

**E-Education/Learning Workshop**  
**Global Forum of Indigenous people and the Information Society**  
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**Title:** Pacific Voices and Educational Technology

**Abstract:**

Indigenous peoples of every country and region have a unique way of seeing the world and expressing themselves. Across the Pacific, a network of indigenous educators are learning ways to use technology such as digital cameras, computers and other multimedia tools to develop curriculum unique to the needs of their students, communities and islands. At the foundation of these communities are the village elders whose stories are key to a significant body of knowledge derived from hundreds of years of observation and experience with life and survival in the Pacific. Teachers are encouraged to incorporate these stories and the richness of their island cultures and environments into the projects they develop. Students learn to use various technologies while also learning about themselves and their island homes. Projects have included high school students producing video teleconference shows discussing common island themes, elementary and intermediate students creating movies of culturally important food, plants and trees, and community members involved in creating children's television shows in their native language.

Join us as we share some of these projects involving indigenous peoples of the Pacific, their classrooms, communities and educational technology.