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### **His Excellency David Kabua and his delegation attends the 77th United General Assembly**

President Kabua and his delegation attended the 77th United Nations General Assembly opening of High Level Week- “A watershed moment: transformative solutions to interlocking challenges.” Updates on the 77th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 77) can be accessed via the United Nations website link:

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/unga-high-level-week-2022/>.

President Kabua will address the UNGA 77 between 4 and 7pm this evening:  
<https://media.un.org/en/webtv>.

There are a number of High Level Meetings and side events that will be held today at the UNGA 77 and in the margins, to which the President and members of the delegation will take part in.

President Kabua has been invited to attend the discussion on the, “Exchange on current global challenges” with the Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz and other Leaders. Germany Chancellor Olaf Scholz hosted an informal dialogue to focus on global challenges from an island perspective. President Kabua joined leaders from small island nations, including Tonga, Suriname and Antigua & Barbuda (chair of the Alliance of Small Islands States). President Kabua emphasized the dramatic challenges from cost of living increases for island economies, and the need for greater political leadership on climate change.

The President also accepted an invitation from the Prime Minister of Denmark to discuss the state of the global climate debate. In the meeting, President Kabua urged leadership in steering the discussions back into focus. “Conflict impacts all of us- we face the high cost of living in the Pacific due to conflicts. We require commitment from all countries to secure our planet’s future; we are all victims”, said President Kabua. On shipping, President Kabua mentioned RMI’s commitment to decarbonize international shipping through RMI’s proposal on a carbon levy within IMO.

First Lady Kabua and Foreign Service Officer Asia Chonggum will attend the Fashion 4 Development’s (FED) Tenth Annual Official First Ladies Luncheon which was founded by Evie Evangelou in January 2011 in support of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and “Every Woman, Every Child”, a UN initiative spearheaded by Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon. The F4D focuses on the principles of the 4Es: Educate, Empower, Enhance and Enrich.

The Climate and Development Ministerial Meeting in the margins of the UNGA 77 High-Level with focus on 4 key policy areas, 1) responding to climate impacts; 2) access to finance; 3) climate finance; 4) fiscal space and debt sustainability, will be attended by Minister Kitlang Kabua. Minister Kabua will also engage in the Ministerial Meeting on Finding Common Ground for Ambitious COP27 OUTCOMES this afternoon. These discussions come at a critical time in

the climate space, especially with COP27 just around the corner, where countries need to start focusing on practical action to address climate financing and loss and damage.  
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