



# APGF Annual Report

**Celebrating 9 Years of Greens Mobilisation**



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# 1 ■ Acknowledgements



The Asia Pacific Greens Federation (APGF) acknowledges all the traditional custodians of the Asian, Pacific and Middle Eastern regions and lands where we respectively live. In particular cases, Sovereignty has never been ceded. We pay our respects to the Customary Elders past, present, and emerging, as they hold the memories, the traditions and the culture concerned. We acknowledge all Greens Members who uphold our Greens Principles and work for the betterment of all Peoples.

## **Special APGF Acknowledgements**

- APGF Members – Executive; Council; Associates;  
Networks; Committees; Working Groups; Secretariat & Regional Interns
- Australian Greens – National Treasurer; National Book-Keeper; APGF Directors; International Development Committee; IDC-Chairperson; IDC-Coordinator; IDC-Associates; Greens International Group (GIG); APGWN Volunteers – Mentors; Trainers
- Donors – Australian MPs; Australian State Groups; Australian Individual Greens Members
- Global Greens – Executive Director; Executive Committee; GG Committee; APGF-GG Representatives – Lead & Members
- Global Greens – Latin American Federation; African Federation; European Federation



## 2 ■ “Dhanyabaad” (“Blessings”) from the APGF Executive

**Tika Bhandari**  
**CoConvenor 23-24**



**Erum Saleem**  
**CoConvenor 23-24**



**Dulgun Bumud**  
**Deputy CoConvenor 23-24**



**"Namaskar" (नमस्कार, "Hello" in Nepali)**

This has been a very busy year for all our APGF Members and we pay tribute to all of our country Parties, across Asia, Pacific and the Middle East. Our thoughts of unity are always with our Brothers and Sisters of our Greens Parties in Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, and Jordan. At all times it has been most traumatic, devastating and heart-breaking. We will not lose hope and faith and we pay tribute to the strong resilience of our Fellow Members, indeed in all conflict-torn areas.

Humble Thanks for your work during the year - to our Directors, our amazing Finance Team, our Secretariat, and the invaluable assistance of Australian Greens. Thank You to our sponsors and funders, the International Development Committee, and important collaborators who supported our Values and our Work. Most of all, there are Australian funders, states groups and amazing individuals whom we have never met – who continue to believe in the work we do, "Thank You" will never be enough.

It's been a tough year for all our Members, and especially Members who have had general elections. We celebrate with the Parties who have fielded a few notable successes and achievements, well done. All the best for our Parties who prepare for elections in 2025. Going forward, thank you for believing in our CoConvenors as we try to navigate hard times with you, for you. We will work harder to do our part. We suffer with you. We celebrate with you. You are all in our thoughts. Thank You.

**Salam ("May peace be with you/Hello" in Pakistan)**

This has been a very busy year for all our APGF Members and we pay tribute to all our Women in all our Greens Parties. In particular, we note the frightening highly covered cases in our countries where Womens' Rights are still regressive and where Women do not have freedoms. We have grave concerns for Women in conflict-torn/genocidal countries. In response, we are grateful to IDC who sponsor our APGFWN Gender Equality Training. The group of trainers have committed to ensuring that the training is made available to all members; and this year, targeted plans have been implemented in the Pacific region. We are grateful to the gender equity trainings developed and delivered to the Women of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. We anticipate other training according to the IDC-led roadmaps the Trainers have developed for their respective countries. This needs to be done for our Asian and Middle Eastern Parties; and we look forward to this happening in due time. Thank You to the APGF Women for leading from the front, the sides and the back.

**сайн уу (pronounced "sain uu" Hello in my language)**

I am grateful to all our APGF Members for remaining strong in the face of many changes and many challenges. APGF is very lucky to have so many strong leaders who have given their time, their "smarts" and their energy to helping to ensure that all opportunities are taken to serve our APGF and Members well.

We are grateful to our Executive, our Partners, our Members and our APGF Peoples. We can't do much without you, and we count on it going forward. It's been a tough year for all our Members, and we may financially wanting but we are rich in our respective cultures and standing as leaders who have a greater purpose. All the best to our Members going forward, Thank You and as our Nepali People say, "Dhanyabaad" Be Blessed.

### 3 ■ “Maalo Nunui” from the APGF Secretariat

The **Asia Pacific Greens Federation (APGF)** is a federation of national Green parties and Associated Members from the countries in Asia, the Pacific and the Middle East; and it is one of the four Federations that constitute the [Global Greens](#). APGF is focused on ecological wisdom, social justice, equality, freedom, participatory democracy, non-violence, sustainability and respect for diversity. Our purpose is to promote and implement the [Global Greens Charter](#) by providing and promoting support, coordination, and collaboration between our Green Party Members in the Asia, Pacific and Middle East region..

**9<sup>th</sup> Birthday!** This year, Asia Pacific Greens Federation celebrates its ninth birthday - nine years of influence, impact and innovation in the Asia Pacific region. We are humbled to have been in place for so long; and for serving our key stakeholders where possible. We are excited to anticipate a future of promise and hope. This was possible through our commitment to work together on regional, national and local key priorities identified by our APGF Members.

**The Members and their respective Parties** The Members have diligently worked very hard at ensuring that they serve their respective Greens Parties with high commitment and zest. Many of our Members hold important offices and responsibilities, and they carry expert skills sets into our shared regional contexts.

**Influence** The Member Committees, Working Groups and Networks discussed, synthesized, documented, and disseminated effective strategies, operations and lessons, generated by their respective civil society organizations and Non-Government Organisation (NGO) partners, within and across regional, sub-regional, national and local contexts, in order to continually improve our regional priorities; and their national/local programs for their key stakeholders.

**Impact** Across APGF, the Members strengthened the capacity of their constituencies and colleagues; and hundreds of key regional stakeholders challenged with diverse socio-economic, cultural and religio-spiritual backgrounds. In this respect, the Greens Values is a levelling platform and an equaliser, ensuring stakeholders work towards best outcomes and outputs.

**Innovation** Facilitated and informal discussions have assisted Members to consider vital innovation of technical practices, innovative modalities and possible solutions, especially with targeted key results in networks, working groups and specialised projects. Shared best practices support Members to consider and innovate practices that help towards development or new developments.

This includes, newly created focused groups, such as the Palestinian and Middle East Peace Forum aimed at increasing activism for fellow Members from the Middle East; the continued development of the Asia Pacific Greens Womens Network (APGWN); and/or the Pacific Network that is focused on increasing resilience to climate change; and/or the rejuvenation of the Asia Pacific Greens Young Greens Network (APYGN) who are proactive leaders in their own mobilisation in prioritised agenda.

Our Member countries face diverse challenges, opportunities, risks and threats in their countries and subregions; and through APGF they are able to deliberate, consider and work with other like-minded thought leaders and Parties towards best solutions. We are in great awe of our APGF Members. They are strong, resilient and they have innovated through great odds to maintain strong Green foundations. They willingly put themselves on the line for the Green Values that they/we all uphold! Onwards, APGF!

**Blessed Birthday, APGF!  
From Your APGF Secretariat**

■Pefi Kingi QSM ■Rachana Shrestha ■Sue Etheridge ■Shirin Dawood  
&

■APGF Regional Interns 23-24 ■Joseph Fonorito ■Folole Tupuola ■Pita Loloma ■Isimeli Koroi ■Keresoni Talatewa

# 4 ■ APGF at a Glance

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## Federation

■comprising Asian, Middle East & Pacific Greens Country Members

### Full Members

■10 x Asian Greens ■02 x Middle Eastern Greens ■04 x Pacific Greens

### Associate Members

■03 x Asian Greens ■02 x Middle Eastern Greens

### Emergent Greens Country Parties

■Bangladesh #2 ■West Papua (under GPPNG)  
■KOROI Vanuatu Womens Party ■Fiji Youths ■Kiribati Greens ■FSM Greens

### Networks

■Asia Pacific Green Womens Network (APGWN)  
■Asia Pacific Young Peoples Network (APYGN)  
■Pacific Youth Platform  
■Pacific Network

### Executive

■CoConvenor (Male) ■CoConvenor (Female) ■Deputy CoConvenor (Male)  
■Treasurer ■Financial Book-Keeper

### APGF Directors

■Male Director & ■Female Director

### Secretariat

■GenSec ■Admin Consultant ■Policy Consultant ■Gender Equality Trainer  
■5 x APGF Regional Interns

### Decision-Making Body

■1x APGF Council  
■Comprising 16xCouncillors

### APGF Working Groups/Committees

■APGF Council & ■16xCouncillors (decision-making body)  
■Management & Admin Committee  
■Political Activities Group ■Code-Conduct Committee  
■Policy Committee ■Fundraising Committee

### Working Relationships

■Australian Greens International Development Committee (IDC) ■IDC-Coordinator & Committee  
■Australian Greens ■National Coordinator & National Treasurer & Team  
■Green Institute  
■Greens International Development (GIG)  
■Global Greens ■Federations (Latin America; Africa; European)

### Current Projects

■APGWN-IDC Gender Equality Training ■APGWM-IDC Webinar Project  
■APGF-IDC Philippines Project  
■APGF-IDC Solomon Islands Project ■APGF-IDC PNG Project  
■APGF-Regional Intern Video Assignment ■Pacific Network Migration Collaboration

### ■APGF-Global Greens Representatives

■Lead-Executive Rep (Australian)  
■4xAsian Reps (Indian; Nepali) ■2xPacific Reps (Australian)

### ■APGF Representation on Global Greens Groups

■GG Womens Network  
■GG Palestine & Middle East Peace Forum (Initiated by APGF Members)  
■GG Climate Working Group (CoConvened by APGF Member)  
■GG Democracy Working Group (Initiated by APGF Members)  
■GG Biodiversity Working Group (Initiated by APGF Members)  
■Global Greens Rights of Indigenous Peoples Platform (GGRIPP; initiated by APGF Members)

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## 5 ■ APGF Members & Key Issues

**Explanatory Note** We would prefer to feature all APGF Members where they actively work across all Global Greens Pillars; however, it is important to feature all APGF Members; therefore, we shall process it in the following way in the hope that we amplify and share a bit of the dedicated work of the Members. APGF upholds eight Greens Values, we have 21 x Greens parties (full and associate) and two official networks (APGWN and APYGN). Under each of the Greens Values, we will feature a general snapshot where it is relevant; and then, feature APGF Members and showcase at least one example of their effective work profiling the Greens Value, as follows,

5.1■Freedom	5.2■Ecological Wisdoms	5.3■Sustainability	5.4■Equality	5.5■Social Justice	5.6■Participatory Democracy	5.7■Non-Violence	5.8■Respect for Diversity
■Palestine	■Nepal	■Australia	■APGWN	■Pakistan	■Japan	■Solomon Islands	■APYGN
■Lebanon	■India (UKPP)	■Aotearoa New Zealand	■Pakistan	■Philippines	*■Korea	■India (GiP)	■Mongolia
■Iraq		■Indonesia (Sareket Hijau Indonesia)	■Papua New Guinea	■Indonesia – (Atjeh)	■Taiwan	■Bangladesh	■Indonesia (Partai Hijau Indonesia)

### Pillar I ■ Freedom

Freedom ■ Palestine

Freedom ■ Lebanon

Freedom ■ Iraq

### ■ Special Tribute ■ ■ Palestine & Middle Eastern Members ■

#### Genocide in Palestine

■APGF hopes and uphold our Middle Eastern Greens Parties – Palestinian Greens; Green Party of Lebanon; Green Party of Iraq; Jordan Green Party; and the other fellow Greens who are directly affected – the Egyptian Green Party (African Federation); and the Yesiller Ve Sol Gelecek Partisi (Turkey, in the European Federation). Stay firm in our APGF Support.

■The genocide in Palestine is a disturbing breach of all instruments and covenants of human rights; and we witness that it targets mainly children and women. Be firm in our APGF Support.

■Undeniable evidence shows that the genocide meted on Palestine and Her People started well before 07 October 23; and these atrocities have replayed in real time. It is absolutely devastating, it has broken all international laws and all other rights; and with the consistent assistance of imperial powers, it continues unimpeded. By June 2024, about 40,000 people had been killed in the Gaza Strip since the Israeli invasion and bombardment. Be firm in our APGF Support.

■The untethered attacks of destruction in the Gaza Strip will continue to shape the region's agenda beyond 2024. The land grabbers have openly advertised that their plans are to reduce the Strip to rubble and to kill as many Palestinians. We do not choose to be complicit and we must keep on supporting our Palestine and Middle Eastern Peoples. Stay firm in our APGF Support.



PicCred: [theaustralian.com.au](http://theaustralian.com.au)

## The Palestine genocide: How Gaza changed global politics

- Most of the world's populations will continue to resist as #supportpalestine strategies are enacted in unison across the global community. Millions and millions continue to march; millions of letters; protests across all sectors; and all forms of resistance ensure that the world moves in tandem in the face of all shocking actions. The world is aghast at the total destruction wreaked on the original peoples of Palestine.
- All forms of standard representations of protected global power has been dismantled in the face of the depraved Israel, their crazed government and even more, desensitised privileged citizens – who primarily originated from the global north.
- We have witnessed that the UN systems have not worked to protect its most vulnerable citizens. The collective punishment and crimes against humanity has resulted in millions who and hundreds of millions who continue to innovate resistance.
- Continued climate change impacts on Palestine and the Middle East have been exacerbated by the onslaught of the Israeli thieves on the landscape and the bio-diverse ecologies of the region.
- Even when agreements are reached, the repercussions and consequences of this atrocity will continue to be an important debate and it will impact on all dimensions of life of the region, on its socio-political landscape of the region.



#SupportingPalestine has meant supporting all indigenous across all regions. PicCred: Asia Pacific Report

## APGF and #SupportPalestine work

■APGF acknowledges that long before the 2023 onslaught against Palestinians, APGF members have long been fighting and protesting against the demise of the Palestinians, thanks to them for their continued activism and leadership in #SupportPalestine.

■APGF is fortunate for having on board activists of indigenous rights, anti-nuclearisation and pro-Palestine convictions that they have defended; and so, going forward – APGF is advantaged by our mature Members who paved the way and forged workable plans of action for our working groups. As tertiary students of the 1970s-1980s, our maturer leads and leaders have given time to targeted campaigns of resistance. We acknowledge our current members - Dominic WYKanak, Cathy Peters, Suresh Patel, Ian Oxenford, Michelle Sheather and former activist-members who have retired or moved on to other commitments.



### Shukran/Thank You

Onwards in Unity, APGF Members - Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan – you are under states of emergencies. You have suffered great losses. However limited, we continuously offer our Condolences, Comfort; and volunteered funds. Blessings, Fellow Members.

Shukran for the Peace Team and their firm support of the Peace Forum Members in maintaining s#SupportPalestine  
ImageCred: Rachana Shrestha

## APGF Support

■Providing available emotional and mental health support via phone calls, WhatsApp calls, FB messaging, emails and other forms of maintenance.

■With APGF Members, the Arab-speaking nations have lobbied and advocated - Dr Tamimi, Mr Fahdi and Shirine Jurdi – to keep up the firm supports and solidarity to #SupportPalestine!

■IDC-Michelle Sheather and members of PAG have driven and encouraged all APGF Members to be proactively posting and reposting all pertinent key messages to increase the net- and social-media traffic to #SupportPalestine.

■The impact of regional support is a reminder to the Brothers and Sisters in the Middle East that they are not alone as the world protest, “In Our Thousands, In Our Millions!”

## APGF Continued Support

■APGF Members immediately reacted to the well disseminated attacks that occurred on 07 Oct 2023, and followed through with:

■Contacting and maintaining virtual connectivities with key members of the Middle Eastern Greens Parties, expressing our solidarity and support.

■Through the able PAG and ‘Peace Forum’, the APGF-Global Greens representatives, led by lead Member, Michelle Sheather, will continue to maintain the momentum initiated, and influence the other Global Greens Federations.

■Going forward, the PAG is driving a campaign to influence proactive action against the countries who are providing arms.

■Thank You, our Membership, for your support to #SupportPalestine.

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## Pillar II ■ Ecological Wisdoms

### The APGF Region



Lahaina and wildfire catastrophe (Aug23) PicCred: cnn.com  
*\*This item is included because Lahaina-Hawai'i is part of the Pacific region.*

### Snapshot of our 23-24 Worlds of Climate Conditions

(Or the Reality behind the “Ecosophy” as GP-Pakistan noted)

■ **Our Regions** Earth Mother and our respective regions have experienced the most extreme weather conditions. Climate change is a reality that all countries have to deal with; and where possible, the Asia Pacific and Middle Eastern regions have worked in mitigative and adaptive strategies to ensure some semblance of temporary safety of their/our peoples.

■ The year recorded some very extreme conditions and displacement of many communities. A welcomed strategy included the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai with nations pledging a \$400 million fund to help countries most affected by climate change. Accessing this resource is and will be another struggle, debate and protests.

■ This significant issue is included in our report because despite our Members’ good works on the ground, it is against a background beset with climate change impacts that influence and shape how our Members’ work has to be considered, tailored and responsive.

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Many APGF Members are requested as keynote and/or guest speakers, panelists, experts and/or other – as with Rachana Shrestha (Nepali-Greens at the Environment Symposium).

## Environment is a Key Priority for many APGF Members

Sarekat Hijau Indonesia & Republik Hijau

# ENVIRONMENT SYMPOSIUM

Public Discussion & Awarding Ceremony "Environmentally Friendly Democracy Farewell" Indonesian Green Union & Green Republic

Opening and Keynote Speaker

**David D'Angelo**  
(Chairman of the Green Party of Philippines)

**Ade Indriani Zuchri**  
(Chairperson of the Indonesian Green Union / Sarekat Hijau Indonesia)

Speaker

**David Efendi, S.IP., M.A.**  
(Staff Writer, Editor, and Photographer / Green Republic)

**Wahyu Chandra**  
(Magazine Indonesia Journalist)

**Rizal Pawzi, S.Sos., M.Si**  
(Former Chair of Green Republic / President of Sarekat Hijau)

March, 17th 2024 | 1.30 - 3.30 pm | Via Zoom

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■ **The Heat** Earth's hottest day (17Nov24) noted that the global average surface temperature was more than 2°C; and the hottest global temperature ever recorded was 17.18 degrees Celsius (comfortable temps should be 20-24 °C).

■ **The Rain** Extreme rainfall and flooding occurred after Cyclone Jasper in Queensland, Australia; heavy rains in northern Indian resulted in 20 deaths, landslides and flash floods; and torrential rain across South Korea resulted in 37 deaths.

■ **Earthquakes** Our Asian Members' countries registered extreme earthquakes: a 5.6 magnitude earthquake around northwest Nepal, killing 157 people and leaving thousands homeless (Nov23); Indonesia's Mount Marapi on Sumatra erupted, killing 23 people (Dec23); and on the first day of 2024, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake occurred in Japan, killing about 120 people and injuring many more.

■ **Wildfires** On the Hawai'ian island of Maui, wildfires killed about 100 people and destroyed the historic town of Lahaina (Aug23).

■ **Landslides** In the southern Philippines, landslides killed about 68 people, with many missing; and a massive landslide happened in Mumbai-India, with about 27 people dead and many more missing.

■ **Mudslides** Papua New Guinea experienced several devastating mudslides in the year; and the most tragic catastrophe (May 2024) struck the Enga Province, resulting in 100s of people killed. Another landslide occurred in the same Province (June 2024), killing many more hundreds of people (GPPNG state the losses are possibly in the thousands).

### Realistic Climate Impacts

■ Nepal is most vulnerable to the effects of climate change, which, along with poverty, is a driver of internal and external migration.<sup>1</sup>

■ The Nepali Greens are challenged by their status as one of the least developed countries in the world, prone to regular natural disasters, including floods, landslides, and earthquakes.

■ Recent floods and landslides killed about 217 peoples (Sept24) and damaged crops and homes.; and again; as at the beginning of the month (Oct24), search and rescue were still trying to recover missing persons.



Himalayan glaciers have been melting 65 percent faster since 2010 than the decade before.  
PicCred: Nepali Greens FB

### Responsive Party Work

■ The Nepali Greens have been engaged in all possible humanitarian crisis which caused many to be homeless; they have supported all efforts to provide relief to family and friends in need.

■ Many Members from their Nepali Civil Society forum have attended and participated in international, global and regional and national fora to speak for united strategies among Nepali civil society to address their local and national humanitarian needs caused by climate change impacts.

■ A member has also formed a women's group focused on climate change and maternal health; and emphasising delivery in safe and regular climate migration.

■ Seeking resources to empower the work of their Party.

■ Liaising and meeting with Greens leaders from the Global North on shared issues.

■ Development and establishing 'Māhila' a women's group focused on maternal health and climate migration.

■ Māhila became a member of PacificwinPacific, the Pacific Network, the Migrant Women's Forum Asia and took on the climate mobility agenda on a regional, international and global level.

■ The Party Leaders have also hosted and held meetings with visiting Global North Greens leaders towards mutual support of shared issue.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: <https://time.com/7026311/nepal-floods-landslides-monsoon-rains-death-toll/>



Flooding of the Nakhu River at Lalitpur-Nepal, affecting riverbanks and homes during heavy rainfall in Lalitpur, Nepal (Sept24).  
PicCred: Ambir Tolang—NurPhoto/Getty Images

## ■ Ecological Wisdom ■ India – Uttarakhand Parivartan Party (UKPP) ■

- India is ranked 26<sup>th</sup> out of 163 ranked countries for climate risks; and this implies that children in India are among the most 'at-risk' to the impacts of climate change, threatening their health, education and protections. Climate change will cause water shortages, which could affect more than a billion people by the 2050s (Krishnan et al., 2020).
- Many parts of India is already experiencing water stress. India's population is also vulnerable to sea level rise, with up to 310 million people inhabiting low elevation coastal areas. Even without climate change, future demands for water is a major challenge. Water security is threatened by urbanisation, population growth, economic development and increasing demands for water from all sectors.

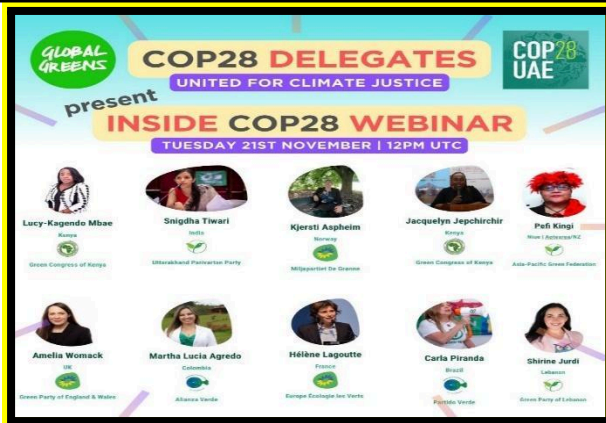
### Responsive UKPP work

- Members of UKPP are highly proactive in global, international and local work regarding climate change mobilisation – actively representing their Party and their country in climate change discourse.
- UKPP are also aware that monsoon rainfall could increase water shortages in some areas, but it is insufficient in development terms.
- UKPP promote that improved irrigation systems, water harvesting technologies and improved agricultural water management can address some of the risks and threats, but they also push for much more organised and coordinated strategies.
- In their district, UKPP have been at the forefront protesting for social justice; and ensuring that their Members understand the reasons for lobbying and making their voices heard to make a difference.
- The Party Coordinator is also the CoConvenor of the GG-Climate Working Group; and as such she is staying on top of the climate change issues across regions and for Global Greens and APGF.
- The Party Co-ordinator has made many international links with other Greens leaders and climate change leaders in the Global North, which has allowed for exchanges towards improved strategies at local level.

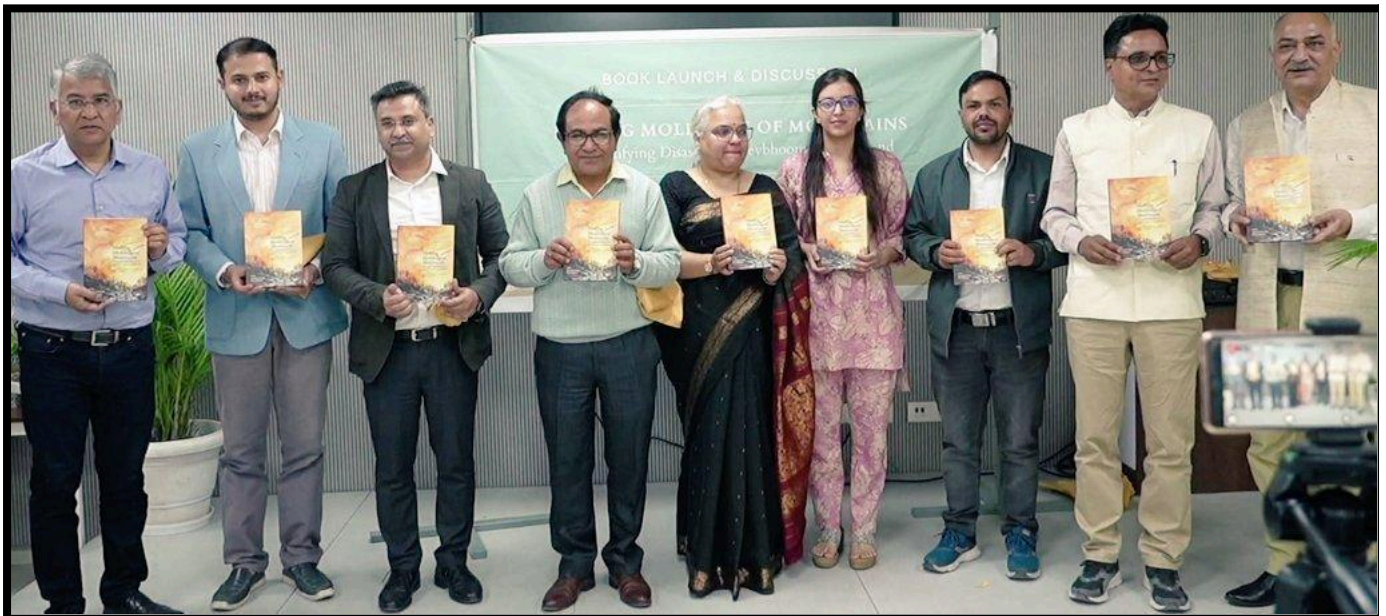


“The time for “phase down” is long gone. The #ClimateCrisis demands immediate “phase out”. It’s disappointing that instead of taking lead in #JustTransition & #LossAndDamageFinance India should portaray itself as a poster boy of the Fossil Industry #KeepItInTheGround #COP27”  
 Dr Snigdha Tiwari, UKPP

#COP28 meeting of #children #youth @GYG\_YoungGreens & @globalgreens with Minister of #international #Development #norway & #green member of #norwegian #parliament  
 PicCred: UKPP Twitter



The UKPP Representative is CoConvenor of the Global Greens Climate Working Group; post-COP it is very important to account back to the supporting stakeholders about contributions and key gains at COPs, especially as it is prevalent for all local, national, regional, international and global engagements.



Congratulations to UKPP for the significant milestone (19Mar24).- the unveiling of ‘a labour of love - Celebrating the launch of the #book Making Molehills of #Mountains - Demystifying Disasters in Devbhoomi Uttarakhand where my husband & I collaborated on a chapter exploring #Development, #Disaster & #Climate #Crisis in #Uttarakhand from a #legal lens.

## Pillar III ■ Sustainability

### Generally

■ We recognise the limited scope for the material expansion of human society within the biosphere, and the need to maintain biodiversity through sustainable use of renewable resources and responsible use of non-renewable resources. We believe that to achieve sustainability, and in order to provide for the needs of present and future generations within the finite resources of the earth, continuing growth in global consumption, population and material inequity must be halted and reversed. We recognise that sustainability will not be possible as long as poverty persists'. Global Greens Charter



### Reminder about sustainability/sustainable development

Sustainability is ability to maintain or support a process over time. Sustainability often comprises three core concepts: economic, environmental, and social. However, for some global communities, the core concepts omitted are:

- Spiritual Sustainability
- Cultural Sustainability
- Emotional/Psychological Sustainability
- All Intersectionalities (nationality; race/ethnicity; class; gender)

## ■ Sustainability ■ Australian Greens ■

■ The Australian Greens a classic model of a Greens party that has made progress to redressing inequalities of the past and to creating a stronger model going forward. We acknowledge all First Nations Greens representatives at national, state and in local government. We also acknowledge it is the first political party in Australia to support a Pacific Member of Parliament, and we acknowledge State Victorian MLC, Anasina Gray-Barberio. We remain hopeful for a time when key issues of self-determination are addressed and responded to, resourced and supported by Australian governments.

■ The Australian Greens have maintained their clear position regarding Palestine and Israel. They condemn the killings of civilians in Gaza, The West Bank, Lebanon and Israel. They emphasise that no civilian should be targeted in any violent war; and to achieve peace, there must be an end to Israel's illegal occupation of the Palestinian territories and its ongoing genocide in Gaza.

'We must respond to these horrors with compassion, we must respond with honesty, and we must respond with an ironclad determination to achieve a just and lasting peace.'<sup>2</sup> The Australian Greens are the staunchest supporters of Palestine in Australia politics. We commend and thank them for their leadership, shukran.

<sup>2</sup> Australian Greens - <https://greens.org.au/campaigns/palestine>



PicCred: The Jewish Independent



The Australian Greens summarize their topline plans<sup>3</sup>: to reduce the cost of living, make housing more affordable, tackle the climate crisis, and make sure everyone is looked after. Further, they vow to tackle the big corporations, stop them ripping us off, and tax them to fund the things that *everyone* needs. Indeed, a high commitment to all people.



Thousands converge at the State Library, Victoria, Australia. PicCred: theaustralian.com.au

<sup>3</sup> Australian Greens 'Fighting for You' - <https://greens.org.au/fighting-for-you>

Tena koutou katoa (Te Reo Māori, “Greetings to you all”)



We acknowledge the long service of our former co-leader Hon Dr James Shaw; and we farewelled our late Pasifika MP Fa'anānā Efeso Collins. We would not have achieved our year of many firsts if not for the dedication and hard work of highly committed Aotearoa New Zealand Greens!

■ Last year (14 Oct 24), the GPANZ/Aotearoa-Greens ran our largest General Election campaign and we achieved successful milestones, including: gaining our highest party vote share; securing our greatest number of MPs yet; winning an electorate seat for the first time; winning more than one electorate seat; and returning an MP for the priority Auckland Central electorate.

■ All our MPs are providing elective opposition to the government, supported by outreach to engage with communities across the country. They have worked hard to fight for a sustainable and equitable planet, including: raising protections issues for Māori rights and Te Reo Māori/Māori language; steering public submissions to protect freshwater and marine environments; stopping fast-track legislation and oil and gas drilling that will be environmentally be destructive; proper healthcare funding; safe speed levels for our streets; and Samoan peoples’ citizen rights.



The Aotearoa-Greens secured the most elected Māori and Pasifika MPs in our Party’s history; choosing, electing and supporting our notable leadership of two women co-leaders; electing and supporting the youngest women co-leader in our Party history, Aotearoa New Zealand history, regional and global Greens history. A celebratory year of many firsts for our Greens!

Co-Leaders Hon Marama Davidson & Hon Chlöe Swarbrick

■ Recently, Aotearoa-Greens implemented the first in a series of in-house e-learning modules that will allow us to train our Members in targeted development areas of skills, knowledge and capacity. We also developed an internal activist toolkit that our Members can use to engage people in events and activities about current issues.

■The Indonesian People's Congress was held in Jakarta (July, 2007) which was attended by activists and organizational representatives from 21 provinces in Indonesia with various professional and activity backgrounds. Participants in this meeting agreed to establish the Sarekat Hijau Indonesia (SHI) or Indonesia Green Union. SHI's mandate is to promote a green political agenda in Indonesia which was determined as a collective agreement at the people's congress.

**Election Call To All Members of the Green Union of Indonesia**

On February 14, 2024, Indonesia will hold a general election to elect the President and Vice President, as well as legislative members from the central to the district/municipality levels.

On behalf of the Chairperson of the Green Union of Indonesia, I, Ade Indriani Zuchri, call upon all members of the Green Union of Indonesia to oversee the implementation of the election at our capacity so that the results of the 2024 election can be held accountable. Thus, we will obtain leaders who are honest, trustworthy, and supportive of the people.

Let us welcome the 2024 election with joy in our hearts. Be responsible voters, refrain from accepting any form of compensation, and choose with rational consideration and responsibility, as our choices will determine our fate for the next five years.

**ADE INDRIANI ZUCHRI**  
CHAIRPERSON OF SAREKAT HIJAU INDONESIA

■SHI envisions a just and prosperous social order, free from all forms of oppression and exploitation, ensuring the implementation of popular democracy, environmental sustainability, social justice and economic sovereignty and independence. Together they are working towards: social justice; economic and cultural justice; unity and democracy; solidarity and openness; anti-gender discrimination and sexual assault and report anonymously (SARA); and environmental welfare and sustainability.

■SHI has a vision to realize a just and prosperous social order, free from all forms of oppression and exploitation, ensuring the implementation of popular democracy, environmental sustainability, social justice and economic sovereignty and independence; and they have prioritised environmental welfare and sustainability.

**SHI Proactivity**

**GREEN SUNDAY DISCUSSION**  
Digital-Based Village Land Use Planning: Opportunities For the Economic and Political Potential of Villages

Co-Chairperson:  
**ADE INDRIANI ZUCHRI**  
(Chairperson of Sarekat Hijau Indonesia)

Moderator:  
**NURUL HIDAYAH**

Speakers:  
**DULGUN** (Mongolian Green Party Member)  
**LUKMAN** (Village Head of Patemong Village)  
**HENDRAWAN HASIBUAN** (Chairperson of SHI-North Sumatra Provincial)

Join Zoom Meeting!  
Sunday, April 28, 2024  
18:00 - 20:00 WIB / 18:00 - 20:00 WITA  
Registration:  
<https://bit.ly/greensundaydiscussion>

*To facilitate the advocacy work by Sarekat Hijau Indonesia and the network of people's movements, Sarekat Hijau Indonesia and the Eko Desa Indonesia Foundation have established the Indonesian Village Legal Aid Institute (LBHDI). This institute will work on a large scale and consistently provide legal assistance and services to people's organizations advocating and supporting issues related to natural resources/environment, human rights, women and children, and other grassroots issues. Hopefully, this small step can significantly contribute to the consistency and comfort of advocacy work in Indonesia.*

Warm Regards  
Ade Zuchri  
Chaiperson of SHI

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■Recently, the general elections were held to elect the president, vice president, and the People's Consultative Assembly, comprising the House of Representatives and members of the local legislative bodies at the provincial/city/regency levels. APGF is proud of the active work of the Green Union, especially in strategies to ensure their constituents used their rights to vote.



Kamisan discussion with BEM Sriwijaya, Sarekat Hijau Indonesia and South Sumatra Kamisan Forum: Quo Vadis Post-Reformation Student Movement, Palembang. (May23)

■The elections recorded over 204 million eligible voters voting in over 800,000 polling stations across the country on the same date, and the Green Union must take credit for their hard work and high commitment to their Peoples' constitutional rights. The Green Union is one of the few APGF Parties that consistently record an attendance of over 100 Participants. APGF members have attended an SHI webinar that featured 300+ Participants and many more registrants who did not turn up.



Source: Indonesian News

## Pillar IV ■ Equality

### ■ Equality ■ APGWN ■

The APGWN is a significant development of the APGF; and all credit to the co-initiators, the financial support of IDC; and the fortitude of the many hundreds of women who have supported it over the years. All due thanks to Michelle Sheather for her technical advice and support over the years since the co-establishment of the concept. The APGWN is one of the most effective strategies under the co-umbrella of APGF-IDC.

***The innovation of the APGWN has featured in many relevant developments, including:***

- The strengthening of a support network of skilled Mentors, who themselves have had or were due to commence office as representatives in their respective countries, but a special mention of the leaders/mentors who volunteered from the Australia Greens.
- With all due respect to matching complementarities (availability, time, gender politics, commitment; age, skills set; identified needs; and other).
- A 'Training the Trainers' component that has ensured the Programme is developed widely and appropriately to different settings.



Tankiu to the Key Women who supported the APGWN over the years. PicCred: Global Greens Congress 2023



07 March 23: "Yesterday we have lobj march for celebrate womens day in Indonesia. (.Collaborate SHI with others NGO). Party Leader Ade Zurich's commitment as a CoConveor of the APGFWN.  
PicCred: SHI



■ **Pakistan-Iran** ■ Iran carried out a missile attack on militant group Jaish al-Adl in Pakistan, killing two children and angering the Pakistani.



The Party and candidate Erum had many issues to advocate and lobby for, as the Pakistan economy is in economic distress at present, including:

- Grassroots democracy
- Social justice and equal opportunity
- Ecological wisdom (Ecosophy)
- Non-Violence
- Decentralization of authority from Power to the People
- Community-based economics and economic justice
- Gender Equity
- Respect for diversity
- Personal and global responsibility & Sustainability

### Political instability, polarisation and an election year

■ Politics will likely consume much of Pakistan's time and attention in 2023, as it did in 2022. The country's turn to political instability last spring did not end with a dramatic no-confidence vote in parliament last April that ousted then Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan from office. Instability and polarization have only heightened since then: Khan has led a popular opposition movement against the incumbent coalition government and the military, staging a series of large rallies across the country through the year.

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## ■ Equality ■ Green Party of Papua New Guinea (GPPNG) ■

### History

■As the first Pacific Greens party, the PNG-Greens was founded in 2001; and they demonstrate resilience as with a solid base of constituents, they have grown from strength to strength. They have courageously fielded candidates in all general elections (2002; 2007; 2012; 2017; and 2022). A notable past achievement included PNG Greens fielding candidates in many Islands and regions where the party endorsed candidates for all of the seven seats.

■In 2012, the Party was led by Ms Dorothy Tekwie (Presidents at that time) and Andrew Kutapae (GS) and stood 25 candidates of whom ten were women, in a country where women are mostly under-represented. Ms Tekwie stood unsuccessfully against the incumbent Deputy PM Namah in that year. This denotes the courage of the women that comprises the PNG-Greens who have continued to take on the opportunity to stand at every election.

■The PNG-Greens have consistently committed to their key agenda, including: [a] environmentally sustainable development; [b] participatory democracy; and [c] an equitable distribution of social and natural resources to meet basic human needs unconditionally. They are committed to sustainable living, high education levels, supporting the ecosystem, upholding human rights and increasing fair democracy within PNG. The Party Members actively support policies to mitigate environmental pollution of rivers, lakes, and marine areas.

## **Government Structure**

■Structurally, Papua New Guinea's government is complex - it has three levels of government - national, provincial and local. The National Parliament is a 118-member unicameral legislature elected for five-year terms by universal suffrage. The Prime Minister is appointed and dismissed by the Governor-General on the proposal of Parliament. The Cabinet – known as the National Executive Council or NEC – is appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Prime Minister. The Supreme Court, National Court, and local and village courts form an independent justice system.

## **Political system**

■To date, all governments have been coalitions. Historically, there has been a high turnover of parliamentarians at general elections. For example, 75% (2002 elections) of sitting members lost their seats; and 38% (2022 elections), a much lower turnover rate indicating that the system had matured to a level where leaders are more intent in working for the greater public good.

■Changes in government following motions of no-confidence have been a characteristic of PNG politics since independence. Due to its unstable history and other complex reasons, the PNG Constitution protects new Governments from Parliamentary motions of no-confidence during the first 18 months of a five-year term. Once that month of moratorium expires, a successful no-confidence motion may result in a new Prime Minister forming a government without the need for a national election. If the no-confidence motion occurs during the last twelve months of a five-year term, a national election must be held.

■PNG's political corruption is mainly enforced by political nepotism and the patronage system of governance. Elected leaders are inclined to seize and distribute resources amongst their electorates in order to secure and maintain popular support. GPPNG is in place to try and address these instabilities. Part of this strategy resulted in the successful stand of Hon Richard Masere who became the Party's first MP.



■ In their challenging constitutional parliamentary democracy, with the largest Pacific population of more than six million people, the PNG-Greens have worked formally and informally at local levels against many cases of basic human rights. This has included: violence against women, general brutality; all other forms of inequalities which contribute to the low awareness of basic human rights in the country.

## Gender Equality

■ It is against its challenging history that the PNG-Greens have taken on the Gender Equality agenda; battling realities of systemic violations of women's rights throughout the country. PNG women and girls have had less access to health care and education services than their male counterparts.

■ The PNG-Greens have been consistently supported and advised by the IDC-Coordinator and PNG-Greens Trainers have consistently participated in APGWN training programmes. Such support has assisted PNG-Greens women to achieve successful outputs of gender equality training for the empowerment of their constituencies.

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It is the first PNG political party to provide gender training aimed at setting the pace for women running for politics. It was the first of its kind of programme that comprised a diverse number of women from civil society, communities, working class professionals and university students. It successfully received positive coverage via media

<https://www.postcourier.com.pg/png-green-party-empowers-women-in-politics/>

“I am proud of the successful outcomes achieved the gender equality training and we need to offer it in other provinces”  
Andrew Kutapae (General Secretary GPPNG)

## PNG-Greens Achievements

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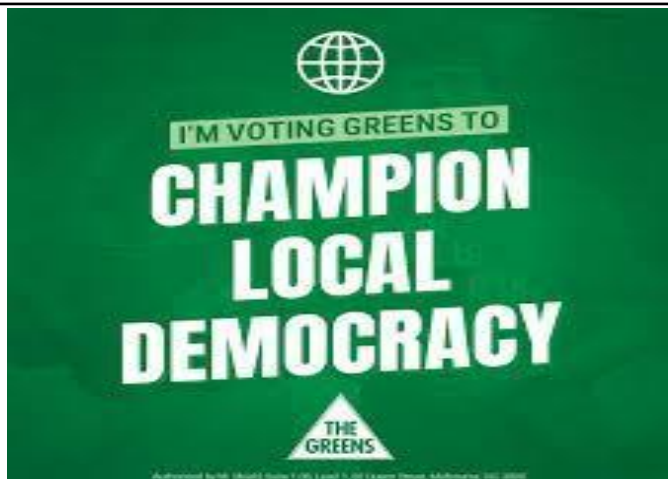
■ Subsequent to many years of participating in APGWN-facilitated IDC sponsored programmes, PNG trainers successfully facilitated gender equality training which were over-subscribed and where Women

Participants had to be turned away. They plan to provide more programmes of training so that all women from other provinces may have opportunity to be empowered through training.



PNG Greens party is instrumental in fighting against human rights issues both within PNG and the Pacific region. Another Project we are looking for is due to fast development of Destructive Logging PNG Green sParty is instrumental in Seeking support led by Andrew Kutapae to organize a reforestation program for next five years.

## Pillar V ■ Participatory Democracy



### General Snapshot

The Global Greens was founded on the pillar of grassroots participatory democracy. Our politics is based on the understanding that when we make decisions together, seeking consensus, working at the level closest to the action while coordinating between us, we get the best and longest-lasting decisions. (Global Greens Charter 2022).

## ■ Participatory Democracy ■ Greens Japan ■

Greens Japan was formed in 2008 and founded in 2012 – a merger of a conservative Greens party and left-wing Rainbow and Greens party. This point is made to illustrate the resilience of a group of people highly committed to issues of global agenda, doing the right thing and doing things right.



*Japan-Greens have been consistently vocal about their country's plan to release treated waste water from the Fukushima nuclear plant into the Pacific Ocean. They match the anxiety and anger of Pacific protests in the Pacific region. Yet still the government went ahead with their plans, and the Japan-Greens ever led by their ever-active and determined leader Ms Keiko Ngato, leads all attempts to make a difference. Tankiu, Japan-Greens!*

■ Greens Japan comprises about 500 party members and about 500 supporters; and it features proactive influence through mobilising members at local government; and local governance is its power base. As with all Greens Parties, its beginnings was significant, it was based on one thousand political activists protesting after the 2011 Japan earthquake and the Fukushima nuclear power disaster that followed it.

■ Despite being the only country to have suffered the devastating effects of nuclear weapons in wartime, with over 100,000 deaths, Japan embraced the peaceful use of nuclear technology to provide a substantial portion of its electricity. However, following the tsunami which killed 19,000 people and which triggered the Fukushima nuclear accident (March 21), public sentiment shifted so that there were public protests calling for nuclear power to be abandoned. The tensions is the reason for the Japanese-Greens staying current in the public debate.

### Alternative Peaceful Protest

“Tears For Palestine” was “a shared plan for meaningful action initiated by a group of Palestinians and Arabs living in Tokyo, the initiative quickly grew from a handful of demonstrators to hundreds of people from several cities around the globe. It was a quiet solemn tribute to those martyred, “We wanted to create an alternative way of protesting.”<sup>4</sup>

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### Japan Greens and #SupportPalestine

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<sup>4</sup> Asahi.com



PicCred: Dreamstime.com



PicCred: Asahi.com

## ■ Participatory Democracy ■ Green Party Korea ■

■The GPK is a most important study in resilience of will, energy and commitment by their members. The Party's purpose and its founding principles for sustainability became more important than a co-creation dependent on solely on people. They found a way to run for office and they innovated to make it happen.

■We support and pay due respect to the industry of the leads and leaders of GPK; and 감사합니다 gamsahabnida thank you again for the wonderful experience in Incheon.

■In 2004, the **Korea Greens** was a political group established in South Korea; following consultations that commenced in 2003; however, it dissolved in 2008.

■In 2012, the **Green Party Korea** was re-established in response to the [Fukushima Nuclear Crisis](#) of Japan. Green Party Korea is a member of the [Global Greens](#) and the [Asia Pacific Greens Federation](#).

■The GPK joined an electoral alliance with the social-democratic [Justice Party](#) to participate in the [2024 South Korean legislative election](#). Due to South Korean electoral law, which doesn't allow electoral alliances officially, the Justice Party changed its name to the Green Justice Party, and candidates of the Green Party individually joined the Green Justice Party.



## Participatory Democracy ■ Green Party Taiwan

The Green Party Taiwan has been active for eight years (est 25Jan96). Although the party is sympathetic to Taiwan nationalism and shares a number of centre-left positions with the Pan-Green Coalition, the Party's programmes are mainly focused on social and environmental issues.

### Effective Party Achievements

*Note: Where a Member Party has not responded to requests for information for this Annual Report, we will take liberties and reprint the Party's past achievements and information – with due acknowledgement of the Party's busy schedule, language barriers and unforeseen circumstances.*

- One of the Party's unforgettable historical successes is that in 1996, Green Party Taiwan's Kao Meng-ting was elected to the National Assembly.
- It has key support in Ponso no Tao where Taiwan's nuclear waste storage facility is located. There, the Greens-Taiwan collected 36% of their Party votes due to its strong antinuclear stance.
- In the 2014 local elections, the Party won two seats; we remain hopeful that they have continued their

### Challenges for Taiwan Greens

The vast majority of Taiwanese people say they have been affected by climate change and support more renewable energy use to avert severe climate disasters in the future, according to a newly released survey. However, they also face challenges in air pollution, water pollution from industrial emissions, raw sewage, contamination of drinking water supplies, and low-level radioactive waste disposal. Taiwan's biggest problem for effectively tackling the country's environmental problems is what is perceived by many as a lack of transparency surrounding many policy-making or decision making processes.



**Pro-Palestine Protesters Gather in Taiwan**

## **Protest march for Palestine calls for end to Twaiwan-Israel arms links (June24)**

*Note: This is a general post, not necessarily pertinent to Greens-Taiwan; however, profiling the mobilisation of Taiwan civil society in the global protest to #SupportPalestine – and underscoring the Greens-wide support for Palestine and calling out all atrocities meted on its People and Humanity.*

The protest demanded that the Taiwanese government t uphold universal human rights in ending arms cooperation between Taiwanese companies and Israel. Demonstrators stated that Taiwanese parts are likely used in F-35 and F-16 fighter jets, AH-64 helicopters, unmanned drones, and military computer networks employed by the Israeli army in its genocidal efforts directed at Gazans. This may be because a number of Taiwanese companies have received orders from the US and Taiwan for arms manufacturing.

## **Pillar VI - Social Justice**

### **Global Greens Charter**

'We assert that the key to social justice is the equitable distribution of social and natural resources, both locally and globally, to meet basic human needs unconditionally, and to ensure that all citizens have full opportunities for personal and social development. We declare that there is no social justice without environmental justice, and no environmental justice without social justice'.<sup>5</sup> (Global Greens Charter 2022).

## **Social Justice ■ Green Party of the Philippines ■ Kalikasan Muna**

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<sup>5</sup> Global Greens Charter



The Party founder indicated that social justice is not new in the Philippines; and their 1987 Constitution frames it as a commitment to create equitable opportunities, and this is challenging when they struggle on the ground to reduce social economic and political inequalities and cultural inequalities. Even though the economy is steadily improving, the community people on the ground and the Party community still battle poverty, inequality and people left behind across all Sustainable Development Goals.<sup>6</sup>

**Key Platforms:**

- \*Declare Climate Emergency with appropriate legislation
- \*Adopt green blockchain in governance – esp in government contracts and elections
- \*New and alternative Minerals Management
- \*Green, renewable & affordable energy
- \*Educational reforms
- \*Legislate a comprehensive Environmental Code and Passage of the Rights of Nature Act
- \*Organic farming and Food Sovereignty

**Filipino concept of social justice**

The Filipino concept of social justice and the Western ideal of the Welfare State share the same underlying premises: (1) the state plays a key role in the protection and promotion of the social and economic well-being of its citizens; and (2) the state’s role is to provide equality of opportunity. These are the two main reasons that the Philippine Greens needs to be the Peoples’ voices, so their supports and resources are accessible, and fairly distributed – which is emphasised in the Global Greens Charter 2022 for ‘the eradication of poverty, as an ethical, social, economic, and ecological imperative’.

**Natural Disasters**

The Party faced impacts of natural disasters and climate change and mitigation and adaptation is challenging when everyone is expected to fight for contestable funding; and generally, resources are not accessible by the real people who are doing the real work at ground level. For example, Typhoon Ewiniar/Typhoon Aghon was a strong tropical cyclone that had affected communities still recovering.

**Climate change**

As with many other countries in Asia and the Pacific, Philippines is affected by climate change, including: (a) sea level rise, (b) coastal erosion, (c) flooding, (d) increase in frequency and severity of tropical cyclones, (e) extreme drought, (f) temperature increase and rising urban heat index, (g) extreme rainfall, (h) climate influenced diseases, (i) wind patterns, and (j) biodiversity loss. Although their Climate Change Commission is developing action plans to define the best implementation plan, it is a long wait to see these plans in action as community civil society is not often a part of the discussion about any climate change funding facility.

**Ongoing concern for the Party**

<sup>6</sup> <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

■These key issues are important to the Party as they are trying to influence some of the key decision-making processes that have kept the People out of the dialogue; so it is trying to make government more more accountable and responsive to the People that matter.



■[a] Transport strikes – party members have been a part of the strikes in support; and/or directly affected; [b] Constitutional reforms =>the Party has kept an eye on the reforms and how constituencies need to be consulted where relevant; [c] 2024 Philippine census =>Members have tried to ensure advocating for hard to access population groups; [d] Congressional enquiries on Alice Guo => tracking investigations over her alleged involvement in illegal gambling and other criminal activities concerning the offshore gaming operators; [e] keeping an eye on monkey pox as there were cases reported; and [f] keeping an eye on the official enquiry regarding the Philippine drug war.

## Social Justice ■ Atjeh Green Party “Partai Atjeh Hijau” (PAH)

The **Atjeh Green Party** (Indonesian *Partai Atjeh Hijau*, PAH), also known as the Aceh Greens, is a regional political party in Aceh, Indonesia (est 2013). It is an active party established in seven districts and cities. According to co-founder, Fahmi Cherly, the party intends to be registered by the 2024 election. The Atjeh Greens have been supported by the IDC of Australian Green as a part of the "Australian Political Parties for Democracy Program".

Our work strengthens new and emerging parties with a Greens’ perspective through training and project initiatives and through supporting a regional federation of Green parties. We actively promote participation in political processes at local, regional, and national levels. The three program’s objectives for 2017-18 were: 1. To support networking and training opportunities for Asia Pacific Green parties 2. To strengthen capacity of the Asia Pacific Greens Federation to build capacity and professionalism of Green parties in the region 3. To assist the development and consolidation of emerging parties



The Atjeh Green have been actively canvassing for increased support across their seven target districts. PicCred: Atjeh Green Instagram

### Key issue of Freedom of expression for Atjeh Green

■ Atjeh Greens note that the authorities continued to prosecute people for crimes against the security of the state for exercising their right to freedom of expression, including those calling for independence of Papua. At least three Papuan activists were imprisoned during the year for expressing their opinions; and so Atjeh Greens are keeping an eye on the New Criminal Code that is coming into play, because it will not only restrict the rights of the Papua but also their rights as Indonesians who may express and lobby for issues of social justice. It is about the rights of all Indonesians.

*We are very interested in participating in this election. In my opinion, the election process did not go as expected. The candidates' approach is to use giving goods to constituents. The elections that have passed, unfortunately, were not a battle of ideas for a better tomorrow.*

*In the future, political education is really needed. And, it is very important for the people to internalize the reason why the party was founded and the election was held.*

*Notes from Atjeh. Farmy*



Voting Process from PAH perspective (2023) PicCred: Fahmy Cheryl

■The Indonesian President signed a new criminal code (Jan23) which is a problem if it is enforced. It would undermine freedoms of speech, belief, and association and imperil the rights of women, religious minorities, and LGBT people. The law will come into effect in 2026.

■Yet it was a process with problems, the government pledged to consult with the stakeholders and civil societies and they failed to do this, instead, the consultations were one-sided presentations by government officials. So the process of the new law is really about an inclusive democratic process intended to increase social justice for the People.

■More pertinent, it will concern the rights of Indonesian citizens to freely assemble and express their support of the Palestinians, it will mean they cannot hold protest marches as they have been doing since Oct23 to #SupportPalestine.



Thousands-Millions of Indonesians protesting for #SupportPalestine. PicCred: Middle East Monitor.

## Pillar VII ■ Non-Violence

### ■ Non-Violence ■ Green Party of Solomon Islands (GPSI) ■

■The Green Party of Solomon Islands (GPSI, 2011) was established by a few Solomon Islands scholars returning from studies in New Zealand. GPSI firmly believes and upholds the principles of the Global Greens Charter. The main pillars of GPSI are sustainable development, anti-corruption, political stability & accountability, gender equality; community governance; and the socio-ecological welfare of all Solomon Islanders.

■As GPSI notes, “We live in a global community and therefore, we are not immune to the socio-ecological impacts that affects the global community. It is when we rise up and voice our concerns, and fight for true social justice, that in a small way we contribute to make this universe a better place for us and our future generations to live and enjoy.” (FB, 2023)

■Monday is the final day of election campaigning in Solomon Islands. Over 420 thousand registered voters will be called on to elect 50 national and 131 provincial representatives.



**GPSI New Officers**

In preparation of the National General Election of 2024, GPSI elected new office bearers. They indicate, “GPSI is a political Party that promotes sustainable development based on the principles of ecological wisdom, social justice, participatory democracy, nonviolence, sustainability, and respect for diversity. GPSI strongly believes it has the right mix of policies for the sustainable economic development of the Solomon Islands’.  
(GPSI FB)

**GPSI proactively protested about an important key issue for their Peoples’ livelihoods,**

■“GPSI condemns the current unsustainable harvest of tuna stock by foreign fishing vessels in the Solomon Islands, and the logging and mining that returns very little to land owners, ruins the environment and causes severe negative social impacts. GPSI believes the Government of the day must take tough decisions to safeguard national resources in the interest of the Country.”

**Other key national issues**

■The Solomon Islands faced some of the most difficult challenges in the Pacific region, including, ethnic violence, fragile state institutions, corruption and increasing crime which affected the country’s development. This is the history that makes them stand firm about fighting against conflicts that impact their Members.

■Due to an history, stability is critical to both economic growth and human development in the SI; and GPSI has a vested interest and official workers, in the sponsored programs of governance, justice and policing work. All sectors are committed to SI communities that are safer and experience better access to services.

■With public promises, GPSI successfully achieved great gains in the Solomon Islands general elections. They fielded quite a few candidates, and successfully achieved gained a significant post for the **Honorable Patteson Oti**, Speaker of the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.



National Parliament of Solomon Islands. PicCred: [www.parliament.gov.sb](http://www.parliament.gov.sb)

### ***Hon Oti provided a glimpse of his new responsibilities,***

'The National Parliament of Solomon Islands is a unicameral legislature, and general elections are held every four years using the 'first-past-the-post' electoral system. The country is divided into 50 constituencies, Parliament usually meets on average three times a year, and the meetings usually last for two to four weeks. The proceedings in Parliament are spoken in English or Pidgin. All parliamentary documents – such as bills, motions, questions and reports – are written in English'.<sup>7</sup>

## **■ Non-Violence ■ India – Greens India Party (iGP) ■**

India Greens Party (iGP) is a nationally registered with the Election Commission of India under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (est 2019). It comprises a dedicated group of active community people intent on upholding their national commitments for influencing best outcomes. 'We, as citizens of India and Earth and members of the India Greens Party that has allegiance to the Constitution of India established by law and principles of Socialism, Secularism and Democracy and that will endeavour to maintain Sovereignty, Unity and Integrity of India'.

As part of their Memorandum, they 'Recognise that without equality between men and women, no real democracy can be achieved' as they 'Commit ourselves to social justice and equal opportunity, non-violence, decentralisation, community-based economics, feminism, respect'.

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<sup>7</sup> [Meet the Speaker of the National Parliament of Solomon Islands](#)



iGP manifesto, Charter of Hope, for the parliamentary election-2024, was released on 18 May 2024 at the Press Club of India premises, launched on 14 May 2024. (Source: FB)

## The Statistics

■ iGP has been vocal and active against violence against women. Recorded sexual violations indicate violations against women have increased (32,000 in 2021) but a decline from previous numbers (39,000 in 2016). However, it is acknowledged that these figures do not include the unreported cases, annually. It has earned the unfortunate label of India being “the rape capital of the world”. This is not because India is an exception, it is because of the way the victims and survivors are treated – they are further stigmatised by society and shamed by police and judiciary.

■ A huge tragedy and blight on the country was the well-publicised case of the horrific repeated violation of the late #DrMoumitaDebnath (remember her name). In following the case, all human rights and due diligence was breached by all authorities concerned. Yet it is the same authorities who must deliver justice and accountability for the #Kolkata doctor. Women professionals at the hospital quickly exited and left their employment, either in fear and in protest.

■ Against this huge barrier, iGP joins all other civil society groups, within and outside the country, who are trying to seek justice for #DrMoumita. In response, some authorities have sought a ‘quick fix’ and instituted the death penalty; however, in any democracy, this is not the solution. Law reforms do not provide deterrence and changed behaviours, it is much more deep-rooted.

■ However, the death penalty is never the solution, nor it would offer a ‘quick fix’ to prevent violence against women. There is no evidence that it has a unique deterrent effect. Even the Justice Verma Committee that was constituted in 2012 to reform the laws and criminal justice practices relating to crimes of sexual violence, including rape in India and Law Commission of India have opposed the death penalty in cases of violence against women.

■ iGP have argued that what is actually needed is far-reaching procedural and institutional reform that deals with the root causes of crime with resourced emphases in national prevention programmes across all sectors, for example, police training and reforms, preventative programmes for all, implementing

procedures for addressing reporting, registration and investigations of all violations. This should make India safer for women and girls.



***Dr Moumita Debnath***

*Immortalised and martyred by Women's groups  
all over the world.*

*Sunset: 9 August 2024*

*31-year-old female postgraduate  
trainee **doctor** at R. G. Kar Medical College and  
Hospital in Kolkata, West Bengal, India*

*#DrMoumita #rememberername*

*#RIPDrMoumita*

■ Non-Violence ■ Green Party of Bangladesh ■

Achievement by the Bangladesh National Green Party



Leaders of GPB and historic registration. PicCred: GPB FB.

■ On Sunday 22/01/201, at 10,45 am, "Bangladesh National Green Party" submitted the second letter of the Election Commission as the first selection party for registration by the Bangladesh Election Commission! This is an important victory because the Party has worked against all odds and challenges to successfully achieve this milestone.

■ It is important (even in 2023), the Bangladesh authorities tightened repression ahead of national elections. Their security forces carried out mass arrests of opposition members and in some cases responded with excessive force to protesters. The arrests appeared to reflect senior police officials' plans made known through leaked information, to ensure opposition members' convictions so they would be

disqualified from contesting elections. It is known that an estimated half of the country's five million voting members face politically motivated prosecution.



Disabled community protests.  
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### Protests for the Disabled and Elderly

Generally in democratic societies, marginalised communities including those with disability rights have an important role. However, in Bangladesh when supporters protested for the disabled and elderly communities to increase their social welfare allowance from US7\$ to US45\$, they were attacked by the Police; and the government did not increase their monthly allowances despite their promised commitments. Human Rights Watch found that the authorities failed in their duties to the communities with disabilities and the aged population groups. They failed to ensure access to protections and services, especially following the major floodings in the north (June22).

### #SupportPalestine

Relations between Bangladesh and Palestine are cordial; Bangladesh is a strong and consistent advocate for an independent Palestinian state and firmly opposed to Israeli occupation. Bangladesh has a complete ban on trade (direct and indirect) with Israel and does not have any diplomatic relations with Israel.



*I am writing to you today to express my deepest solidarity with the people of Gaza. In the midst of the ongoing challenges and hardships faced by the region, I want you to know that you are not alone. I cannot begin to imagine the difficulties that you are enduring on a daily basis – the loss, the fear, and the uncertainty. However, please know that my thoughts and are with you, and I stand in solidarity with you during these trying times. (Chaiman, GPB, March24)*

## **Pillar VIII ■ Respect for Diversity**

### **■ Respect for Diversity ■ Asia Pacific Young Greens Network (APYGN) ■**

**“APYGN is a network of youth from across the Asia-Pacific, working to push our region to a Greener future!” (APYGN FB)**

#### **2023-2024 History to Date**

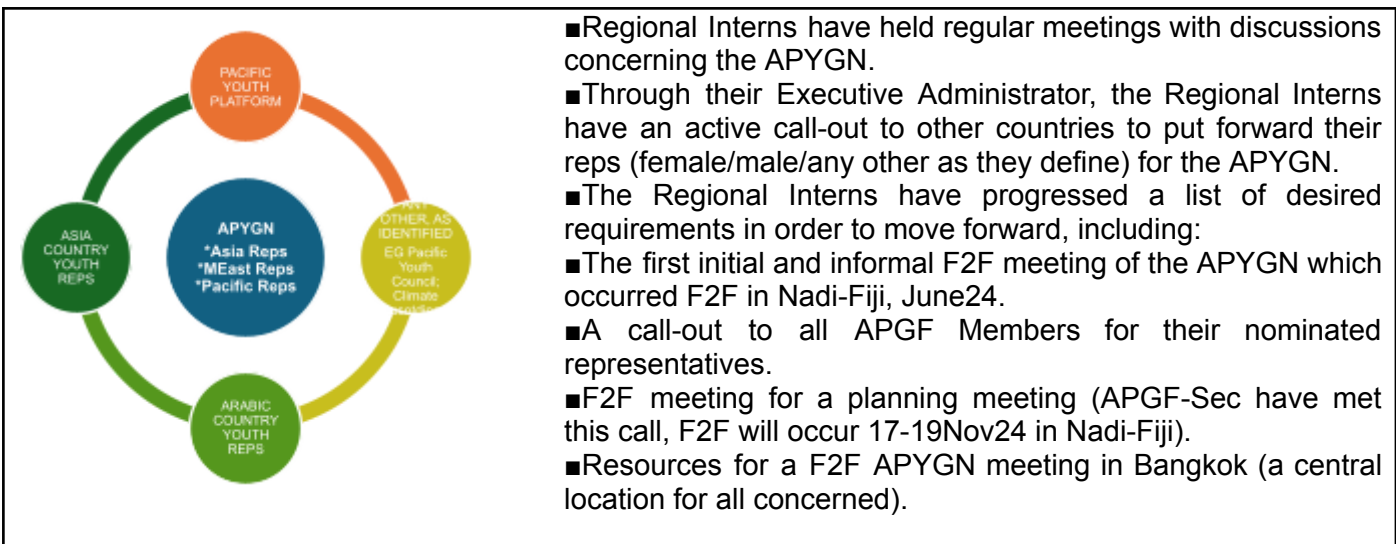
- The APYGN has been inactive for a year as the APYGN and APGF have tried to find best solutions for a way forward.
- The APGF Secretariat thank the young people for their service and the time they served in various roles of maintaining an active front on behalf of the APYGN membership.
- However, post-Global Greens Congress and with the passing of time, a renewed injection of energy from the APGF Youths abounds. APGF anticipates a rejuvenated movement.
- The old guard have matured and moved on; and as at the last communication with them, they are wishing to establish a group equivalent to APYGN and operating outside of the APYGN umbrella. The APGF Executive and Secretariat accepts this and wish them well. This has been communicated to the Council who also reflect similar sentiments.
- We are very pleased that a renewed membership will determine a determined direction for the APYGN youth movement going forward.

#### **Key Points of Development to date**

- As at June24, the APGF Regional Interns have accepted to serve the in a support role; and to focus on the redevelopment of the APYGN with the support of the Pacific Youth Platform at the outset.
- Led and coordinated by the Executive-Administrator, the APGF Regional Interns comprising dynamic members of the Climate Custodians of Fiji and Climate Warriors of Australia; and they will be co-convened by able efficient young indigenous women members – a Māori of Aotearoa New Zealand Greens and a First Nations of the Australian Greens.

#### **Proactivity Thus Far**

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### Pacific Youth Platform (PYP)

- The PYP is the umbrella platform of Pacific Youths; and the APGF Pacific Regional Interns are a part of the PYP; and it is co-convened by two indigenous young women co-convenors.
- The other PYP members are from a diverse range of civil society groups, including Pacific Custodians (Fiji); Pacific Climate Warriors (Australia); Banaba Human Rights Defenders Network; Pacific Youth Council members; and Māori Iwi for #ProPalestine.

### Anticipated APYGN forward planning

- Paid consultant[s] to administer the APYGN brief
- Streamlined procedures and technologies in place
- Active social media – paid consultancy[s]
- APYGN F2F meeting in BKK for strategic planning
- Pacific Islands Leaders Forum – hosted/chaired by Solomon Islands (Sept25)
- COP31 2026 hosted by Pacific and Australia/Australia and Pacific
- COP30 in Brazil
- World Social Forum 2025, Asia-hosted
- Integration into the Global Greens Rights for Indigenous Peoples Platform (GGRIPP)
- Integration into the Global Forum for Migration – as part of the Major Group for Children and Youths – high level chaired by Colombia; summit in June25 in Colombia
- Integration into the Climate Mobility fora
- Integration into the biodiverse-ecologies platform eg GG Biodiversity Working Group; and/or Oceans Forum in the Pacific region



Pacific Youths committing to the Youth Agenda and APYGN; NIU Pacific Greens Fono (Fiji24). PicCred: Freda Pos

## ■ Respect for Diversity ■ Mongolian Greens ■

The **Mongolian Green Party** (Mongolian: Монголын Ногоон Нам, *Mongol'in Nagoon Nam*, abbr.MHH) was established in 1990, the year that Mongolia became a multi-party democracy. It is significant that it was the first green party founded in Asia; thereafter, it became part of a governing coalition as it navigated ways to survive in a complex environment. The Party has about 6,000 members with goals to improve human rights and democracy; and protect the environment. Founder Mr Olzoid Boum-Yalagch has been the chairman since 2012; and Dulgun Bumud has long been an active representative member and officer-bearer of APGF.



GPM's core members who maintain hopeful optimism. PicCred: GPM FB.

MGP have bravely fought to influence the economic and political crisis with increasing poverty, stating that it is intolerable. They closely follow the political play and are not afraid to urgently call for dissolving current governments and instituting transitional governments. They have also issued challenges concerning the public health policy of the government, indicating it should be more effective for the people. They keep fighting for current issues, for example, child mortality in Ulaanbaatar caused by air pollution is higher than anywhere else in the world.

## Mongolia and Freedom of Expression

■GPM have fought to uphold the law for freedom of expression, including for members of the press; because the government has not always respected this right. The government enforced criminal penalties for “spreading false information” and there was reported harassment of journalists; and that was an important human rights issue that the GPM to fight for – especially during the COVID-19 pandemic and laws on spreading false information.

■At times, there were individual cases where protesters for the rights of the People to freedom of expression were penalised for exercising their rights.

■The law provides for freedoms of peaceful assembly and association; and the government generally respected these rights, excepting when there were state-imposed distancing requirements during COVID-19.

## Freedom of Peaceful Assembly

■Protesters penalised for protesting against COVID-19 restrictions said that restrictions were enforced unequally, and GPM were vigilant about following this in their country.

## Bio-diverse ecologies and issues

■Mongolian lands are becoming more arid through desertification, which is exacerbated by irresponsible land use. Also, more species are disappearing and at risk of extinction especially as deforestation contributes to the problem.

The village is currently experiencing significant economic and political growth, opening up various conflict opportunities, especially agrarian conflicts due to power struggles over natural resource management. Extractive industries have exacerbated environmental damage and caused the loss of living space for rural communities, making village land use or spatial planning one of the appropriate solutions to address various issues, including identifying the economic and political potentials in villages. Therefore, Sarekat Hijau Indonesia in collaboration with Republik Hijau feels the need to organize a Green Sunday

Discussion with the theme of Digital-based Village Land Use Planning: Opportunities for the Economic and Political Potential of Villages on Sunday

April 28, 2024 13.00-15.00

which will be dissected by the speakers  
DULGUN (Mongolian Green Party Member)  
LUKMAN (Village Head of Pattaneteang, Bantaeng Regency, South Sulawesi)  
Hendrawan Hasibuan (Chairperson of SHI North Sumatra)

WhatsApp Message inviting APGF Members to support the webinar, including guest speaker Dulgun B-Y (Mongolian-Greens), April23.  
WhatsApp message.

## Economic issues in Mongolia

■The economy is considered “moderately free” and reforms supported economic expansion and reductions in poverty. However, corruption and the weak rule of law discourage economic development.



Mongolian NEW constitution draft has been drafted by Mongolian people`s revolutionary party recently and campaigning nationwide through Mongolian citizens. MGP, MNDP and CWGP are participating for the constitution draft together. Therefore, a signing ceremony has held of above four political parties have signed to support the declaration.

PicCred: GPM FB

## ■ Respect for Diversity ■ Partai Hijau Indonesia ■

*"The realization of an equal and just world society through the defense, strengthening, and service of marginalized groups"*  
– Vision of PHI –

### PHI History

**1990** ■ The Partai Hijau Indonesia is built from an activist foundation grounded in environmental protections. The Environmental Forum (est 1980) was the beginning of the environmental movement in Indonesia; and it raised awareness to build a political party that prioritised the environment. In the urn-up to the 1999 elections, the Forum lobbied for the environment whilst they agreed to postpone the establishment of a political party.

**1998** ■ A few academic leaders took the initiative to establish and register the Green Party to participate in the 1999 elections; however, they were challenged in that they could not meet the number of maximum numbers.

### 16 March 23 International Women's Day

*To celebrate International Women's Day 2024, Indonesian Green Party (PHI) will held a webinar: p Together EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS WOMEN in the World of CONTEMPORARY POLITICS 2024 The 2024 elections make us aware of how indigenous women participate in contestation. It is no longer possible to simply trust other parties who do not understand and are unable to voice loudly the rights of indigenous women. We/they are increasingly marginalised for the sake of national development projects OR the interests of a few who are increasingly running over and destroying living space and the environment. This situation also take place in various countries, such as New Zealand, where the 'right wing' is in power. How do traditional women survive and struggle amidst the contemporary political conditions of the world in 2024? We will talk about this at:*

*Saturday, March 16 2024 16.00-18.00*



### PHI practices holacracy

Holacracy is a new model of democracy, even above democracy, where there is no hierarchical structure and what is practiced is heterarchic. In the holacracy, there is no chairman but a presidium consisting of five members who share collegial collective work. The Members have their own roles and responsibilities. each is equal and there are no leaders or subordinates.

**'Everyone can convey ideas and participate in decision-making with equal freedom. This is what making PHI very different from other parties'.**

■ **Optimistic Process of New Order** The Partai Hijau Indonesia/IGP is an important example of YOUTHS EMPOWERED TO FORM A GREEN PARTY, this was also part of the process upholding the “New Order” which followed Indonesia’s communal and political conflicts (1960s-1950s). It was a new regime that focused on achieving and maintaining political order and economic development.

■ **Leadership** The Indonesian Green Party (IGP) uses a collaborative leadership and collaborative management model.

■ **Decision-making** The Members were intent on consensus decision making, except for voting when in formal convention process; and they also tried to adhere to collective collegiality through working groups.

■ **Member sovereignty** The IGP upheld the principle of sovereignty; and at any time, Members could propose or petition regarding their activity programs, position statements or drafts on law reforms.

### Issue-Based Policies

■ The IGP developed a range of important policies tailored for their purposes, including:

(1) Corruption Eradication Resolution; (2) Human Rights Enforcement Resolutions; (3) Bureaucratic Revolution; (4) Health Reform; (5) Democratic Clean Energy; (6) Agrarian Reform; (7) Resolution for Papua; (8) Green Education; (9) Blue Economy; (10) Diversity Protection; (11) Human security; (12) Earth Heroes; (13) Transparent Foreign Diplomacy; (14) Green World Order.



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## 6 ■ APGF Possible Plans Going Forward

### APGF Members

6.1

- Responsive to Membership
- Resources for the Council strategic planning retreat; APGF Congress; networks capacity development; working groups' purposes; Party Members' projects or potential programmes; GG projects
- Increased Membership – new emerging Members
- Focused attention on identified priorities

### Staff

6.2

- Increased coordination
- Increased resources for increased time, capacities and other
- Improved technologies for communications

### Shared Values

6.3

- Review GG Charter (“freedom” and “Non-Violence”)
- Review APGF Constitution and By-Laws
- Seek resources for translations of key documents

### Strategy

6.4

- Increased coordination around agreed strategies
- Increased resources for increased time, capacities and other
- Improved technologies for communications

### Special Priorities

6.5

- Palestine and Middle Eastern Members
- APYGN
- Emergent Members
- New Global Greens Networks and Working Groups
- Other as may be identified

### Structure

6.6

- Review structures (All Committees)
- Develop and/or refine or consolidate identified structures
- Discuss other diverse models

### Skills

6.7

- Needs assessment of Members
- Seek resources for identified increased capacities/capabilities
- Support established programmes in collaboration with IDC, including: Equality Training; APYGN training; Membership training; and other

### Style/Modalities

6.8

- Review structures (All Committees)
- Redevelop and/or refine or consolidate identified structures
- Consider country party exchange programme

### System

6.9

- Improved technologies for communications
- Consider efficient programmes (eg AI)
- Consider training development for identified Country Members

### Other

6.10

- Lifetime Membership
- APGF Congress and Awards
- Emergent issues, again (COP31 in 2026; anti-nuclearisation)
- Emergent SDGs (Bio-diverse Ecologies; Indigenous agenda; Climate Mobility)
- Support for regional conflict-fragility continued

### *We canvassed a diverse range of sources:*

*For references, we have taken liberties and referred to a diverse range of sources, including: APGF Executive and members; meeting minutes; working groups minutes; previous annual report; dialogues and conversations with Members; WhatsApp; Parties' social media sites – FB, X, Instagram; google; official information & other.*

## 7 ■ “Tankiu Tumas” all APGF Donors & Key Leaders

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You are the most significant people to us  
You have voluntarily given and granted resources for our continued commitment  
APGF is not possible without you  
We are thankful ■ We are indebted ■ We are grateful  
Thank You Tankiu Tumas Mahalo Nui Loa**

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Global Greens Ambassador



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**Ms Najah Jaroush**  
Former Global Greens Lead/Global Greens Executive

## 8 ■ APGF Members 2023-2024

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