

CHOGM SITE EVENT

“A resilience Pacific Island is based on their Rights to a Clean and Healthy Ocean- A Moratorium on Deep Sea Mining”

23RD OCTOBER 2024
APIA - SAMOA

Introduction

This Penal discussion will be based on the theme: ***A Resilience Pacific Islands is based on their Right for a Clean and Healthy Ocean – calling on a moratorium on Deep Sea Mining.***

This theme demands the maintenance of acceptable levels of functioning Ocean without compromising long-term prospects for sustainable development, peace and security, human rights and well-being for all. The Pacific is facing unprecedented crisis: from Climate Change, from mounting debts and depleting natural resources. We need to raise our level of resilience to fortified our people and islands to better prevent and curtail economic, environmental and human losses. A resilient Ocean Ecosystem, is crucial for the survival of our planet and to combat the existential threat of the climate emergency. Our Ocean is the key to Pacific Livelihood and Deep-Sea Mining is a threat to our Ocean, to our Livelihood and to your future resilience.

We are calling for our Pasifika to stand united in protecting our Ocean. It is our first line of defense against Climate Change and the threat of depleting resources. We have an inter-generational obligation to ensure our Ocean is Clean and Health so our children and grandchildren will inherit this shared Pacific Resources in an acceptable stage- without debt and liabilities. True Resiliency is built on solidarity and sharing.

WEDNESDAY 23rd October 2024			
2:00 pm	Mrs. Sesimani Marie Lokotui	Executive Director, Civil Society Forum of Tonga	Introduction and Welcoming
2:10	Mr. Lagi Toribau	Green Peace Pacific Political and Policy Consultant on DSM- FIJI based	TOPIC “The COMMON HERITAGE OF MAN KIND, in terms of Ocean Care & DEEP-SEA MINING : as a communal resources”
2:30pm	Mrs. ‘Emeline Siale ‘Ilohahia	Executive Director, Pacific Island Association of NGOs	TOPIC “ People-Centered resilient: 2050 Pacific Strategies and the call for solidarity and Unity over the protection of our Pacific Ocean. Calling for a Moratorium & Ban on DSM”

2:50pm	Ms. Leausalilo Leilani Duffy-Iosefa	Ocean Director, Pacific Island Program for Conservation International	TOPIC “Our inter-generational obligation to ensure a CLEAN & HEALTHY Ocean by conserving the rich resources in our Pacific Ocean: case of Samoa”
3:20pm	Pelenatita Kara Longopoa	National DSM Campaigner, Deep Sea Mining Program	TOPIC “The Right of the People to be part of the DSM discussion and dialogue : Tonga Case”.
3:40pm	QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION		