

PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE MIGRATION AND HUMAN SECURITY (PCCMHS) PROGRAMME PHASE II



PCCMHS Human Rights and Climate Mobility Workshop Concept Note

Dates: 2-4 December 2025

Location: Novotel, Nadi, Fiji

Background and Rationale

National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) play a critical role in promoting and protecting human rights, exploring ways to address human rights concerns related to climate mobility, including handling complaints and conducting national inquiries. However, in the Pacific, the presence of fully functioning and accredited NHRIs remains limited, with only a small number of countries having established such bodies. Despite this, there is growing recognition across the region of the importance of national accountability mechanisms in responding to emerging human rights challenges, including those linked to climate change and mobility. As the impacts of climate change intensify, resulting in displacement, relocation, and complex patterns of movement within and across borders, NHRIs and similar institutions can play an essential role in ensuring that government responses are rights-based, inclusive, and transparent. This is particularly important as Pacific leaders have endorsed the [Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility](#) and its [Implementation Plan](#), which provide a roadmap for coordinated, regional action to protect the rights and dignity of people affected by climate-related mobility.

Under the Pacific Climate Change and Human Security Programme (PCCMHS) Phase II, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, in collaboration with PCCMHS partner agencies and organizations, is convening a workshop, designed to bring together existing NHRIs, ombudsman institutions, including other accountability bodies, regional and international partners and civil society organisations, to strengthen capacity and collaboration on human rights protection in the context of climate mobility, contribute to the implementation of regional frameworks, and create a support base for bringing these issues.

Objectives

The workshop aims to mainstream climate mobility by including basic training on human rights in climate mobility and national and international tools that can be used to advance human rights in climate mobility for all participants and build the capacity of NHRIs, civil society organizations, and related institutions in the Pacific to support the implementation of the [Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility](#).

The workshop will provide a platform for sharing regional guidance tools developed by PCCMHS partner agencies, good practices on national inquiries, complaints handling, and

human rights monitoring mechanisms, including guidance from recent advisory opinions from international courts.

It will also support peer learning among countries with operational NHRIs and Ombudspersons offices with human rights mandates and those in the process of establishing one. Through technical discussions, interactive exercises, and peer-to-peer learning, the workshop will contribute to strengthening national systems and its support systems for the protection of individuals and communities affected by climate change, while fostering regional dialogue on rights-based responses to climate mobility.

Target Participants:

- Existing and Emerging NHRIs
- Ombudspersons offices with human rights mandates
- Civil society organizations and individuals working with communities facing climate mobility

Draft Agenda (agenda may be changed slightly)

Day 1	Introduction to Human Rights in Climate Mobility
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-10:00	Opening, House Keeping, Introductions
10:00-10:30	Group Photo and Morning Tea
10:30-11:45	Session 1: Human Rights in the Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility and the Implementation Plan and the role of NHRIs/Ombudsman/EHRDs/CSOs in advancing it
11:45-12:30	Panel/Talanoa: Human rights in climate mobility – lived experiences
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:00	Session 2: Introduction to international human rights mechanisms related to climate change
14:00-15:00	Session 3: Group Activity on the Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility and its Implementation Plan
15:00-15:15	Afternoon Tea
15:15-16:30	Session 4: Group work
Day 2	Planned Relocation Day
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Re-cap of Day 1
9:15-10:15	Session 5: Human rights in planned relocation
10:15-10:30	Morning Tea
10:30-12:00	Session 6: Tools and Guides on Planned Relocation
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Session 7: Scenario on planned relocation
14:00-14:30	Afternoon Tea
14:30-15:30	Plenary: Group discussion, lessons learned from scenario
15:30-16:15	Session 8: Human rights in migration (OHCHR Bangkok colleagues to come in)

16:15-16:30	Summary of Day 2 and preview of Day 3
Day 3	Migration and Action Planning
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Recap of Day 2
9:15-10:30	Session 9: Tools and guides on migration
10:30-10:45	Morning Tea
10:45-11:30	Session 10: Scenario or activity on migration
11:30-12:00	Debrief from activity
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-15:00	Talanoa: Advancing human rights protection for climate mobility in the Pacific
15:00-15:15	Tea break
15:15-16:00	Talanoa on the PRFCM Implementation Plan
16:00-16:30	Closing reflections and official closing

Expected Outcomes

- Increased understanding among NHRIs and accountability institutions and civil society organizations on the human rights dimensions of climate mobility in the Pacific, including links to displacement, planned relocation, and migration.
- Improved awareness and capacity to apply tools, frameworks, and good practices related to human rights monitoring, complaint handling, and national inquiries in the context of climate mobility.
- Clearer understanding of the role of NHRIs, Ombudsman institutions, and CSOs in contributing to the implementation of the Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility and its Implementation Plan, particularly on issues of rights protection and accountability.
- Peer learning facilitated among countries with established, emerging, or aspiring NHRIs or other entities to handle human rights issues and for CSOs to support and advocate for human rights issues in climate mobility, enabling sharing of lessons learned and practical experiences in integrating climate mobility into institutional mandates.
- Identified country-level priorities and capacity-building needs to strengthen the role of national institutions in addressing climate-related displacement and mobility and civil society in holding governments and businesses accountable for advancing human rights in climate mobility.
- Agreed follow-up actions or regional commitments, including potential collaboration, technical assistance needs, or future joint activities under the Pacific Climate Change and Human Security (PCCMHS) programme.