

4th UN Pacific Forum on Business and Human Rights

30-31 October 2024

Tanoa Plaza Hotel, Suva, Fiji

Wednesday, 30 October 2024	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 11:15	<p>Opening Sessions <i>Where are we?: Recap of Business and Human Rights Fora in the Pacific and Vision Setting</i></p> <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Heike Alefsen, Regional Representative, Regional Office for the Pacific, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Senivasa Waqairamasi, Director of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Fiji - Mr. Themba Kalua, United Nations Resident Coordinator to Samoa (online) - Ms. Pichamon Yeophantong, Member of the Working Group on Business and Human Rights (video message) <p>Opening panel:</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Chiaki Ota, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR Pacific Regional Office</p> <p><i>What would be the vision for work ahead on business and human rights in the Pacific, particularly relating to just transitions?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Surya Deva, Special Rapporteur on the right to development - Ms. Lynn Bell, Ambassador to Counter Modern Slavery, People Smuggling and Human Trafficking, Government of Australia - Mr. Howard Politini, Chair of the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organization - Ms. Chantelle Khan, Executive Director, Social Empowerment and Education Programme, Fiji (SEEP) - Ms. Analucia Jacome, Senior Research Fellow, UNITAR (online)
11:15 – 11:30	Tea break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 1 <i>Just transition: Right to work and rights at work</i></p>

	<p>Moderator: Ms. Sonja Aholelei, National Programme Assistant, International Labour Organization Pacific Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Maria Victoria Ormaza Cabrera, International Labour Standards and Labour Law Specialist, International Labour Organization Pacific Office <i>Unpacking international labour standards for a just transition</i> - Mr. Michael Rogers, Chief Operating Officer of Agri Labour Australia (online) <i>Balancing the opportunities of labour mobility bring and its human rights considerations</i> - Ms. Josie-Anne Ashley, Former Vice-Chairlady of the Young Entrepreneurs Council of Solomon Islands (YECSI) and General Secretary of the Solomon Islands National Youth Congress <i>Youth challenges to access right to work in times of transition</i> - Mr. Moe Turaga, Survivor leader (video presentation), Fiji <i>Surviving violations of the right to decent work</i>
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch
14:15 – 15:45	<p>Session 2 <i>Extractivism on land: Mining and agriculture</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Surya Deva, Special Rapporteur on the right to development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Emeline Siale Ilolahia, Executive Director of the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs, Fiji/Tonga/Pacific Region <i>Global Extractivism and the relation of Pacific people and Pacific Women to Land</i> - Mr. Rae Bainteiti, Banaban Human Rights Defender, Kiribati/Fiji <i>Phosphate lands and deportations from Banaba Islands</i> - Mr. Tade Nariva, Lomani Au Maroroi Au (LAMA), Fiji <i>Human rights impacts of mining in Fiji</i> - Ms. Vicky Amoko, Senior Litigation Lawyer, Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights (CELCOR), Papua New Guinea <i>Adverse impact of logging and mining on rural populations</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Tea break
16:00 – 16:30	<p>Summary of the first day: Closing of day one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Heike Alefsen, Regional Representative, Pacific Regional Office, OHCHR

Thursday, 31 October 2024	
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 3</p> <p><i>Extractives in the ocean: Critical minerals and fisheries</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Diego Valadares Vasconcelos Neto, Human Rights Officer, Pacific Regional Office, OHCHR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Elisa Morgera, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change (video message) - Ms. Ana Paula de Souza, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR, Environment and Climate Change Unit (online) - <i>Extractivism in the ocean and its relationship with climate change</i> - Ms. Natalie Makhoul, Gender and Human Rights Specialist, SPC Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership (PEUMP), Pacific Region - <i>Improving workers' rights on fishing</i> - Mr. Joshua Cooper, Lecturer, University of Hawaii, Hawaii/Pacific Region - <i>Regulating extractivism in the Blue Pacific: Key human rights considerations on the impact of seabed mining</i> - Mr. Joey Tau, Pacific Network on Globalization, Fiji/PNG/Pacific Region - <i>Considerations on deep-sea mining in the Pacific</i> - Mr. Holland Panapa, Project Officer, Tuvalu National Youth Council and Member of Tuvalu Climate Action Network - <i>Youth efforts in calling for a moratorium on deep-sea mining</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Tea break
10:45 – 12:15	<p>Session 4</p> <p><i>Business contributions for just transitions: Role of businesses in enhancing human rights</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Matthew Coughlan, Diplomacy Training Program Business & Human Rights Trainer and Training Committee Member (online)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Peter Rudd, Executive Director, Council for International Development - <i>Placing human rights at the centre in just transitions</i> - Mr. Carl Adams, Head of Office, IOM Vanuatu - <i>Good practices and tools for advancing human rights in businesses</i> - Ms. Irene Olkeriil, Palau Entrepreneurs for Growth - <i>Inclusive SMEs contribution to just transitions</i> - Mr. Hobart Va'ai, Business leader, Samoa - <i>Integrating human rights into business practices</i>
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:45	<p>Session 5</p> <p><i>Human rights in digitalization: Ensuring equitable development</i></p>

	<p>Moderator: Mr. Christian Viegelahn, Specialist for Decent Work and Employment, Office for the Pacific Island Countries, International Labour Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Ana Brian Nougrères, Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy (video presentation) <i>Legal safeguards for personal data protection and privacy in the digital age</i> - Ms. Stephanie Seale, B-Tech Project Team, Business and Human Rights Unit, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (online) <i>Implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in the Technology Space</i> - Ms. Marstella Jack, Board Chair of the Pacific Islands Alliance of Non-Governmental Organizations (PIANGO), and Attorney at Law, Jack & Enlet (online) <i>Digital connectivity as a pathway to integrate remote islands</i> - Ms. Mererai Vatege, Senior Industrial Relations Officer, Fiji Trade Union Congress (online) <i>Digitalization as a tool to strengthen labour rights</i>
14:45 – 15:30	<p>Closing Plenary <i>From Talanoa to action – what’s next on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles of Business and Human Rights?</i></p> <p>Closing speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Damiola Olawuyi, Member of the UN Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises (online) <p>*Opening the floor to participant intervention/feedback</p> <p>Wrap-up and action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Thomas Hunecke, Deputy Regional Representative, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Regional Office for the Pacific
15:30 – 17:00	<p><i>Regional consultation with the Special Rapporteur on climate change</i></p> <p><i>Refreshments will be available in consultation room</i></p>