

# Sustainable Alternatives for Poverty Reduction and Ecological Justice

June 26 - 29, 2018

Marine Campus, The University of the South Pacific



The conference seeks to engage multidisciplinary and ecumenical dialogues on key social, economic and ecological concerns from a variety of perspectives. Among others, the goal of the conference is to build a permanent partnership and long life-learning process to promote economic, social and ecological justice.

We are interested in multi-disciplinary exchanges and insights with a focus on religious-based and scientific approaches to sustainability problems and injustice. The conference will be a blend of learning and discussion, while attending to the magnificent Earth and cultural context of this region of the Pacific.

Participants are invited to submit proposals for consideration on the following topics:

- Ecological Crisis, Climate Change, and Eco-justice
- Economical Ethics and Eco-Theology
- Sustainability, Religion and Ethics
- Responsible Production, Distribution and Consumption Patterns
- Ethics, Food and Biodiversity
- Poverty, Climate Change, and Eco-justice
- Urban Poverty, Health and Eco-justice

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Dear Friends,

Together with this letter we have sent you a flyer for our up-coming conference (late June 2018) on *Sustainable Alternatives for Poverty Reduction and Ecological Justice*.

Tropical Cyclone Keni reminds us that many people in the Pacific Islands and elsewhere exposed to natural hazards, environmental change that have the potential to have severe impacts on their lives, livelihoods and well-being. Especially poor people are severely affected. As if their hardships is not big enough already, natural hazards very easily turn into disasters for them, exploiting the vulnerabilities they face in their daily lives.

In an era when climate change has become a major threat to the survival of people not only here in the Pacific Islands region but globally, reflection and discussion of what to do to prevent these threats from worsening are urgent. The task becomes even bigger when one realizes that even without the threats brought by environmental and climate changes there are many people who face great challenges to live a life in dignity.

With this letter we seek your support for this event in June. To organize such a conference requires resources – it cannot be done for free. Although the international participants will cover all of their expenses to attend the conference on their own costs there are considerable expenses involved in organizing such event. For this we kindly ask you to provide generous support.

Even small donations are very welcome. After the conference we will provide the expenditure budget to all who have contributed to the event to establish transparency and accountability. All who provide donations will also receive the proceedings of the conference. Out of this conference ideas for future action will be evaluated. Our goal is to come forward with practical ideas and actions that should make a difference to the lives of people.

With your kind donations, you support our effort to bring people together reflecting and discussing these issues.

I thank you very much for your kind contributions. In one of the next few days a person involved in the organization of SAPREJ18 will visit you and will make him-/herself available to answer any questions you may have. At this occasions kind donations are very welcome.

I thank you very much for your kind consideration of our concerns.

God bless

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eberhard Weber'.

**Eberhard Weber**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jone Dakuvula'.

**Jone Dakuvula**

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