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PROGRAMME

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Day 1 – Monday 20 November	
Time	Agenda item
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:45 <i>(public meeting)</i>	<p>High-Level Opening Ceremony</p> <p><u>Welcoming remarks on behalf of the United Nations:</u></p> <p>Themba Kalua, Resident Coordinator, UN Samoa Multi-Country Office, via video message (3 min)</p> <p><u>Opening remarks by the organizers:</u></p> <p>Heike Alefsen, Regional Representative, UN Human Rights Pacific Regional Office (3 min)</p> <p>Jonathan Veitch, Representative for Pacific Island Countries, UNICEF (3 min)</p> <p>Ashley Bowe, Chief of Party, Project Governance, Human Rights and Social Development Division, SPC (3 min)</p> <p><u>Opening remarks by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child:</u></p> <p>Ann Skelton, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (5 min)</p> <p><u>Keynote address by the Host Government:</u></p> <p>Hon. Mulipola Anarosa Ale Molioo, Minister of Women, Community and Social Development (5 min)</p>
09:45 – 10:15	Morning tea break & Group photo
10:15 – 11:45 <i>(public meeting)</i>	<p>Pacific Launch of the CRC general comment no. 26 on the occasion of World Children’s Day</p> <p>On World Children’s Day and as part of the “Human Rights 75” campaign celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Committee on the Rights of the Child will hold the ‘Pacific Launch’ of its general comment no. 26 on children’s rights and the environment with a special focus on climate change. CRC experts, children, and other stakeholders discuss together how Pacific Island Countries</p>

	<p>and Pacific children can make best use of the Committee’s guidance and keep children’s rights and child participation at the forefront of climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts at the national, regional, and international levels and across sectors.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Moemoana Safa'atoa Schwenke, Youth climate justice advocate</p> <p><u>Introductory remarks:</u> Children from Samoa Ann Skelton, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Heike Alefsen, Regional Representative, UN Human Rights Pacific Regional Office Jonathan Veitch, Representative for Pacific Island Countries, UNICEF</p> <p><u>Presentations on the General Comment:</u> <i>Animation</i> <i>Visual presentation - voices of children in the Pacific</i> Mikiko Otani, Member and former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Aniva, Child Advisor, via video message Maulaivao Pepe Seiuli, Acting Ombudsman of Samoa <i>Interactive activity and Q&A with children</i></p> <p><u>Concluding remarks:</u> Luis Pedernera Reya, Vice-Chair and former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Children from Samoa</p>
<p>11:45 – 12:15 <i>(public meeting)</i></p>	<p>Session 1: Introduction</p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> Ömer Faruk Yalcin, Human Rights Officer, UN Human Rights Pacific Regional Office</p> <p>(I) Participants’ introductions and event expectations (20 minutes) (II) Introduction to the programme and event objectives (10 minutes)</p>
<p>12:15 – 13:00 <i>(public meeting)</i></p>	<p>Session 2: Setting the scene: Meeting the Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p>All Pacific Island Countries are party to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention establishes a global independent expert body to supervise the implementation of the Convention in all 196 States parties, with 18 members serving in their independent individual capacity sitting at the Committee on the Rights of the Child. In this first session, the members of the Committee introduce their mandate to participants, and the participants have the opportunity to ask their questions to get to know the Committee better.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Andrea Ori, Chief of Section, Human Rights Treaties Branch, UN Human Rights</p>

	<p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p>Ann Skelton, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p>Luis Pedernera Reyna, Vice-Chair and former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p>Mikiko Otani, Member and former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p>Clarence Nelson, Former Member and Former Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
<p>14:00 – 15:00</p> <p><i>(closed meeting for participants, by invitation only)</i></p>	<p>Session 3: Effective implementation and follow-up to concluding observations in Cook Islands</p> <p>Cook Islands delegation presents their CRC follow-up experience since 2020, with a focus on good practices as well as the key obstacles preventing them from the effective implementation of CRC recommendations. They present the measures that they have taken to implement and follow-up to CRC recommendations, including legislative and policy measures taken and institutions established or strengthened. CRC experts share their feedback on the presentation of the delegation and on their recently-undertaken country visit to Cook Islands.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p>Andrea Ori, Chief of Section, Human Rights Treaties Branch, UN Human Rights</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u></p> <p>Representatives of Cook Islands</p> <p>Ann Skelton, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p>
<p>15:00 – 16:00</p> <p><i>(closed meeting for participants, by invitation only)</i></p>	<p>Session 4: Effective implementation and follow-up to concluding observations in Federated States of Micronesia</p> <p>Federated States of Micronesia delegation presents their CRC follow-up experience since 2020, with a focus on good practices as well as the key obstacles preventing them from the effective implementation of CRC recommendations. They present the measures that they have taken to implement and follow-up to CRC recommendations, including legislative and policy measures taken and institutions established or strengthened. CRC experts share their feedback on the presentation of the delegation and on their recently-undertaken country visit to Federated States of Micronesia.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p>Andrea Ori, Chief of Section, Human Rights Treaties Branch, UN Human Rights</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u></p> <p>Representatives of Federated States of Micronesia</p> <p>Mikiko Otani, Member and former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p>
16:00 – 16:15	Afternoon tea break

<p>16:15 – 17:15 <i>(closed meeting for participants, by invitation only)</i></p>	<p>Session 5: Effective implementation and follow-up to concluding observations in Tuvalu</p> <p>Tuvalu delegation presents their CRC follow-up experience since 2020, with a focus on good practices as well as the key obstacles preventing them from the effective implementation of CRC recommendations. They present the measures that they have taken to implement and follow-up to CRC recommendations, including legislative and policy measures taken and institutions established or strengthened. CRC experts share their feedback on the presentation of the delegation and on their recently-undertaken country visit to Tuvalu.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Andrea Ori, Chief of Section, Human Rights Treaties Branch, UN Human Rights</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Representatives of Tuvalu Luis Pedernera Reyna, Vice-Chair and former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Clarence Nelson, Former Member and Former Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p>
<p>17:15 – 17:30</p>	<p>Recap of Day 1</p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> Chanmi Kim, Human Rights Officer, Human Rights Treaties Branch, UN Human Rights</p>

Day 2 – Tuesday 21 November

Time	Agenda item
08:30 – 08:50	Registration
08:50 – 09:00	Introduction to Day 2 <u>Facilitator:</u> Talei Cama, Social Protection Specialist, UNICEF
09:00 – 10:30 <i>(closed meeting for participants, by invitation only)</i>	Session 6: Unfolding CRC recommendations: <i>Prohibition of corporal punishment and promotion of positive and non-violent forms of discipline</i> CRC experts present international standards and the Committee’s jurisprudence as concerns the prohibition of corporal punishment and promotion of positive and non-violent forms of discipline. Through groupwork and exercises, all participating Government delegations share their promising practices and challenges with the objective of developing key action points for effective follow-up and implementation, followed by an open discussion on the relevant CRC recommendations with the experts. <u>Moderator:</u> Lucio Valerio Sarandrea, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF <u>Presenters:</u> Ann Skelton, Chair of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child Government representatives
10:30 – 10:45	Morning tea break
10:45 – 12:15 <i>(closed meeting for participants, by invitation only)</i>	Session 7: Unfolding CRC recommendations: <i>Protection of children from domestic violence, sexual exploitation and abuse</i> CRC experts present international standards and the Committee’s jurisprudence as concerns the protection of children from domestic violence, sexual exploitation and abuse, including with reference to the Committee’s general comment no. 13 on the right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence. Through groupwork and exercises, all participating Government delegations share their promising practices and challenges with the objective of developing key action points for effective follow-up and implementation, followed by an open discussion on the relevant CRC recommendations with the experts. <u>Moderator:</u> Benjamin Wildfire, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF <u>Presenters:</u> Clarence Nelson, Former Member and Former Vice-Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child Government representatives

12:15 – 13:45	Lunch break
13:45 – 15:15 <i>(closed meeting for participants, by invitation only)</i>	<p>Session 8: Unfolding CRC recommendations: <i>Children’s rights in the child justice system</i></p> <p>CRC experts present international standards and the Committee’s jurisprudence as concerns administration of child justice system, with reference to the Committee’s general comment no. 24 on children’s rights in the child justice system. Through groupwork and exercises, all participating Government delegations share their promising practices and challenges with the objective of developing key action points for effective follow-up and implementation, followed by an open discussion on the relevant CRC recommendations with the experts.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Feruz Abdullaeva Bochatay, Human Rights Officer, Human Rights Treaties Branch, UN Human Rights</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u> Luis Pedrera Reyna, Vice-Chair and former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p>Government representatives</p>
15:15 – 15:30	Afternoon tea break
15:30 – 17:00 <i>(closed meeting for participants, by invitation only)</i>	<p>Session 9: Unfolding CRC recommendations: <i>Climate change, environment and the rights of the child</i></p> <p>CRC experts present international standards and the Committee’s jurisprudence as concerns children’s rights and the environment with a special focus on climate change, with reference to the Committee’s general comment no. 26. Through groupwork and exercises, all participating Government delegations share their promising practices and challenges with the objective of developing key action points for effective follow-up and implementation, followed by an open discussion on the relevant CRC recommendations with the experts.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Nina Sluga, Human Rights Officer, Human Rights Treaties Branch, UN Human Rights</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u> Mikiko Otani, Member and Former Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child</p> <p>Government representatives</p>
17:00 – 17:15	<p>Recap of Day 2</p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u> Ömer Faruk Yalcin, Human Rights Officer, UN Human Rights Pacific Regional Office</p>

Day 3 – Wednesday 22 November

Time	Agenda item
08:30 – 08:50	Registration
08:50 – 09:00	Introduction to Day 3 <u>Facilitator:</u> Talei Cama, Social Protection Specialist, UNICEF
09:00 – 10:30 <i>(closed meeting for participants, by invitation only)</i>	Session 10: Next steps and way forward for follow-up and implementation Government delegations present action points on the next steps and way forward for follow-up and implementation of CRC recommendations and enhanced promotion and protection of the rights of the child in the Pacific. CRC experts and Government delegations have a discussion on the best strategies for effective follow-up and implementation. <u>Moderator:</u> Andrea Ori, Chief of Section, Human Rights Treaties Branch, UN Human Rights <u>Presenters:</u> Government representatives Ann Skelton, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Luis Pedernera Reyna, Vice-Chair and former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Mikiko Otani, Member and former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Clarence Nelson, Former Member and Former Vice-Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
10:30 – 11:00	Morning tea break
11:00 – 12:30 <i>(closed meeting for participants, by invitation only)</i>	Session 11: Technical cooperation and assistance for effective implementation of CRC recommendations In its recommendations, the Committee on the Rights of the Child often recommends that the State parties strengthen their technical cooperation with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), as well as regional organizations and other development partners, for enhanced implementation of CRC recommendations. Having identified the next steps towards enhanced and effective implementation of CRC recommendations, Government delegations and development partners discuss technical cooperation and assistance opportunities for Pacific Island Countries. <u>Moderator:</u> Andrea Ori, Chief of Section, Human Rights Treaties Branch, UN Human Rights

	<p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p>Roshni Basu, Deputy Representative, UNICEF Pacific Island Countries</p> <p>Ömer Faruk Yalcin, Human Rights Officer, UN Human Rights Pacific Regional Office</p> <p>Neomai Maravuakula, Team Leader, Governance and Institutional Strengthening, Human Rights and Social Development Division, SPC</p> <p>Diplomatic community and development partners</p>
<p>12:30 – 13:00</p> <p><i>(closed meeting for participants, by invitation only)</i></p>	<p>Conclusion</p> <p><u>Facilitators:</u></p> <p>Ömer Faruk Yalcin, Human Rights Officer, UN Human Rights Pacific Regional Office</p> <p>Talei Cama, Social Protection Specialist, UNICEF</p> <p>Kate Watson, Chief of Communications, UNICEF</p> <p>(I) Pledges: Champions of Child Rights in the Pacific</p> <p>(II) Outcome Document</p> <p>(III) Feedback & Evaluation</p>
<p>13:00 – 13:30</p> <p><i>(public meeting)</i></p>	<p>Closing ceremony</p> <p><u>Closing remarks and acknowledgments:</u></p> <p>Andrea Ori, Chief Section, Human Rights Treaties Branch, UN Human Rights (3 min)</p> <p>Ashley Bowe, Chief of Party, Project Governance, Human Rights and Social Development Division, SPC (3 min)</p> <p><u>Closing reflections by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child:</u></p> <p>Mikiko Otani, Member and former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (4 min)</p> <p>Luis Pedernera Reyna, Member and former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (4 min)</p> <p>Ann Skelton, Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (4 min)</p> <p><u>Distribution of certificates of participation:</u></p> <p>Roshni Basu, Deputy Representative for Pacific Island Countries, UNICEF</p>
<p>13:30 – 14:30</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>

Ends.

