



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Fiji Statement at Kiribati's Universal Periodic Review, 19 January 2015, Geneva.

Fiji congratulates the Kiribati delegation led by the Honourable Minister Tangariki Reete on their report to this UPR Working Group, which highlights the many areas of progress made in activities affecting human rights. 

1. Fiji shares with Kiribati the concerns of the Pacific people around the loss of socio-economic rights as a result of natural disasters and climate change. What steps has Kiribati taken to implement the Pacific Platform on DRR and how can other countries assist Kiribati in such implementation?
  - i. Fiji recommends that Kiribati continue its advocacy with the international community (through CANCC, for example) on the need for ambitious and binding targets for greenhouse gas emissions in order to mitigate the negative effects of climate change; and
  - ii. Fiji recommends that Kiribati continue its mainstreaming of climate change adaptation across developmental activities with the assistance of the international community.
  
2. Fiji notes that changing attitudes and gender stereotypes pose a challenge in Kiribati, but that Kiribati has taken steps to incorporate partnerships with cultural leaders in driving such change. Has this resulted in better responses to domestic violence cases in Kiribati?
  - i. Fiji recommends that Kiribati implement the Family Peace Act (2014) as a matter of priority.

  
I thank you Mr. President. f