

OceaniaHR

A Grassroots NGO Movement
For the Promotion & Protection of
Global Human Rights in the Pacific

OceaniaHR is pleased to participate in the UN Human Rights Council Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review. It is in this historic session that the human rights situation in Oceania – the liquid continent – is being part of the global dialogue in this new body.

We are pleased to participate and look forward to further creative collaboration to ensure the effective promotion and protection of human rights in the Pacific.

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Nauru: Creating a Culture of Human Rights & Protecting the Environment for Future Generations

1.

Issue: The realization of human rights in Nauru is extremely lacking. Nauru has one of the worst human rights record of ratification of international human rights treaty bodies. It is important for Nauru to dedicate resources and seek assistance in the ratification and implementation of the core human rights treaties.

Question: Will Nauru immediately ratify the remaining international human rights treaties? Will Nauru seek resources and partnerships to fulfill its obligation under the various treaties to protect human rights?

Recommendation: Nauru must build on its initial ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Nauru should immediately ratify the ICCPR, the ICESCR, the CERD, CEDAW and CMW. Nauru should partner with NGOs and also academic institutions in the region to develop a process to encourage national participation and also to implement the articles of the various human rights treaties.

2.

Issue: The Pacific is one of the remaining regions without a regional human rights mechanism. A regional perspective is an important element to fully realize human rights around the world.

Question: Will Nauru be a catalyst for change and encourage a process to create a regional human rights mechanism that reflect the value and vision of the people. Of the Pacific?

Recommendation: Nauru work in partnership with other Pacific Island States to create a regional human rights mechanism that allows for dialogue and determining a process that allows for discussion among all leaders in the region to ensure a mechanism that fosters freedom in the Pacific region.

3.

Issue: The challenges emerging from climate change in the Pacific is extremely alarming. The projected violations of human rights due to the impacts of climate change cause concern in the communities

Question: What will Nauru do to protect its citizens against human rights violations taking place due to climate change?

Recommendation: The Nauru government work in partnership with UN agencies and states to adapt and mitigate to ensure the survival of the Nauru people. Nauru create a national plan of action that provides a human rights framework to address the challenges of climate change on the immediate and long term situations.