



# The 84th Extraordinary Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Taumeasina Island Resort 2—6 March

A UN event in partnership with the Pacific Community (SPC) and hosted by the Government of Samoa



The 84th Extraordinary Session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child is historic. It is the first time any of the United Nations Treaty Bodies have held a regional session outside of Geneva or New York. It's happening here in Samoa, and you're invited to attend! During the formal programme the Committee will review the Cook Islands, Tuvalu and FSM in relation to their realisation of child rights. There will also be events on climate change and an opportunity for children to meet the members. Alongside the formal programme there is a week of parallel and side events that are all open to the public. These will be held in the 'SPC RRRT Talanoa Tent' on the lawns of Taumeasina Island Resort. Each of the lunchtime events will be held in a talanoa format, with the audience invited to participate. All parallel events also welcome the attendance of children, students, civil society organisations, and you! The full side events programme and events description is below:

Time / Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PARALLEL EVENTS					
9 – 10am	The Universal Periodic Review - CSO Shadow Reporting (SPC RRRT)				Challenges and opportunities of climate justice (ADB, OHCHR Pacific, UNEP)
10 -11am					
11am – 12pm					
OFFICIAL LUNCHTIME SIDE EVENTS					
12-2pm	Pacific culture and faiths – a barrier or enabler of child rights? (SPC RRRT)	Dialogue on the right to health of children in the Samoan context (Samoa NHRI, Government of Samoa)	Early childhood development in emergencies (UNICEF, Government of Samoa)	A dive into the Blue Pacific (SPC RRRT and Pacific CSOs)	Children's right to protection from abuse and neglect (UNICEF, Government of Samoa)
PARALLEL EVENTS					
2 – 3pm	Effective implementation of human rights and the SDGs – an introduction to NMIRFs (SPC RRRT)	The Human Rights Council – effective engagement strategies (SPC RRRT)		Achieving SDGs through the next generation (Heirs to Our Oceans)	
3 – 4pm	The UN Special Procedures – who are they and how can they help in the Pacific? (SPC RRRT)		Alliance 8.7 (ILO)	Children's right to freedom (Brown Girl Woke)	
4 – 5pm			CSO Capacity Building—CRC Monitoring and Reporting (Child Rights Connect)	CSO Capacity Building child participation ( Child Rights Connect)	

## Monday 2 March

### 10am -11am – 'Effective implementation of Human Rights and the Sustainable Development Goals' (SPC RRRT)

How can effective implementation of rights and the SDGs be achieved with few resources, whilst ensuring all relevant stakeholders are involved and coordinated? Come to find out!

### 12.15pm -1.45pm – 'Pacific cultures and faiths – barriers or enablers of Child Rights?' (SPC RRRT)

Culture and faith are often viewed as incompatible with rights but this session will demystify that, exploring the links and showing how human rights can strengthen culture and faith.

### 4pm – 5pm – 'The UN Special Procedures – Who are they and how they can help in the Pacific' (SPC RRRT)

This session will provide an understanding of what the UN Special Procedures are and how they can help in the Pacific.

## Tuesday 3 March

### 12.15pm -1.45pm – 'Dialogue on the right to health of children in the Samoan context' (National Human Rights Institution of Samoa / Office of the Ombudsman and the Government of Samoa)

Here the right to health is discussed in light of the recent measles epidemic. Starting with a drama the discussion will look into individual v collective rights and how the right to health of children can be realized in the Pacific.

### 2pm – 3pm – 'The Human Rights Council – effective engagement strategies' (SPC RRRT)

The Human Rights Council is a geopolitical power hub, yet the Pacific voice is largely unheard. This session will introduce the audience to the HRC and explore how the Pacific can better influence the global debate.

## Wednesday 4 March

### 10am -11am – 'The Universal Periodic Review' (SPC RRRT)

The UPR is an opportunity for CSOs and activists to raise awareness among states of the issues they work on and put them on the national agenda. This session will explain how CSOs and activists can and should make the most of this opportunity.

### 12.15pm -1.45pm – 'Early childhood development in emergencies' (UNICEF)

How can children, especially the very young, be protected in times of emergency? This talanoa discussion invites a range of stakeholders to discuss how in order to protect babies and children from psychological and physical harm during emergencies.

### 3pm – 4pm – 'Alliance 8.7' (ILO)

Alliance 8.7 is working for a world without forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking, and child labour; .Come and discuss how a national mechanism to achieve this goal might be established.

### 4pm – 5pm – 'CRC Monitoring and Reporting for CSOs' (Child Rights Connect)

How can civil society and children seize the unique opportunity of CRC84 to seek long-term impact in their countries? Child Rights Connect is organizing a capacity building session for civil society and children to answer this critical question.

## Thursday 5 March

### 12.15pm - 1.45pm – 'A dive into the Blue Pacific' (SPC RRRT)

The Pacific enjoys a rich diversity of languages, cultures, geographies, challenges and successes. Come and engage

with CSOs from 8 Pacific countries to discuss shared and unique issues in realising child rights in the region.

### 2pm – 3pm – 'Achieving SDGs through the next generation' (Heirs to our Oceans)

Shay Barton of Heirs To Our Oceans NGO, will share about how education systems are failing our youth in not preparing them for the real world issues they are inheriting, and, more so, not making space for independent study nor civic and community engagement.

### 3pm – 4pm – 'Child rights to freedom' (Brown Girl Woke)

Come watch youth in Samoa use song, dance and monologue to take you on journey child life in Samoa

### 4pm – 5pm – 'Child Participation' (Child Rights Connect)

Through the 2 hours session, Child Rights Connect will provide technical information and tips on how to effectively engage and empower children through these UN processes.

## Friday 6 March

### 9am -12pm – 'Challenges and opportunities of climate justice' (Asian Development Bank, OHCHR Pacific, UNEP)

The discussion will focus on climate actions so far taken by child and youth activists around the world and how such actions were received by the judiciaries.

### 12.15pm -1.45pm – 'Child's right to protection from abuse and neglect' (UNICEF and Government of Samoa)

Talanoa participants will be invited to speak about key child protection concerns faced by Pacific children, causes, drivers and contributing factors leading to these issues, and existing systems addressing them.



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