Universal Periodic Review
Fiji's Experience

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Universal Periodic Review

Fiji participates in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process conducted by the UPR Working Group. The UPR is a member state driven process where every country's human rights record is reviewed every four to five years.

Review of a state under the UPR mechanism is based on three core documents:

i. a national report prepared by the State under review;

ii. a compilation of United Nations information on the State under review prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); and

iii. a summary of information submitted by other stakeholders (including civil society actors, national human rights institutions and regional organizations), also prepared by OHCHR.

Fiji's UPR Cycle:

- First Cycle - Date of consideration: 11 February 2010
- Second Cycle - Date of consideration: 29 October 2014
- Third Cycle - Date of consideration: 6 November 2019
- Fourth Cycle – Date of consideration: 22 January 2025



Development of Fiji's State Report

- 3rd UPR Cycle - 242 recommendations – 207 supported, 35 noted

- Fiji's Human Rights Task Force - established in August 2024 to administer effective coordination of Fiji's engagement with international human rights mechanisms

- Matrix outlining the recommendations from the previous UPR cycles that were relevant to each specific ministry. Request for written comments, information or relevant data in line with the matrix



Development of Fiji's State Report

Recommendations are clustered in thematic areas and these include:

- (a) climate change and human rights;
- (b) national human rights institution;
- (c) human rights training and awareness programs;
- (d) women's rights and gender equality;
- (e) the rights of children
- (f) the rights of persons with disabilities and other minority groups;
- (g) the right to health
- (h) the rights to education;
- (i) media freedom, freedom of expression, and freedom of assembly; and
- (j) elimination of racial and other forms of discrimination.

Consultations with Civil Societies and NHRI





Fiji's Delegation to the 4th UPR Cycle





Fiji's Review at the 48th Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group

- Review of Fiji was held at the 5th meeting of the UPR Working Group facilitated by China, Côte d'Ivoire and Romania (troika).
- Advance Questions
- Government Statement
- Interactive Dialogue - 76 delegations
- Fiji received 209 recommendations – 181 supported and 28 noted





Thank you and Vinaka Vakalevu!