



PRESS STATEMENT

Apia, 2 May 2022 – Office engages with the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to consult on new General Comment

The Office took part in the Asia & Pacific Regional Consultation of the Drafting Group of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) on Thursday, 28 April 2022 held virtually. The feedback from the consultations will go towards the development of a new General Comment on Sustainable Development and economic, social and cultural rights (ESC rights).

The Office in its intervention stressed the need for states to continue to ensure comprehensive participation of all vulnerable groups in decision making and planning especially in relation to mitigation and adaptation and how these impact ESC rights, as well as the need to look at the rights of future generations especially with the impacts of climate change. It also emphasized the need for comprehensive monitoring and evaluation to measure impact. The role of oversight bodies in monitoring state compliance and providing advice on development projects and climate finance was also emphasized to ensure transparency and accountability. Finally, it was provided that continuous assistance for SIDS is of significance importance especially with regards to the implementation of ESC rights of citizens in the Pacific region.

The Office would like to thank the CESCR and the German NHRI for the opportunity to be consulted and looks forward to the outcome.

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