



## Global Youth Biodiversity Network Pacific – Briefing Document.

### **Background**

The Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) is the official international youth constituency of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). As a globally recognized platform, GYBN enables youth to actively engage in biodiversity-related decision-making processes.

Committed to biodiversity conservation, GYBN connects youth organizations and individuals worldwide to amplify their voices in biodiversity governance. Recognizing the Pacific region's exceptional biodiversity and the vital role of youth in conservation, the **GYBN Pacific Chapter** has been established to promote youth-led regional collaboration, dialogue, and action.

This initiative aligns with the objectives of the CBD and Global Biodiversity Framework, aiming to enhance youth involvement in policy development, advocacy, and conservation efforts.

### **Vision**

Empowering Pacific youth to champion biodiversity conservation, integrating traditional knowledge, and promoting inclusive and innovative actions for resilient communities and ecosystems.

### **Mission**

To empower Pacific youth through education, leadership, and community engagement in biodiversity conservation, while fostering coordination across Pacific Island nations.

### **Structure**

The GYBN Pacific Chapter operates autonomously, allowing collaboration with various organizations while maintaining alignment with regional priorities.

Key strategic partners include:

- **Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)** – serving as the secretariat and supporting alignment with regional environmental priorities.
- **Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT)** – offering strategic collaboration opportunities.

Together, these partners strengthen regional and national engagement and reinforce youth participation in conservation efforts.

### **Roadmap for the GYBN Pacific Chapter**

#### **1. Meeting to Finalise Documents (Month 1)**

Working Group to meet and finalize the current Framework, eligibility criteria and the roadmap planning.

#### **2. Launching of the Chapter (Month 2)**

- ✓ Plan a launch event to introduce the GYBN Pacific Chapter to the community.
- ✓ Create online platforms and launch.
- ✓ Create promotional materials (flyers, social media posts, press releases) to generate interest.
- ✓ Invite local leaders, environmental activists, and community members to participate.
- ✓ Highlight the goals of the Chapter and how individuals can get involved.
- ✓ Set up a membership registration process for interested participants.
- ✓ Election of the board of members.

#### **3. 1st Board Members Meeting (Month 3)**

- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting- online
- ✓ Schedule the first Board meeting to discuss the vision, mission, and objectives of the GYBN Pacific Chapter.
- ✓ Identify key roles and responsibilities for Board members.
- ✓ Set a timeline for upcoming activities.
- ✓ Discuss potential partnerships and collaborations with local organizations and stakeholders.
- ✓ Establish communication channels and strategies for outreach.

#### **4. Webinar Series on Biodiversity (Month 3-5)**

- ✓ Schedule monthly webinars focusing on various aspects of biodiversity, including conservation, sustainable practices, and local ecosystems.
- ✓ Identify and invite expert speakers from academia, NGOs, and government agencies.
- ✓ Promote the webinars through social media, newsletters, and community boards.
- ✓ Record sessions for future access and create a resource library for members.

#### **5. Evaluation and Feedback (Month 6)**

- ✓ After each event, gather feedback from participants to assess the effectiveness and areas for improvement.
- ✓ Regularly review the progress of the Chapter's initiatives and adjust plans as necessary.
- ✓ Celebrate successes and recognize contributions from members and partners.