

We note from Tonga's VNR report the need to improve on the participatory involvement of civil society and Strengthen partnerships between CSO and Government.

To what extent did the government consult engage civil society and conduct national and community consultations and what funding support was provided for them to participate here at the VNR reporting here at this HLPF in NY?

Tonga has prioritized social protection and human rights with a focus on vulnerable groups which is commendable.

However, we note that Tonga has not ratified the Convention of the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women. Please explain.

On SDG 14, on Ocean Management we applaud that the Government continues to implement necessary measures to conserve and ensure sustainable use of marine and land resources.

To what extent has the Tonga government taken precautionary and protective measures to guard against the exploitation from seabed mining.