

Ashwini flies Pacific flag in WWF

Ashwini Praba is ensuring the Pacific presence is felt within civil society groups represented at this week's United Nations climate talks in the Polish city of Poznan. Praba is the communications adviser for WWF South Pacific office in Fiji.

At today's opening of the UN conference at the Poznan International Trade Centre, Praba joined WWF International activists outside the conference venue distributing nuts and nutcrackers.

"Against the backdrop of a giant nutcracker with the "crack the climate nut" message, the WWF action shows delegates that major progress in the international climate negotiations lies in their hands and is within close reach," said a WWF flyer distributed to delegates.

The UN climate talks in Poznan from 1 to 12 December 2008 are a crucial stepping stone on the way towards a fair and ambitious global climate treaty which is due to be negotiated by the end of next year. This understanding, referred to as the Bali Roadmap, mandates governments to conclude their negotiations by the time of the next UN Climate Conference in Copenhagen to be held in December 2009.

The Poznan conference is Praba's final meeting as a WWF South Pacific representative. From January 2009, she moves on to work at WWF International headquarters in Switzerland.

She is a Fiji national and a graduate of the Journalism School of the University of the South Pacific.