# **84th Extraordinary session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Samoa**

# **Guidelines for children**

We are all responsible for making sure that everyone feels **protected, safe, happy and engaged during the 84th Extraordinary session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Samoa.**

Here are a few rules drafted by children for children, to keep in mind and apply:

**1.** **Treat others as you would like to be treated**: Please do not shout, tease, bully or use any forms of violence or bad language, including on social media.

**2.** **Treat everyone equally**: We are all equal, regardless of race, gender, age, religion, education, cultural background or anything else. There will be many different opinions and ideas and it is important that we welcome and celebrate diversity. Help ensure that all participants are valued and taken seriously.

**3.** **Use child-friendly language**: Speak slowly and clearly, and keep in mind that many participants speak English as their second language. If something is not clear, ask someone to explain it.

**4.** **Listen to others:** We want to hear what all participants have to say. Everyone should feel welcomed and listened to in our shared space. Don’t interrupt. Remember that all participants have the right to be listened to and to have their views taken into account.

**5.** **Keep your participation voluntary:** It is your choice to take part and you can decide not to join in the discussions at any time. You can also stop talking and answering questions any time you like.

**6.** **Help make this session a safe place for everyone:** If anyone (child or adult) treats you or anyone else in a way you think is not safe or appropriate, then you can tell an adult you trust at any time.

**7. Respect others’ online privacy:** Please do not share photos or information from private conversations with other participants, including on social media, without telling them what and where you plan to share the information and gaining their approval.