



One Resilient Common Future: Where All Children are Cared For and Protected. Accelerating Implementation of the 2022 Kigali Declaration on Child Care and Protection Reform

Wednesday 23 October 2024, 13:00 - 14:30

Duration: 90 minutes

Samoa Ministry of Justice & Courts, Administration Court House, Room DC 1

Programme

This 90-minute session focuses on accelerating the implementation of the 2022 Kigali Declaration on Child Care and Protection Reform. The programme will blend powerful voices from children and youth, expert interventions from policymakers, and in-depth discussions from various stakeholders. We will focus on shaping a future where every child in the Commonwealth feels safe, cared for, and protected. The session is designed to be interactive and participatory, allowing for engagement between speakers and the audience.

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Time	Agenda Item
1230-1300	Lunch
1300 - 1330	<p>Part 1: Children and Young People’s Perspectives</p> <p>Moderators Layne Robinson, Head, Social Policy Development, Commonwealth Secretariat</p> <p>Opening Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian Children’s Choir (Commonwealth Resounds)• Samoa Children’s Cultural Performance (TBC) <p>Introduction</p> <p>Overview of the Kigali Declaration and its significance as the first Commonwealth statement focused on the well-being and protection of children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Layne Robinson, Head, Social Policy Development, Commonwealth Secretariat

	<p>Children and young people’s Reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyannalei Ah Liki • Sabina Moce, Pacific Representative, Commonwealth Children and Youth Disability Network (CCYDN) • TBC <p><i>Young Carer Video Presentation - A short 3-minute video from the Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work, sharing experiences of young carers around the Commonwealth.</i></p> <p>Group Photograph</p>
<p>1330 - 1415</p>	<p>Part 2: Accelerating Implementation of the Kigali Declaration</p> <p>Moderator: Helen Jones, CommonProtect/It’s a Penalty and Commonwealth Children’s Interest Group (ComCIG)</p> <p>Introduction Overview of the Mapping Report on the Kigali Declaration and its seven core recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Jones, CommonProtect/It’s a Penalty and Commonwealth Children’s Interest Group (ComCIG) <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government of Rwanda • Hon David Lammy MP, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs of the United Kingdom <p>Key Inputs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie Chantal Gray (TBC), Gender and Adolescent Specialist, UNICEF Pacific Office - A technical overview, focusing on regional progress and challenges in child protection and the role of UNICEF Pacific • Justice Vui Clarence Nelson, Justice of the Supreme Court of Samoa and first Pacific Islander to be elected to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child - child care and protection legislative reform in the context of international law (UNCRC), child rights and access to justice <p><i>Short video presentation from Hope and Homes for Children, highlighting ongoing child care reform issues globally.</i></p> <p>Expert Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonwealth Minister(s) • Pacific Minister: Discussing regional child care protection initiatives, including Fiji’s recent Child Care and Protection Reform Bill.

<p>1415 - 1430</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Yvonne Crichton-Hill, Associate Professor, Social Work, University of Canterbury, NZ - Discussing the significance of the Kigali Declaration for the Pacific and the importance of workforce development for child care protection professionals. • Layne Robinson, Commonwealth Secretariat - How the Commonwealth can support countries in collectively implementing the Kigali Declaration. <p>Interactive Q&A and Open Discussion</p> <p><i>The audience is invited to engage in an open discussion with panellists and experts. This section allows participants to share insights, offer solutions, and raise questions regarding the progress of child care and protection reform.</i></p> <p>Closing Remarks</p>
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