## Join Us

The sun rising on the next seven decades for human rights

Commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Friday 16 November 2018, 6:30 am USP Lower Campus Bure, Suva



Stand up for the right to a healthy environment and for climate justice









To mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Regional Office for the Pacific (ROP) together with partners, commemorates the day on which, in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the UDHR, proclaiming its principles as the "common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations."

Over the past seven decades, the UDHR has become regarded as one of the pillars of a global ethic, a common conscience for humanity – having played a great role in sustaining morale among those oppressed, in legitimizing their struggles and proscribing human rights abuses. Its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary provides an occasion to not only take stock of the human rights achievements since 1948, but also set an agenda and vision for the future. The 10<sup>th</sup> of December will mark the culmination point of a series of efforts **to promote, engage, and reflect** on the UDHR, with the theme "The sun rising on the next seven decades for human rights". As part of the global effort to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR, the **OHCHR ROP**, together with the **Pacific Islands Development Forum**, **The University of the South Pacific** and **the Alliance for Future Generations-Fiji** is organizing the **Sunrise Initiative** with a focus on the human right to a healthy environment. This commemorative campaign will seek to address issues related to climate change, resilience and rights significant in the region by:

- Engaging a broad base of audiences;
- Helping to promote understanding of how the Universal Declaration empowers us all;
- Encouraging further reflection on the ways that each of us can stand up for rights, every day;
- Raising awareness on human rights issue in relation to the campaign theme: "The sun rising on the next seven decades for human rights"

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