

Annex – List of Stakeholders Consulted by the Resident Coordinator for the UNCT Report

In informing the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) submission to the Human Rights Council for the Third Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Samoa, a series of stakeholder consultations had been conducted to obtain a well-rounded and in-depth understanding of the human rights landscape in Samoa.

The stakeholders were consulted on the fulfilment of international human rights obligations, and issues pertaining to the implementation of the Second UPR Recommendations within their respective areas of work, or scope of expertise.

The list of stakeholders who accepted the invitation and attended consultations is as follows:

1. The Samoa Law Society (SLS) – 13th January 2021
2. The Ministry of Justice and Court Administration (MJCA) – 17th February 2021
3. The Ministry of Women, Community Development (MWCSO) – 17th February 2021
4. The Office of the Electoral Commissioner (OEC) – 18th February 2021
5. The Journalist Association of (Western) Samoa (JAWS) – 19th February 2021
6. Samoa Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) – 22nd February 2021
7. Samoa Workers' Congress (SWC) – 23rd February 2021
8. Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly (OCLA) – 24th February 2021
9. Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) – 25th February 2021
10. Nuanua O Le Alofa (NOLA, a local disability advocacy organisation) – 2nd March 2021
11. The Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG) – 2nd March 2021
12. The Judiciary – 9th March 2021
13. The Office of the Ombudsman – 10th March 2021
14. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) – 10th March 2021
15. Parliamentarian of the Opposition – 11th March 2021
16. The Samoa Family Health Association (SFHA) – 16th March 2021

On 12 March, the UN Resident Coordinator jointly with OHCHR Pacific held a roundtable on human rights and the three laws adopted by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in 15 December. The roundtable was opened by the Prime Minister of Samoa and attended by the Attorney General and her team. International participation included Hon. Sven Spengemann, MP, House of Commons of Canada, Chair of the Foreign Affairs and International Development Committee of the House of Commons and Hon. Aruna Devi Narain, Mauritius Supreme Court Judge and CEDAW member.