

## PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM –

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Title	Young Leaders for a Sustainable Fiji	
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Beneficiaries	Fijian youths	
Partners	Lead organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Youth Employment Opportunities &amp; Sports</li> <li>• Department of Environment</li> <li>• Ministry of National Planning &amp; Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>• Ministry of Fisheries &amp; Ministry of Forestry</li> <li>• Live &amp; Learn Project</li> <li>• University of the South Pacific</li> <li>• Partners in Community Development Fiji</li> <li>• World Wide Fund for Nature</li> <li>• Greenpeace Pacific</li> <li>• UNESCO</li> <li>• SOPAC</li> <li>• OISCA</li> <li>• Secretariat of the Pacific Community</li> <li>• Forum Secretariat</li> </ul>
	Youth organizations	
	Other organizations	
Duration	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2005 - May 6 <sup>th</sup> 2005 National Youth Day in Fiji	
Budget	FJD \$30, 000 : 00 – please note that these 222 young leaders live in different parts of Fiji even as far as Rotuma and some other remote areas in which transportation costs would incur the most expenses.	
Theme	My island home – safeguarding island environments	
Priority Issue	<p><b>BACKGROUND</b></p> <p>Young people are virtually invisible in terms of public policy and of voices expressed on the national stage. It was for this reason that the Ministry of Youth Employment Opportunities &amp; Sports embarked on a three – year pilot project from 2002 – 2004 in hosting the National Youth Parliament Programme with funding assistance from AUSAID, UNICEF &amp; the Secretariat of the Pacific Community ( SPC).</p> <p>The programme which was also an empowerment initiative had empowered a total of 222 Young Leaders from all walks of life, different races, different ethnic and religious backgrounds. These young leaders continue to advocate for youth issues in their communities, youth groups, villages and schools and are able to identify themselves with issue based forums, workshops and seminars. Some have represented Fiji in overseas workshops and forums and have returned with much to share to their peers. The Young Leaders are now in the process of forming a Youth Parliament Alumni that will enable them to coordinate their work together and be a powerful group that will be a ‘voice’ for young people in Fiji.</p>	

	<p><i>During the National Youth Week in 2005 from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> these Young Leaders will organize an Environmental Awareness Workshop and Clean Up Campaigns so that they need to understand and know that our environment is fast depleting and they must take ownership of conserving and caring for the environments they live in particularly when Fiji is a Small Island Developing State and is currently affected by environmental changes taking place globally.</i></p>
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Young Leaders will be well-versed and be well-informed on all environmental issues and governing instruments and be able to take responsible for their actions as agents of change in their communities, villages, youth groups and schools.</i></li> <li>• <i>The Young Leaders will continue to create the 'multiplier effect' by sharing and advocating what they learnt in one week with their peers, friends, families and with those they come into contact with.</i></li> <li>• <i>The issues on environment is one that the young people tend to be ignorant about because of the over-riding youth issues such as HIV/AIDS, unemployment, crime but do not understand that all these issues are inter-related and the need to treat the environment issue as an urgent issue thus this workshop will provide this.</i></li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Objective(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>To raise awareness on environmental issues amongst the young leaders from Global, Regional and at National level.</i></li> <li>• <i>To raise awareness on International, Regional and National governing instruments regarding the environment that are in place particularly the Rio Declaration on Environment &amp; Development and Agenda 21 where Chapter 25 focuses on the contribution of children and youth and the Barbados Programme of Action, also what will transpire in Mauritius and with our current Fiji National Environment Act.</i></li> <li>• <i>To instil in the lives of these young leaders on the need to conserve the environment and promote sustainable development so that there is a better future for all.</i></li> </ul>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>One week workshop where guest speakers and experts will facilitate sessions to raise the awareness on environmental issues.</i></li> <li>• <i>The Young Leaders will also visit project sites that are promoting sustainable development.</i></li> <li>• <i>The Young Leaders will also be engaged in clean-up campaigns</i></li> </ul>
Action Needed	<p>Sincerely request if potential donors can be identified for this project. The Ministry believes that this project will empower young leaders of Fiji who will be an impact in their communities. Would UNESCO assist in anyway?</p>