

**FTUC 19th Women's Conference****Saturday, 19th March 2022****FTUC Conference Room, Suva****Attendance:**

NO.	NAMES	Union / Organization	Delegates / Observer
1.	Salote Lawakeli	FASA	D
2.	Veniana Druguta	FASA	O
3.	Aliveta C	FASA	O
4.	Denise Gibson	FFATU	D
5.	Ruci R	FFATU	O
6.	Asenaca Vasiteri	FHAIEU	D
7.	Saini Nabaya	FHAIEU	D
8.	Seini Rasila	FNUWA	D
9.	Rusila Vukinayatu	FNUWA	O
10.	Sima Kumar	FTU	D
11.	Anjalin Dass	FTU	D
12.	Shareen Nisha	FTU	D
13.	Salome Vakabuto	FTU	D
14.	Swastika Lata	FTU	D
15.	Nandita Kumar	FTU	D
16.	Paulini Koroi	FTU	D
17.	Losana Nacola	FTU	D
18.	Deveena Prasad	FTU	O
19.	Feifonua Rounds	NUHCTIE	D
20.	Vani Tudrau	NUHCTIE	D
21.	Luisa Vatuwaliwali	NUHCTIE	D
22.	Latileta Gaga	NUFUW	D
23.	Maciu	NUHCTIE	O
24.	Luisa Wara	NUFCW	D
25.	Elena Vu	NUFCW	D
26.	Vasiti Raikoti	NUFCW	D
27.	Teresa Ali	NUW	D
28.	Azrul Bibi	NUW	O
29.	Matelita Senileba	NUW	O
30.	Kesaia Kaitani	NUW	D
31.	Vani Disusu	NUW	D
32.	Mererai Vatege	NUW	D
33.	Shiu Lingam	NUW	O
34.	Tarisi Vacala	USPSU	D
FTUC Secretariat			
35.	Jotika Sharma		
36.	Nilesh Sharma		
37.	Shivani Nair		
38.	Adi Litia		
39.	Swaran Singh		
	Total Women's Attended	32	

Total Delegates: 25
 Guests: 0
 Total Observers: 9
 Secretariat: 5
Total No. of Participants: 39

MINUTES OF THE 19th FTUC WOMENS CONFERENCE at FTUC Conference Room

1.0 Opening: Qourums, Welcoming and Apologies

- i. The meeting commenced after Sister Sima Kumar (Secretary, FTUC Women's Committee) had invited Sister Salote Lawakeli (Chair, FTUC Women's Committee) to welcome everyone.
- ii. The Chairperson welcomed everyone present at the meeting.
- iii. Sister Sima Kumar, Secretary FTUC Women's Committee mentioned apologies of the following Reps:
 1. Sister Reapi Ritova, NUFCW
 2. Sister Melia Vuki, NUHCTIE
 3. Sister Analieta Panapasa, CMGWU

2.0 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. Sister Teresa Ali, NUW
3. Brother Nilesh Sharma, FTUC
4. Seini Rasila, FNUWA

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. Vani Disusu, NUW-PACFOEU
4. Tarisi Vacala, USPSU
5. Sister Angelina Dass, FTU

3.0 Meeting Minutes and Matters Arising

- Sister Sima (FTU) presented the meeting minutes of the 18th Women's Conference held at the FTUC Conference room on the 14th of March, 2020.
- The meeting minutes presented was moved by Sister Sima Kumar, FTU and seconded by Sister Ruci R, FFATU.

4.0 Activities Report for 2020– 2022

- The activities report was presented by Sister Sima Kumar, Secretary FTUC Women's Committee.
- Sister Sima reported the following in the Activities report:
 1. The composition of the FTUC Women's Committee and the Committee meetings conducted from 2020 to 2022. Sister Sima thanked Sister Teresa Ali of NUW for assisting in organizing these meetings during the COVID period.
 2. FTUC Women's Committee Action Plan 2020 – 2022
 3. Highlighted on the thematic areas of the action plan.
 4. Emphasized on the FTUC Women's Committee fundraising activities 2020 – 2022.

5. Involvement of FTUC Women's Committee and its reps in UN Events such as IWD Celebrations, Pinktober Celebrations and Gender Based Violence Campaigns.
 6. Active participations in the FTUC local meetings and events.
- The activities report was moved by Sister Sima Kumar and seconded by Sister Salote Lawakeli, Chair FTUC Women's Committee.
 - Sister Latileta Gaga, FTUC Assistant National Secretary commended on the activities carried out by the Women's Committee and thanked the Secretariat for their support in coordinating these activities. Sister Latileta Gaga, FTUC Assistant National Secretary also emphasized that she wished to see more visibility of Women's Committee activities and participations in the future as much as it had been in previous years.
 - Sister Jotika Sharma of FTUC added to thank the women's network for continuously being in touch during the COVID lockdown days. She also thanked FTUC Women's Committee members for continuously being active and keeping communication with the Secretariat. While concluding her statement, Sister Jotika Sharma (FTUC) requested all women in the trade union movement to come forward and participate in all upcoming webinars and trainings which are online. She emphasized the importance of having women and women leaders in the trade unions.
 - Sister Sima Kumar, Secretary FTUC Women's Committee and Sister Salote Lawakeli, Chair FTUC Women's Committee passed a message to all women to show moral support to our sisters in the communities who are battling so many things silently.

5.0 The report from the Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee report was presented by Brother Nilesh Sharma of FTUC and the following were reported:

1. 10 unions of 31 unions were present,
2. 50% quorum as 9 out 19 financial affiliates were present,
3. Women's Committee Fundraising funds had increased to \$ 1532 as in 2020 it was \$1100.

6.0 The report from the Resolutions Committee

Sister Latileta Gaga, FTUC Assistant National Secretary expressed her disappointment after hearing the credentials report as to how the women's conference was being considered in terms of affiliates nominating very less women delegates to the conference. Sister Latileta Gaga, FTUC ANS got support from all women delegates to pass a strong message to their affiliate delegates on women empowerment. She reiterated that women empowerment starts with these kinds of conferences and seminars then only women leadership in the trade union movement will grow.

7.0 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 Women's Committee for another two years term from 2022 to 2024:
 - 1. Chair - Sister Salote Lawakeli, FASA**
 - 2. Vice President - Sister Vani Disusu, NUW**
 - 3. Secretary - Sister Sima Kumar, FTU**
 - 4. Assistant Secretary - Reapi Ritova, NUFCW**
 - 5. Treasurer - Sister Veniana Druguta, FASA**
 - 6. Committee Member 1 -Denise Gibson, FFATU**
 - 7. Committee Member 2-Feifonua Rounds, NUHCTIE**
 - 8. Committee Member 3 - Teresa Ali, NUW**
- Sister Sima Kumar, Secretary FTUC Women's Committee requested the newly appointed FTUC Women's Committee Executives to introduce themselves to the delegates and members present at the conference.

8.0 Close of Meeting

- Sister Sima Kumar, Secretary FTUC Women's Committee thanked the 10 affiliates for nominating their women reps to the conference.
- Sister Sima also thanked the 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 3.30pm.