

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC FORUM OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS

31 July – 3 August 2006

Holiday Inn Hotel
Suva, Fiji Islands

Day 1 Monday 31 July 2006

Annual Business Meeting of Forum Councillors and Members

8:00 – 8:30 Registration (Forum members and ACJ)
Room: Holiday Inn Foyer

8:30 - 9:15 **Traditional Fijian Welcoming Ceremony**
Room: Lali Room

9:15 – 2:00 **Forum Members Meeting – General Business**
Room: Lali Room

Chair: Mr Suren Tserendorj,
Chief Commissioner, Mongolian Human Rights Commission

1. Adoption of Agenda (Chairperson)
2. Confirmation of Attendance (Chairperson)
3. Report on Forum Operations (Secretariat)
4. Strategic Plan (Secretariat)
5. Discussion re: Eleventh Annual Meeting (Secretariat)
 - Confirmation of agenda and speakers
 - Concluding Statement
6. Advisory Council of Jurists (Chairperson)
 - 2007 Reference
7. OHCHR report on recent NHRI activities and an update on the Asia Pacific 'framework' process (OHCHR)
8. International Coordinating Committee
 - Report on ICC working group on Treaty Body Reform (South Korea);
 - Report on the APF/ICC working group on the Human Rights Council (India);
 - Report of the APF representative to the ICC Accreditation Sub-Committee on its 2006 session and on the ICC working group on Accreditation Procedures (Fiji);
 - Proposed amendments to the ICC rules of procedure concerning the election of the

Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson
(Secretariat) and other aspects relating to
accreditation rules (Fiji);

- Election of four regional representatives to the
ICC and one regional representative to the ICC
accreditation sub-committee (Secretariat);
- Update on the International Conference of NHRIs
to be held in Bolivia, October 2006 (OHCHR).

9. Membership Applications (Chairperson)

10. Proposed UN Convention on Disability (Chairperson)

11. Location of the Twelfth Annual Meeting (Secretariat)

12. Election of new Chairperson and Deputy Chairpersons

13. General Business

2:00 – 3:00 **Lunch**

Note: the meeting of the SEO's will be run as a 'parallel' meeting if the Business meeting runs
beyond 1:00pm.

1:00 – 2:30 **Meeting of Senior Executive Officers**

Room: Attorney General's Conference Room

Chair: Mr Kitione Radrodro

Deputy Director, Fiji Human Rights Commission

Opening Ceremony, Cultural Program and Reception

3:00pm Please be seated by 3:10pm sharp

3:15pm **Opening Ceremony**

Room: Lali Room

Keynote Speeches

Introduction by Ms Shamima Ali
Commissioner, Fiji Human Rights Commission (TBC)

H.E. Ratu Joni Madraiwiwi
Vice-President of the Republic of the Fiji Islands and Roko
Tui Bau

Mr Walter Rigamoto
Immediate past Chairperson, Fiji Human Rights Commission

Mr Richard Dictus
United Nations Resident Coordinator & UNDP Resident
Representative
United Nations

4:00pm **Reception Cocktail and Cultural Program**

6:00pm End of evening

Day 2 Tuesday 1 August 2006

Open Session – Forum Members and Registered Observers

8:00

Registration

Room: Holiday Inn Foyer

9:00 – 9:30

Asia Pacific Regional Cooperation

Room: Lali Room

Chair: Mr Sevuloni Valenitabua (10 minutes)

Commissioner, Fiji Human Rights Commission

Mr Paulo David (10 minutes)

Regional Representative

Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Report from Business Session Meeting (10 minutes)

Mr Kieren Fitzpatrick, Director – Secretariat

Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

9:30 – 11:00

Reports from APF Members (5 minutes)

Chair: Mr Sevuloni Valenitabua

Commissioner, Fiji Human Rights Commission

- Note 1: APF members to submit written report to APF Secretariat by Friday 21 July 2006
- Note 2: Speakers will be stopped after 5 minutes

- Afghanistan
- Australia
- Fiji
- India
- Indonesia
- Jordan
- Malaysia
- Mongolia
- New Zealand
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Republic of Korea
- Sri Lanka
- Timor-Leste
- Thailand

11:00 – 11:30

Morning Tea

11:30 – 12:00

Reports from other Human Rights Institutions (5 minutes)

Chair: Mr Sevuloni Valenitabua

Commissioner, Fiji Human Rights Commission

- Maldives
- Saudi Arabia

12:00 – 12:30

Open Discussion – Questions and Answer Session

12:30 – 2:00

Lunch

2.00 – 2:30

Human Rights in the Pacific

Chair: Mr John von Doussa

President, Australian Human Rights & Equal Opportunity

Commission

Ms Andie Fong-Toy
Manager, Political & Security Programme, Pacific Islands
Forum Secretariat

Ms Rosslyn Noonan
Chief Commissioner
New Zealand Human Rights Commission

Dr Shaista Shameem
Director, Fiji Human Rights Commission

2:30 – 2:45 Open Discussion – Questions and Answer Session

2:45 – 3:15 **Reports from Asia Pacific Governments** (5 minutes)
Chair: Mr John von Doussa
President, Australian Human Rights & Equal Opportunity
Commission

- Australia
- Fiji
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Republic of China
- Republic of Korea
- Tuvalu

3:15 – 3:30 Open Discussion – Questions and Answer Session

3:30 – 4:00 Afternoon Tea

4:00 – 4:05 **Message from Professor Paul Hunt, UN Special
Rapporteur on the Right to Health** (5 minutes)

4:05 – 4:30 **Reports from Non-Governmental Organisations**
Chair: Mr John von Doussa
President, Australian Human Rights & Equal Opportunity
Commission

4:30 – 5:00 Open Discussion – Questions and Answer Session

5:00 End of Day 2

Day 3 Wednesday 2 August 2006

8:30 – 10:00 **ILO, International Labor Standards (ILS) and the
Supervisory Mechanism, the ILO Declaration on**

Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and its Follow-Up

Chair: Ms Rosslyn Noonan
Chief Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of New Zealand
Room: Lali Room

Presenter: Mr Temesgen Samuel
Senior International Labour Standards Specialist
Sub-regional office for South East Asia and the Pacific

10:00 – 10:30	ILO Information Sources
10:30 – 11:00	Morning Tea
11:00 – 11:30	ILO Information Sources cont.
11:30 – 12:30	Partnerships with Trade Unions and Employer Organizations
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 2:30	Incorporation of ILS into National Codes Dr Sima Samar Chairperson, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission
2:30 – 3:00	Presentation of Selected Cases
3:00 – 4:00	Migration and Trafficking and ILO Standards
4:00	Depart hotel to travel to Pacific Harbour
5:30pm	Reception, Cultural Program & Dinner Hosted by Fiji Human Rights Commission
9:30pm	End of evening

Day 4 Thursday 3 August 2006

9:00 – 10:00	NGO Discussion on Human Rights Defenders Room: Lali Room Chair: Ms Sharon Bhagwan Rolls FemLink Pacific Mr Chris Sidoti Director, International Service for Human Rights Ms Topou Vere Pacific Concerns Resource Centre Mr Jone Dakuvula Citizens Constitutional Forum and Pacific People Building Peace
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	Interactive Dialogue between NHRIs and NGOs
10.00 – 10.30	Morning tea
10:30 – 11:30	<p>National Human Rights Institutions and the Right to Education Room: Lali Room Chair: Justice Anthony Gates Member for Fiji, Advisory Council of Jurists</p> <p><i>Report from the Advisory Council of Jurists</i> Representatives, Advisory Council of Jurists - Presentation and Panel Discussion</p>
11.30 – 12.00	Open Discussion – Questions and Answers
12:00 – 12:30	<p>National Human Rights Institutions and the Right to Education cont. Chair: Dr Purificacion Quisumbing Chairperson, Philippines Commission on Human Rights</p> <p>Mr Sheldon Shaeffer (20mins) Regional Director UNESCO (Bangkok)</p> <p>Ms Lamis Nasser (10mins) Member, Board of Trustees Jordan National Centre for Human Rights</p> <p>Commissioner Tunku Nazihah Rus (10mins) Human Rights Commission of Malaysia</p>
12:40 – 1:00	Open Discussion – Questions and Answers
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch
2:00	<p>Advisory Council of Jurists - 2007 Reference and Report from APF Members Chair: Justice Sri Shivraj Patil Member, National Human Rights Commission of India</p> <p>a) Decision on the 2007 Reference to the Advisory Council b) Report from APF Members on Standing Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torture • Terrorism • Trafficking • Death Penalty • Child Pornography <p>c) Reports from NGOs on Standing issues</p>
3:15 – 3:30	Open Discussion – Questions and Answers
3:30	Afternoon tea
4:00	<p>CLOSED SESSION (Forum Members) Final Drafting of the Concluding Statement Room: Banyan Room</p>

Chair: Mr Sevuloni Valenitabua
Commissioner, Fiji Human Rights Commission

4:00 **The Work of the Fiji Human Rights Commission**
Mr Usaia Ratuville
Principal Legal Officer, Fiji Human Rights Commission

5:00 **FINAL CONFERENCE STATEMENT**
Adoption of Statement of Conclusions and
Recommendations
Room: Lali Room

Chair: Mr Sevuloni Valenitabua
Commissioner, Fiji Human Rights Commission

6.00pm **End of Eleventh Annual Meeting**

Note: The Advisory Council of Jurists will meet separately before joining the proceedings of the last day.

Rules of Procedure

Conduct of the Meeting

- The meeting's sessions will be chaired by a member representative of the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF) unless otherwise specified.
- Background papers prepared for sessions will be available to all participants or can be downloaded from the APF website at www.asiapacificforum.net.
- Interventions by APF member representatives take place before those of other participants.

Participation of APF member representatives

- The representatives of APF members – the human rights commissions of Afghanistan, Australia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Palestinian Territories, the Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor-Leste (and any institution accepted as an APF member on the first day of proceedings) – are the principal actors of the meeting.
- For each session, APF member representatives may make initial introductory presentations or be subsequent commentators, if they so desire.
- The responsibility for finalising the meeting conclusions lies with APF member representatives.

Participation of the United Nations

- The representatives of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other specified United Nations agencies will be specifically invited to address the meeting under a number of topics.
- The Chair of the meeting should allow an adequate opportunity for interventions generally by representatives of the United Nations throughout the meeting.

Participation of Government representatives

- The Chair of the meeting should allow an adequate opportunity for interventions by government representatives generally throughout the meeting. Government representatives with prepared written statements are requested to provide a copy of these to the meeting secretariat.
- Government representatives will be specifically invited to make an address to the meeting on any steps they have taken towards the establishment or strengthening of national human rights institutions under the topic – "Asia Pacific Regional Cooperation".

Participation of NGOs

- The Chair of the meeting should allow an adequate opportunity for interventions by Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) generally throughout the meeting. NGO representatives with prepared written statements are requested to provide a copy of these to the meeting secretariat.
- NGO representatives will be specifically invited to make an address to the meeting on the issue of 'Human Rights Defenders'.

Participation of relevant institutions

- The Chair of the meeting is to exercise flexibility to allow adequate opportunity for interventions by representatives of relevant institutions.

The role of the meeting secretariat

- The role of the meeting secretariat is to facilitate the work of the meeting by:
 - (i) Providing necessary clarifications, inputs and information
 - (ii) Acting as resource persons – particularly in the preparation of background papers
 - (iii) Summarising discussions and preparing the final report of the meeting.