

Pacific Peace Forum Participant Profiles



Sato Kenta (Iitate, Fukushima)

Chief director of The Fukushima New Culture Creation Committee/ Executive director of Never Give Up Iitate. Born in 1982, Sato is a native of Iitate Village from where he was evacuated after the Fukushima nuclear disaster in 2011. Since, he has proactively worked to raise the profile and awareness of current conditions in Iitate Village and Fukushima in the media. Sato has also set up inspection tours for outsiders to visit the affected area and worked to create the "Well-being Diary", which enables residents to keep records of their early exposure to radiation. He currently lives as an evacuee in Fukushima City and continues to disseminate information about the region.



Tanemaruatoa Michel Arakino – Association Moruroa e Tatou (Tahiti)

Born in the Reao atoll near Moruroa, and worked as a diver in the nuclear test sites of Moruroa and Fangataufa during the French nuclear testing for 17 years. However, after learning of the real effects of nuclear testing and weapons, he is now against their use. Member of the Association Moruroa e Tatou since 2001, an NGO which supports test-site workers exposed to radiation. Wants to be a spokesperson for all former test site workers who are suffering in silence, because of the fear of sanctions and retaliation and of receiving blame for having worked in the test sites.



Desmond Doulatram – REACH-MI (Marshall Islands)

Has seen the devastating effects of the testing of 67 nuclear bombs in the Marshall Islands. After graduating from college in 2010, worked on Climate Change in the Office of the President, and as an educator at the local high school. Co-founder to two NGOs - Jo-JiKuM which deals with environmental issues, and REACH-MI (Radiation Exposure Awareness Crusaders for Humanity- Marshall Islands), which aims to provide information and explore ways to address unresolved issues to improve community conditions and people's lives. Hopes to showcase the little known side of history and humanity from the Pacific, and human rights abuses by colonial super powers.



Brooke Takala Abraham – NGO Elimoñdik (Marshall Islands)

Originally from the US, and in the Marshall Islands since 2006, where she has furthered her education, married, and started a family. Has lost family members to the effects of the nuclear legacy- her mother passed away after developing cancer due to unknowing participation in human subject radiation testing as a child in California, and her parents in law both passed away due to health problems stemming from their exile and the nuclear legacy. Brooke and her husband Mores Abraham, the sitting chief (*Iroij*) of the Enjebi people, formed Elimoñdik as a platform for change to deal with suffering and fractures in the community of Enewetak. Also director of a the Marshall Islands Women’s Research Initiative, and a PhD candidate in Education for Sustainable Development.