

# Pacific Technical Cooperation Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

7 - 11 April 2025 | Suva, Fiji



## Briefing Note: CEDAW Technical Cooperation Session for General Public

**Date:** 7 - 11 April 2025

**Venue:**

- *In person:*
  - Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) - only for those with accreditation badges.
  - University of the South Pacific (USP) – Laucala campus, Suva Fiji - public
- *Online:*
  - [Zoom link](#)

**IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION:** this information is for participants who are not eligible for badges (i.e. not part of government delegations, invited CSOs and identified stakeholders).

### **Arrival & Registration:**

- The opening ceremony will be live streamed at USP.
- From Monday afternoon until the end of Tuesday, all events will be held on USP campus at the Japan ICT lecture theatre for in-person attendance. Please ensure you've registered beforehand [here](#).
- From Wednesday to Friday, you will be able to attend all public sessions via live feed with possibility of alternative watch parties in Suva.
- Only those with passes will have access into PIFS campus for capacity reasons.

### **Catering:**

- USP: Afternoon tea will be provided on Monday. Limited food and refreshments will be provided on Tuesday. There are several self-paying options available on USP campus.

### **Accessibility:**

- Sign language interpretation will be provided throughout the session, as well as wheelchair accessibility and other physical accommodations.
- Please contact Ranjesh Prakash at [ranjeshp@spc.int](mailto:ranjeshp@spc.int) if you have any questions regarding specific accommodations or require assistance with accessibility needs. We are committed to ensuring an inclusive and accessible experience for all participants.

### **Monitoring and evaluation:**

- Surveys will be shared daily in the room for feedback on the sessions. we greatly appreciate your feedback.

### **Security:**

- Please bring identification. Only those with accreditation badges will be able to access the PIFS campus for capacity reasons.

### **Parking:**

- USP parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis.



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## **ONLINE PARTICIPATION:**

### ***Participation:***

- The Zoom link has been provided when you registered. We welcome your comments and questions in the chat box directly to the moderators, which will then be shared to the broader audience at the appropriate time.

### ***Technology:***

- IT specialists will be regularly checking the video and audio feeds, but if something is not working, please let the online moderators know.

### ***Monitoring and evaluation:***

- Surveys will be shared daily in the chat box – we greatly appreciate your feedback on the sessions.

## **DAILY SCHEDULE OVERVIEW**

- Monday, 7 April: Screenings start at 9:00AM. In-person sessions start at 1:00PM.
- Tuesday, 8 April: Participants must arrive at USP by 8:30 AM.
- Wednesday, 9 April: Sessions commence at 10:00 AM at PIFS for those with accreditation badges, with possibility of alternative watch parties in Suva.
- Thursday, 10 April: Sessions commence at 9:00 AM at PIFS for those with accreditation badges, with possibility of alternative watch parties in Suva.
- Friday, 11 April: Sessions commence at 10:00 AM at PIFS for those with accreditation badges, and with possibility of alternative watch parties in Suva.

## **SESSION TYPES**

- The Committee is looking forward to listening to diverse perspectives throughout the week, which will be done through different session formats.
  - Thematic Sessions*
    - These sessions will focus on key issues and regional dialogue on issues related to gender equality. We warmly welcome your participation, including questions, comments and reflections on your own contexts.
    - Detailed information regarding these sessions is included in the program attached.
  - Country Review Sessions*
    - Observational sessions where participants can gain insights into formal CEDAW review proceedings. This will be an opportunity to watch the formal review of Tuvalu, Solomon Islands and Fiji.

We look forward to your active participation in this important regional initiative.

