

***THEME: Civil Society Write-Shop to Prepare
CEDAW Shadow Report for PNG's 4th- 6th
Cycle, NCD-PNG 18th & 20th September, 2024***



**Embracing Civic Voice through
Collective Efforts**

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The CSO CEDAW working committee also expressed their gratitude to other CSO members that cannot have made it in person however pledge their support to this write-shop. We extend our acknowledgement to;

1. Highland Women Human Rights Defenders Network- Ms. Mary Kini and team.
2. East Sepik Council of Women- Ms. Sophie Mangai and the Team.
3. The Salvation Army- Major Velen Iga and the team at House of Hope
4. Regina Sagu Foundation- Counsel Rosemary koimo and the team
5. CELCOR- Mr. Bosip and the team.
6. Jiwaka Voice for Change- Mrs Lilian Boesoer and the team
7. FHI360- Ms. Rosemary Luluai.

These organizations will be joining us in Write-Shop number two in November.

Objectives

- ❖ To equip the participants with a clear understanding of the framework, guidelines and processes associated with CEDAW reporting, particularly in relation to CSO submissions.
- ❖ To catalyze the formation of a network of NGOs focused on women's rights and applying intersectional approaches anchored on gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE), human rights-based approach (HRBA) to development, and leave no one behind (LNOB).
- ❖ To prepare an initial outline or draft of a CSO shadow report for the CEDAW Committee.

Outcomes:

The activity will contribute to several crucial outcomes for PNG civil society vis-à-vis engagement with international human rights mechanisms:

- a. **Meaningful participation of independent civil society is strengthened.** The write-shop is expected to catalyze the formation of a civil society network that is invested in supporting national monitoring, implementation, reporting and follow-up to recommendations of international human rights mechanisms.
- b. **The voices of civil society and the groups that they represent or work with is protected and amplified.** The write-shop and network formation it is expected to catalyze will ensure the diversity of voices from the ground and help avoid rights exclusion caused by dominant interpretations of human rights. This guarantees a multiplicity of voices and high quality of constructive dialogue.
- c. **The principle of accountability for the implementation of human rights at country level is upheld.** Shadow reporting is an important tool for human rights CSOs and non-government organizations (NGOs). These reports supplement the State reports, deepen the analysis on issues, and ground-truth information used in reporting to treaty bodies.



Recommendation/Action Plan / Way Forward

1. Formation of the CSO Reporting Committee
2. 2nd Writeshop - November 2024 (EVAW) - invites to be sent out a month in advance
3. Drafting - Consultant Hire / Working – by Mid-February 2025
4. Validation Workshop – February / Regional Consultation & Validation (as long as we have a substantial report by January)
5. Submission of Shadow Report – End of February 2025
6. Attending Review and Side Events - April 2025 (FIJI)

Summary for Two (2) Days Write-Shop (18 and 20 September, 2024)

Day One (1)

The first day of the Write-Shop was held at the Grand Papua Hotel Conference Room. It was hosted by the BCFW, Magna Carta PNG, and Advancing PNG. The purpose of the Write-Shop was to equip and prepare civil society with the knowledge of how to write critical and reliable CSO Shadow reports.

The first day saw twenty-two participants from 19 different organizations physically present, with three more joining online, bringing the total to 25. The day's focus was on understanding the UN Report Mechanism and the mechanisms used to write reports, a topic that the participants delved into with great enthusiasm and dedication.

The types of UN Report Mechanism learnt are:

1. Universal Periodic Review
2. Treaty Body Reporting Mechanism
3. Special Procedures of the HRC
4. UN High Commissioner for HR Reports.

The participants also learned what CEDAW is, its reporting processes, and its timeline. They are:

- Key Aspects of CEDAW
- Content of the report
- Dialogue with State Parties
- Concluding Observations
- Time Overview
- Shadow CEDAW reporting
- Purpose of Shadow Reporting
- Shadow Report Submission Process
- Steps for NGO's in Shadow Reporting
- Follow-up Process



The afternoon session was a lively discussion, during which the participants shared their understanding of CEDAW and shadow reporting. Activities were distributed, and participants

were divided into groups to discuss and fill in the CSO report in bullet points, fostering a collaborative learning environment.

Discussions about Pogera brought to light a dire situation. A participant from Pogera, who joined us online, shared a distressing report about the hardships the people of Pogera are enduring. The situation is urgent, with women and children facing violence, hunger, and lack of healthcare, shelter, and clean water. The tribal conflict has left them homeless and in desperate need of immediate assistance from the government and other authorities.

The Write-Shop was a resounding success, with participants showing great enthusiasm and excitement, particularly about the prospect of writing the CEDAW Shadow report. This energy was also channeled into drafting a press release, urging the current government, Enga Provincial Government, and the developer (Barrick) to respond immediately to the dire situation in Pogera.

Day Two (2)

The second day of the Write-Shop was held at one of the Lamana Hotel's conference rooms. There were seventeen (17) participants who participated during the second day of the Write-Shop. During the morning session, participants discussed what they understood about what they had learnt on the first day of the Write-Shop. They recapped what they had learned on the first day and also commented on Josephine's presentation.

After the discussion, the journalists from EMTV and TVWAN came for the press release. Five representatives from different CSOs presented very important points and also called on the



current government, MRC, Enga Provincial Government, and the developer to respond immediately to the cry of the vulnerable who are suffering from the terrible fight in Pogera. TVWAN also asked the five participants about the situation in Pogera. The participants answered the questions accordingly. The main points that were presented during the press release are:

- There is an immediate need to fix the road so the vulnerable can access primary health care and also get out of the war zone.
- A call to get women to sign agreements and treaties regarding the landowner
- A call to the government to assist the people with necessities
- A call for humanitarian assistance
- A call to get women and children out of the war zone by helicopter

During the second session, the participants discuss the action plan/way forward. These are:

1. Formation of the CSO Report Committee
2. 2nd Workshop
3. Drafting- Consultation
Hire/Working
4. Validation Workshop
5. Submission of Shadow
Report
6. Attending Review and
Side Events



Successful Outcomes

The two days Write-Shop concluded with several crucial outcomes for PNG civil society as stated below;

- **Youth engagement**
- **Transferring skills and knowledge from experience women to young in-experience women, which is created a great pathway for reporting. Sharing of skills, knowledge and attributes to the upcoming leaders is very vital in the development space.**
- **The two days Write-Shop also identify and create a pool of experts where they come together to form a CSO CEDAW Technical Working Group.**

The day concluded on a high note, with the Write-Shop proving to be a successful Platform for learning and advocacy. The participant's commitment to the cause was evident, and a strong humanitarian call was made to the authorities to provide the necessary help and assistance to the vulnerable in Pogera.