

First live show - Fiji Times Online

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DIRECTOR of Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises & Development Sashi Kiran is one of the seven speakers at the inaugural TEDxSuva live event today.

The FRIEND founder said to coincide with the theme "Contemporary Voyage", she would be sharing her journey and experiences with the organisation and people involved.

"It is actually quite amazing to be one of the seven in the inaugural event and listening to the preview stories of the other speakers, there's so much strength and so much creative stories out there," Ms Kiran said.

"For the past 14 years, I have run this organisation and we have worked closely with a whole range of men, women and youths in the communities.

"Having followed TED over the years, I am really excited that Fiji and the Pacific stories would be available globally."

Ms Kiran said this was the first time she would be addressing a live global audience.

"Our stories will have to remain current because we don't know how long it would be on cyberspace.

"I think that's a challenge because when you talk to an audience, you are specifically targeting them but for TEDx, it is a global audience and people could be downloading it in Asia or other places in the Pacific.

"We have been very heavily involved with Cyclone Winston relief works so it has been very interesting to be out there in the field and in here preparing for the event."

Event MC Mere Nailatikau said there had been a positive response from the public and all 100 seats had been filled.