

Universal Periodic Review of the Marshall Islands

Questions and Recommendations of Fiji

1. Fiji congratulates the Marshall Islands for introducing proactive laws and policies to prevent and to deal with gender based violence against women and girls. In particular the 2011 Domestic Violence law and the Child Protection Act are designed to improve reporting and access to justice for women and children as well as to create a regime of restraining orders to prevent further violence. Fiji also notes that the Marshall Islands Government is currently considering a National Gender Policy which aims to mainstream gender.

Fiji recommends;

That the Marshall Islands Government approve the Gender Policy as a matter of priority and work with women's civil society groups to implement it in all spheres of national life. In particular Fiji recommends that national planning and national budgeting be made gender responsive.

2. Fiji shares with the Marshall Islands the human rights challenges which accompany the loss of land and livelihood as a result of climate change. Like Fiji, the Marshall Island is set on a course of empowering communities to be aware of and to be able to enforce the social and economic human rights which are in jeopardy as result of climate change.

Fiji recommends;

That the Marshall Islands adopt, and seek technical assistance from donor agencies to implement, a national training programme for judges, lawyers, civil society groups and school children on their rights to water, food security, life, education and health in relation to climate change, and the ways in which the courts can help to develop a Pacific jurisprudence on the relationship between climate change, and human rights.