

Human Rights Day Hybrid Webinar

Human Rights day is celebrated worldwide of the 10th of December 2023 and it marks the 75th anniversary of one of the world's most groundbreaking global pledges: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). This landmark document enshrines the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being - regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

The Declaration was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 and sets out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected. ¹ The UDHR is the basis for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities and they play a symbiotic role to ensure that persons with disabilities are not left behind. With this year's theme being "Freedom, Equality and Justice for All," the Pacific Disability Forum is hosting a hybrid session to explore areas of improvement needed at grassroot level to ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities are not overlooked as we face new and ongoing challenges on a daily basis.

Join the discussion by registering:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlldemrqD0rG9RZ2S0IhA ZDLdFUyKjKpwv

Date: 8th December, 2023

Time: 11.30am to 1.00pm

Mode: Hybrid.

Programme for the day:

| Time | Activity |
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| 11.30am | Welcome Laisa – Director Operations PDF |
| 11.40am | Opening Remarks – Heike Alefsen Regional Representative of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) for the Pacific |
| 11.50am | DRF progressing Human Rights for Pacific Grantees Faolo Utumapu-Utailesolo DRF Officer for the Pacific |
| | Human Rights Lived Experiences from the field. Palau – Villaney Remengesau (OMEKESANG) Fiji – TBC (Fiji Association of the Deaf) Fiji – Sera Osborne (Psychiatric Survivors Association) Solomon Islands – Casper Fa'asala (PWD Solomon Islands) |
| 1.00pm | Closing Remarks TBC |

¹ Human Rights Day | United Nations. (n.d.). United Nations. https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day

