



FTUC 17th Youth Conference
Saturday, 2nd April, 2022
FTUC Conference Room, Suva

Attendance:

NO.	NAMES	Union / Organization	Delegates / Observer
1.	Rimal Kumar	FASA	D
2.	Soko Veilawa	FFATU	D
3.	Shiu Bimal	FHAIEU	D
4.	Jone Rokowaqa	FHAIEU	O
5.	Steven Sanjesh Ram	FTU	D
6.	Satya Jeet Singh	FTU	D
7.	Nandita Shobita Kumar	FTU	D
8.	Penina Veidre	NUFCW	D
9.	Waisea Yabakidua	NUFCW	D
10.	Miliakere Qalo	NUFCW	D
11.	Vatiseva V	NUFCW	D
12.	Mererai Vatege	NUW	D
13.	Sairusi Masi	NUW	D
14.	Vanshika Vayshali	NUW	D
15.	Rebecca Virend	NUW	O
16.	Sailosi Buadromo	NUHCTIE	D
17.	Vilimone Naqarase	NUMW	D
<u>Total Women's Attended</u>			6
<u>Total Men Attended</u>			11
FTUC Secretariat			
1.	Jotika Sharma		
2.	Nilesh Sharma		
3.	Shivani Nair		
4.	Adi		
5.	Swaran		

Total Delegates: 15

Guests: -

Total Observers: 2

Secretariat: 5

Total No. of Participants: 22

**MINUTES OF THE 17th FTUC YOUTH CONFERENCE HELD AT FTUC
CONFERENCE ROOM, SUVA ON Saturday, 2nd April, 2022**

1.0 Opening: Qourums, Welcoming and Apologies

The meeting commenced after Sister Mererai Vatege (Chair, FTUC Youth Committee) welcomed everyone present at the meeting.

Sister Mererai Vatege, Chair, FTUC Youth Committee mentioned apologies from the following Unions:

1. CMGWU
2. USPSU
3. FLGOA
4. FNUWA

2.0 Meeting Minutes and Matters Arising

- Sister Penina Veidre, Assistant General Secretary FTUC Youth Committee presented the meeting minutes of the 17th Youth Conference held at the FTUC Conference room on the 14th of March, 2020.
- The meeting minutes presented was moved by Brother Shiu Bimal, FHAIEU and seconded by Brother Waisea Yabakidua, NUFCW.

3.0 Election of Committees (Credentials/Resolutions/Scrutineers)

i. Appointment of the Credentials Committee

The following persons were appointment in the Credentials Committee:

1. Sister Latileta Gaga, Assistant National Secretary, FTUC
2. Brother Satya Jeet Singh, FTU
3. Brother Nilesh Sharma, FTUC

ii. Appointment of Resolutions Committee

The following persons were appointment in the Resolutions Committee:

1. Sister Swaran Singh, FTUC
2. Sister Mererai Vatege, NUW
3. Sister Vatiseva V, NUFCW

iii. Appointment of the Scrutineers Committee

The following persons were appointment in the Credentials Committee:

1. Sister Latileta Gaga, Assistant National Secretary, FTUC
2. Brother Nilesh Sharma, FTUC
3. Sister Jotika Sharma, FTUC
4. Sister Nandita Shobita Kumar, FTU

4.0 Activities Report for 2020– 2022

- The activities report was presented by Sister Mererai Vatege, Chair, FTUC Youth Committee.
- Sister Mererai Vatege, Chair, FTUC Youth Committee highlighted the review period for the FTUC Youth Committee report was initially from September, 2020 till march 2022 and the committee had encountered a lot of challenges mainly due to the COVID 19 Pandemic outbreak.
- Sister Mererai Vatege, Chair, FTUC Youth Committee reported the following in the Activities report:
 1. The composition of the FTUC Youth Committee and the Committee meetings conducted from 2020 to 2022.
 2. FTUC Youth Committee Action Plan 2020 – 2022
 - Highlighted on the priority areas of the action plan.
 - I. Reskilling of Redundant Workers*
 - II. Lifestyle Changes*
 - III. Income Generating Projects (IGP)*
 - IV. Employment*
 - V. Reskilling of Young Workers still in employment*
 - Highlighted on the thematic areas of work from 2020 – 2022 were:
 - I. Covid 10 Recovery Project Efforts which was in partnership with ILO*
 - II. The Transition to Business Projects*
 - III. Elimination of the Child Labour Project*
 - IV. ILO Convention 190*
 - V. Organizing and Raising Awareness*
 3. Sister Mererai Vatege, Chair FTUC Youth Committee reported on the key events as follows:
 - I. Kava Barrel held in west in 2020 and the committee managed raise \$250*
 - II. Myanmar Campaign, 27th March, 2022*
 - III. 2 Day UN Event held in Price Charles Park 11th & 12th of December, 2021*
 - IV. IWD Celebration 2021 hosted by NUW in NUW Office, Lautoka*
 4. Total of 17 local Meetings and event in which the FTUC Youth Committee had participated in were as follows:

- I. Joint FTUC Youth & Women's Committee Meeting and Training on FTUC's Structure, Constitution, Committees TOR & Campaigns on 26th September, 2020 at Novotel Nadi.*
 - II. Joint Youth & Women's Committee Meeting at Tanoa International Hotel in Nadi on 21st November, 2020.*
 - III. Trade Union Leaders Symposium on 17th October, 2020 at Holiday Inn, Suva*
 - IV. Joint Youth & Women's Committee Meeting on 21st November, 2020. Presentation on ILO and Labour Standards at Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi.*
 - V. ILO/UN facilitated C-19 Recovery Project Inception in December 2020 at Radisson Resort.*
 - VI. FTUC Youth Chair was invited to be part of the ILO focus group meeting on career guidance on 15th February, 2021 via Zoom.*
 - VII. FTUC Youth Chair together with FTUC EO attended the ILO ACTRAV led Webinar on "Organizing in the informal sector, particularly in the context of COVID-19" on 18th February, 2021.*
 - VIII. The Youth Committee took part in the Myanmar Campaign via a video clip expressing FTUC solidarity on the 27th March, 2021.*
 - IX. The Youth and Women's committees took part in the World Day against Child Labour training organized by the Secretariat on 27th March, 2021 at the NUW Office in Lautoka.*
 - X. Three trainings under Transition to Business Project in partnership with ILO. These trainings were held at Vorticity on 08 December, 2021, at FASA Office on 22nd February, 2021 and 1st March, 2021.*
 - XI. Joint Youth & Women's Committee Meeting on 21/11/2020. Presentation on ILO and Labour Standards at Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi.*
5. Sister Mererai Vatege, Chair, FTUC Youth Committee further highlighted her participation in local and international meetings on behalf of the FTUC as the FTUC Youth Committee Chair.

a) Local Meetings in which Sister Mererai had participated were as follows:

- I. ILO/FTUC Workshop at Holiday Inn, Suva 12th November, 2021.*
- II. ILO/FTUC Workshop at Radisson Blu, Nadi on 29th & 20th November, 2021.*
- III. ITUC/FTUC Global Organizing Academy at Tanoa Waterfront, Lautoka on 1st & 2nd December, 2021.*
- IV. ILO/FTUC Trade Union Organizers Workshop at Hexagon Hotel, Nadi on 10th & 11th December, 2021.*
- V. ILO/FTUC Organizers Academy at Radisson Blu Resort on 28th February & 1st March, 2022.*

b) International Meetings in which Sister Mererai had participated were as follows:

- I. *Young workers panelist- ILO/ADB report launch on Tackling the Employment Crisis in Asia & the Pacific- Suva, Fiji on the 6th September, 2020.*
- II. *Participated as the Young Workers virtual panelist- 1st UN Pacific Forum on Business and Human Rights on 2nd December, 2020.*
- III. *ITC ILO Online courses*
- IV. *Guest Speaker at the UNCSW65 on C190 Webinar on 17th March, 2021.*
- V. *ITUC-AP Youth Sub-regional Meeting (Pacific Region) on 17th May, 2021.*
- VI. *ITUC Youth Committee Meeting on 22nd May, 2021.*
- VII. *Guest Speaker at the PERC Youth Workshop on C190 discussion in Fiji's case on 29th May, 2021.*
- VIII. *Young workers Panellist at the UN Business and Human Rights Forum: Responsible Business for the Future of Youth Employment in the Pacific on 2nd June, 2021.*
- IX. *Took part in the ITUC Youth solidarity video for Colombia Trade Unions on 10th June, 2021.*
- X. *Panellist at the ILO World Day Against Child Labour Event on 16th June, 2021.*
- XI. *Panellist at the ILO C190 #StopGBVatWork Event on 24th June, 2021.*
- XII. *Panellist at the Leadership Fiji Virtual "No Jab, No Job" panel discussion on the theme - Youth Leaders Voices on 10th August, 2021.*
- XIII. *Participant at the ILO Regional Webinar on Union Engagement for Achieving SDGs on 23rd September, 2021.*
- XIV. *Participant at the Pacific Youth Forum on Pacific Youth Development Framework on 14th October, 2021.*
- XV. *ITUC-AP Youth Committee meeting on 11th November, 2021.*
- XVI. *HAK-IS (Turkey) Social Dialogue Platform Meeting on C190 on 26th November, 2021 via zoom.*
- XVII. *4th ITUC World Women's Conference on the 14th & 15th December 2021, on Zoom.*
- XVIII. *ITUC-AP Women's Committee Planning Feedback Session 30th November, 2021.*

6. Sister Mererai Vatege, Chair FTUC Youth Committee extended her deepest gratitude to Sister Jotika Sharma (EO, FTUC) who was her Campaign Manager throughout the elections period when she was nominated by the FTUC for the **Commonwealth Youth Council Exco Elections on 21st February 2021.**

7. Sister Mererai Vatege, Chair FTUC Youth Committee emphasized on Post Lockdown Events of the Committee, and these were as follows:
 - I. International Youth Day- 12th August 2021 online activity*
 - II. FTUC Campaigns – Child Labour week and C190 week*
 - III. Virtual Networking and profiling of successful youths in Unions*
 - IV. Organizing Youth in Unions – publicity campaigns-online*
 - V. Participation in International union and other CSO campaigns.*
8. Sister Mererai Vatege, Chair FTUC Youth Committee concluded by extended her appreciation to everyone for supporting the committee, she also thanked all affiliates of FTUC, the Secretariat, the FTUC Board Members and the NUW office in Lautoka for their tremendous support.
9. Sister Latileta Gaga, FTUC Assistant National Secretary commended on the activities carried out by the Youth Committee for 2 years and thanked the Secretariat for their support in coordinating these activities.
10. Sister Jotika Sharma of FTUC added to thank Sister Mererai Vatege, Chair FTUC Youth Committee for her representation as FTUC. Sister Jotika Sharma also emphasized of building youth leadership in the trade union movement and encouraged more youths to take up leadership roles.

The activities report was moved by Brother Sailosi Buadromo, NUHCTIE and seconded by Brother Sairusi Masi, NUW.

5.0 Election of Office Bearers 2020-2022

- The present executive committee was dissolved, and new coming executives were announced by Sister Latileta Gaga, FTUC Assistant National Secretary.
- The following nominees were appointed to the FTUC Youth Committee for another two years term from 2022 to 2024:
 - 1. Chair - Sister Mererai Vatege, NUW**
 - 2. Vice President 1 – Brother Soko Veilawa, FFATU**
 - 3. Vice President 2 – Brother Rimal Kumar, FASA**
 - 4. Secretary – Brother Ashwin Deo, FTU**
 - 5. Assistant Secretary – Sister Penina Veidre, NUFCW**
 - 6. Treasurer – Sailosi Buadromo, NUHCTIE**
 - 7. Committee Member 1 – Vilimone Naqarase, NUMW**
 - 8. Committee Member 2- Simeli Taukeinino, FHAIEU**
 - 9. Committee Member 3 - Vacant**

- Sister Mererai Vatege, Chair FTUC Youth Committee requested the newly appointed FTUC Women's Committee Executives to introduce themselves to the delegates and members present at the conference.

6.0 Close of Meeting

- Sister Mererai Vatege, Chair FTUC Youth Committee thanked the affiliates for nominating their reps to the conference, delegates and observers for coming to the conference and requested them to continue showing their support in solidarity.
- Sister Jotika Sharma, Executive Officer FTUC called everyone present in the room for a group photo.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.00pm.