and conferences, the Network wants to enlarge public knowledge on Oceania. The Network also aims to offer expertise to decision-makers and media and to provide a platform for cultural exchange. Activities take place on regional, national and, in cooperation with our partners, international level. Issues on the agenda of the Network include e.g. climate change and sustainable development, resource extraction, deep sea mining, the legacy of nuclear testing in the Pacific and struggles for political independence, e.g. in West Papua.

The Network was founded in 1988 by several Pacific Islands solidarity groups in Germany. With currently more than 200 members, the association can be considered one of Germany's most important think tanks on Oceania. The Network is politically and religiously independent.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the German Pacific Network is possible both for individuals and for institutions. Membership can be requested on our homepage: www.pazifik-netzwerk.org/.

Annual fee for membership is 50€, and 20€ for students and retirees. All members quarterly receive the German-language news magazines "Pazifik-Aktuell" and "Pazifik-Rundbrief".

PACIFIC INFORMATION DESK AND OCEANIA-DIALOGUE

The Pacific Network was instrumental in establishing the Pacific Information Desk (Pazifik-Informationsstelle) and "Ozeanien-Dialog".

Based at "Mission EineWelt" in Neuendettelsau (Southern Germany) and funded by faith-based organizations and the Pacific Network, the *Pacific Information Desk* aims to inform the German-speaking public on important economic, social and environmental events in the Pacific region. It also publishes in close collaboration with its partners, including the Pacific Network, the German language news magazine "Pazifik-Aktuell" and the "Pazifik-Rundbrief". The "Ozeanien-Dialog" aims to strengthen Pacific voices in Europe. It collaborates with communities, non-governmental organizations and churches in Oceania on resource and climate justice as well as human rights in order to make sure that their interests are getting heard by policy-makers in Germany and Europe. The association is based in Hamburg.

Further information can be found at: www.pazifik-infostelle.org; www.ozeanien-dialog.de

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