



# PRESENTATIONS SIDE EVENT 2

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- Mr. Robert Vaughan, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR
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- Mr. Jeffrey Fine, UNDRR
- Ms. Genevieve Jiva, Programme mangaer OXFAM

The 2030 Development Agenda aims to elevate all individuals and communities throughout the world, this will be attainable for 'all' if an inclusive transformative framework is adopted. Sustainability of cities and communities (SDG 11) can be achived with a human rights-based approach. A human rights framework allows all individuals, particularly those in situation of social, environmental and economic vulnerability as well as marginalized groups to express their opinions and take ownership in the decision-making process, in order help create inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and communities.

That is why both the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) have put human rights and the principle of "leave no one behind" at their center. Principle 11 (human rights) of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) 'seeks to promote inclusivity and ensure that all inhabitants, of present and future generations, without discrimination of any kind, are able to inhabit and produce just, safe, healthy, accessible, affordable, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements to foster prosperity and quality of life for all'. This goal can only be achieved in the Pacific when also seen through the lens of a climate change context and Principle 12 of NUA, because of the future potential impact's climate change and extreme weather conditions will have on Pacific based States.

### **GOAL: PACIFIC GREEN CITIES**

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Mr. Mark Borg, Team Leader Programme Management, PIDF



## **SUVA** "Green City is one that is more environmentally friendly brings to mind walking spaces, clean non-fossil fuel vehicles, a city economy powered renewables, plastic free shopping and eating, abundance of trees and other biodiversity... human rights are behind many of these features, and others, of green cities. It is certainly in our interest to have a healthy lifestyle which many of these changes would











