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ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS IN ASIA-PACIFIC, PHILIPPINES.



Acting Ombudsman with Dr. Esther Woodbury at the Manila Workshop (Source: CHR Philippines)

The Manila workshop on the Human rights of older persons, held on 29-30 August 2023, concluded with the adoption of the Call to Action on strengthening the advocacy of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) in the Asia-Pacific region for an international Framework for the promotion and protection of the Human Rights of older persons.

The workshop aimed to build the capacities of A-status NHRIs in the Asia and the Pacific region on the progress and gaps at the international level on the promotion and protection of the human rights of older persons. It was a high-level event attended by regional A-Status NHRIs including Samoa.

NHRIs also recognized the role of Asia Pacific Forum (APF) of NHRIs and the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) as being crucial to implement these commitments. NHRIs urged GANHRI along with the regional NHRI networks, particularly the APF for further involvement in this advocacy by providing greater support and endorsement of the activities of NHRIs on the rights of older persons, and the GANHRI Working Group on Ageing and the Human Rights of Older Persons, to which the Commission has been a member since its establishment in 2016.

Finally, NHRIs called on the United Nations General Assembly's Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing in its leadership role to resolve and recommend to the General Assembly the commencement of drafting a new United Nations Convention on the human rights of older persons.

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AFIGA MAUALAIVAO PEPE SEIULI

Talofa & Welcome to 'Mo le Silafia' (MLS) for the 2023 July-September Bulletin.

Mostly it has been quite a 'balancing act' between our community services; attending online forums; and meetings in person with counterparts abroad. It involves duty-travels to Manila Philippines; New Delhi India; and Nukualofa in the Kingdom of Tonga.

Again, our online involvement in meetings with overseas partners is also highlighted. Whilst, our one-on-one appointments with the New Zealand Ombudsman Office counterparts had been really a success.

Furthermore, the movement of staff in this period saw the Office bidding farewell to the NHRI-Director Loukinikini Vili Lewaravu, while welcoming the Good Governance Unit's new Senior Investigation Officer Tu'ileanapapa Manino Eveni Tui. Truly, we wish you well. Manuia lo oulua alofaiva.

God Bless & Fa'afetai Tele.

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EXPERT COUNTRY REVIEW OF THE UN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION (UNCAC) NUKU'ALOFA, TONGA



(Sitting second from right) SIU Director Ms. Lagafuaina Tavita at UNCAC Country Review in Nukualofa, Tonga.

The Kingdom of Tonga (Tonga) hosted its first Country Visit under the First Review Cycle of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) on September 18 - 21, 2023 pursuant to Tonga being a State Party to UNCAC on February 6, 2020.

Effectively, the Tongan government in collaboration with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) began its preliminary work on Tonga's self-assessment in 2020. To that end this particular Country Visit meeting is essential in completing the essentials of Tonga's First Review Cycle.

By invitation, the Director of the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) Lagafuaina Tavita (D-SIU) attended the review representing Samoa as one of 2 country review experts as per the requirements of UNCAC drawn to review Tonga. The meeting in Nukualofa was coordinated by the Attorney General's Office as the Focal Point, in collaboration with the (UNODC) in Vienna; and Suva. According to D-SIU, the country visit is essential in completing Tonga's First Review Cycle.

Discussions at the meeting revolve around laws; policies; practices and procedures within the Tongan government mindful of Tonga's implementation of Chapter III & IV of UNCAC. It also focused on areas where Tonga could improve existing laws and practices to comply with UNCAC.

On the flip side the D-SIU is indeed grateful to the Tongan Ombudsman, Mrs. Alisi Taumoepeau, the Acting CEO Roman Vaihu; and the staff of the Ombudsman Tonga for their kindness shown during this duty travel where the Tonga Ombudsman expended her valuable time to even hosted the D-SIU to dinner and with a memorable tour of the island on her last day.

The Office of the Ombudsman in Samoa would like to reciprocate the kindness of our Tongan colleagues for the generous gesture extended to D-SIU during her stay in Tonga. To that end in appreciation and in the words of our visiting SIU Director Ms. Lagafuaina Tavita:

"We hope to return the favor ... O alofa nei o alofa na, Fa'afetai tele"



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NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS (NHRIS) OF ASIA PACIFIC FORUM (APF), NEW DEHLI, INDIA



APF members pledged to strengthen human rights across the region during the 28th Annual Meeting and Conference

Members of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF) of National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) have pledged their collective commitment to strengthening the human rights ecosystem and addressing the region's most urgent challenges, in a declaration issued at the 28th APF Annual Meeting and Biennial Conference in Delhi, India. The Delhi Declaration highlights the need for a unified approach to tackle the human rights impacts of climate change, environmental degradation, rising conflicts, natural and human-induced disasters, and the intersection of business and human rights across the Asia Pacific.

In an age of evolving technologies, the declaration also emphasises the importance of using digital technology and artificial intelligence responsibly to promote inclusive human development and create just societies. APF members committed to reinvigorating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), calling for "governments and other stakeholders to make national pledges under the 'Human Rights 75 Initiative' to bring about concrete changes towards the greater enjoyment of human rights for all."

They also pledged to support the continued establishment of new NHRIs in the region, strengthen the independence and effectiveness of existing NHRIs in compliance with the Paris Principles, and further strengthen regional human rights mechanisms through capacity-building, sharing of experiences and good practices.

The Annual Meeting, held from 20-21 September, brought together APF members, NHRI observers, civil society organisations, and representatives from the international human rights community, including the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Hosted by the National Human Rights Commission of India, the meeting was inaugurated by India's President, Droupadi Murmu, who emphasised the urgent need to address human rights and environmental concerns. The APF Conference, which took place on 21 September, was held against the backdrop of the 75th anniversary of the UDHR as well as the celebration of 30 years of National Human Rights Institutions and the Paris Principles and the 25th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

Source: <https://www.asiapacificforum.net/news/apf-members-unite-strengthen-human-rights/>



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The New Zealand Office of the Ombudsman (NZOOTO) Visits Samoa.

The result of discussions when NZOOTO visited the Samoa Office of the Ombudsman & NHRI (the Office) in September 2022 had formed the basis of this particular threefold project and planned visit as of August 4 - 8, 2023. As the project is to be carried out in three-phases, the visit is seen as an essential part of Phase 1 which is called Discovery. The final two phases are referred to as Phase 2 Define; and Phase 3 Design & Deliver respectively.

The overall rationale of the project was on how NZOOTO could assist and support the Office in terms of human resource needs. As such the main general objective involves the clarity of roles in terms of responsibilities; accountabilities; and in alignment with the job descriptions and the Office statutory mandate.



L - R: Christine Denny and Julia Komugabi of NZOOTO in Samoa



Acting Ombudsman Maualaivao P Seiuli in discussion with the NZOOTO Team

At the outset the visiting NZOOTO counterparts: Julia Komugabi; and Christine Denny met with every staff of the Office for individual interviews and also engaging in a SWOT analysis kind of conversation. Notably, a confidentiality agreement was signed prior to the interviews.

In addition, the management of the Office were also participating in a training which elaborated further on the theme of 'fit for purpose' conducted by the two wonderful officials from NZOOTO. It was expected that at the end of the visit the Office staff would be more able to identify staff role clarity as well as eliminating overlaps; and potential duplication of roles.

To that end, a Report will be disclosed by our colleagues from NZOOTO and we wish them the best on their returning journey back to Aotearoa. *Kia kaha ka kite te ano!*

Police Basic Recruit Course 2023

A total of 50 new police recruits attended the training on September 27, 2023. About 20% of the new recruits travelled from Savaii and the rest were Upolu. Thirty three (33) or 66% were females while seventeen (17) or 34% were male recruits. The participants' ages range from 20 - 39years.

The training for most of the day was given to the Office of the Ombudsman (OMB) so to conduct presentations about its core functions and legislated services to the public, and Samoa.

It was also an opportunity for OMB to identify the correlation between its services and the Samoa Police, Prisons and Corrections Services (SPPCS); more-so with other prescribed disciplinary forces like the Samoa Fire & Emergency Services Authority (SFESA).

SIU Principal Investigator Leota Ta'alo Leota (Leota) set the tone and momentum from the start with a mutual touch of cultural protocols in response to welcoming remarks by Inspector Joe Taioalo of SPPCS. This was followed by introducing our OMB Team before the first presentation from SIU led by Leota as well.

The GGU then followed with a twist by continuing with an interactive presentation whereby participants were asked to take part in the conversation and be rewarded with either candies or a set of blue, black, and red ballpoint pens. A half hour break was then followed where OMB Team was kindly provided with delicious serves of BBQ and bottles of water. Fa'afetai le agalelei!



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Police Basic Recruit Course 2023 continued ...



Principal Investigation Officer Leota Ta'alo Leota presenting to the Recruits during the Training Course.

NHRI kicked off the second half of the day with Principal HR Adviser Ms. Ellenlina Moala Tumua guiding the participants on to the field of Human Rights. The curious response from the recruits was interesting as the next half of the Human Rights narrative was presented by Senior Human Rights officer Ms Vaelei Apulu Ioasa.

Overall, this special assignment with SPPCS particularly the Training & Development Unit (TDU) was again another success and a job well done by our OMB Team. Moreover, we sincerely acknowledge the kind cooperation of TDU staff in assisting our OMB Team on the day. Fa'afetai tele.

It appears that OMB Team did quite well given the feedback from participants. As we insist, there is always room for improvement as the participants have specifically identified the need to vary our mode of delivery. Example: Using relevant video clips to reinforce ideas and special themes that were emphasised in the presentations like corruption; conflict of interests; etiquette in dealing with the public and across Samoa.



Samoa Police Recruits in one of the inter-active training and discussion sessions

Finally wishing all the new recruits the very best as they continue the challenge of being officially becoming officers of the law for Samoa.

Manuia lo outou fa'amoemoe!

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JICA CAREER DAY 2023 "Commitment to Learning"

A total of 108 students kindly visited the Office Booth on the day. Sixty five (65) were females while forty three (43) were male students, who had shown interests whilst raising stimulating questions during discussions. The students' ages range from 13-20-years. While the majority of our student group-visitors were from the Vaimauga College with 16 students, the least group in terms of numbers was the two visitors from the Vaimoso Primary School. Still at tertiary level, 12 student-visitors were all potential navigators from the NUS School of Maritime.



(L-R) Ms. Manino Eveni Tui of the Ombudsman Office Team in discussion with the students from Vaimauga College.

The Keynote address was delivered by the Japanese Ambassador His Excellency Mr. Senta Keisuke with added remarks from Ms. Yumiko Asakuma. The central idea of helping build awareness of career pathways for students as future leaders of Samoa, was the focus of the conversation, and opening remarks from the outset of this special event. In addition, there was clarification on scholarship opportunities, that are available not just for studies with overseas institutions but just as well with our local tertiary institutions and providers.

As for OMB staff participation, the remarkable combined effort and cooperation shown by our representatives were commendable at the least. Congratulation to our OMB Team for another job well done in particular with representations more-so in explaining and discussing our statutory and core functions with all students who opted to visit our allotted display space. Malo le fa'a-tausala ma le fa'ato'ato'a!



All smiles from student-participants of Year 8 Vaimoso Primary School

INDUCTION FOR THE NEW STAFF MEMBER

The Induction session was held on Friday September 1, 2023 for the new member of the Office. The appointment of Tu'ileanapapa Manino Eveni Tui as the Senior Investigation Officer for the Good Governance Unit (GGU) has been a timely appointment considering the movement of GGU Team members across to take up other responsibilities within the Office and by resignation.

As usual the aim was ensuring the newly appointed colleague would be formally introduced to expectations; performance and the organizational structure and culture of the Office. The induction has been organised in such a way that all sectional Unit of the Office was represented with the exception of GGU who inherently had been responsible with providing in-service orientation for the new senior colleague since she started.

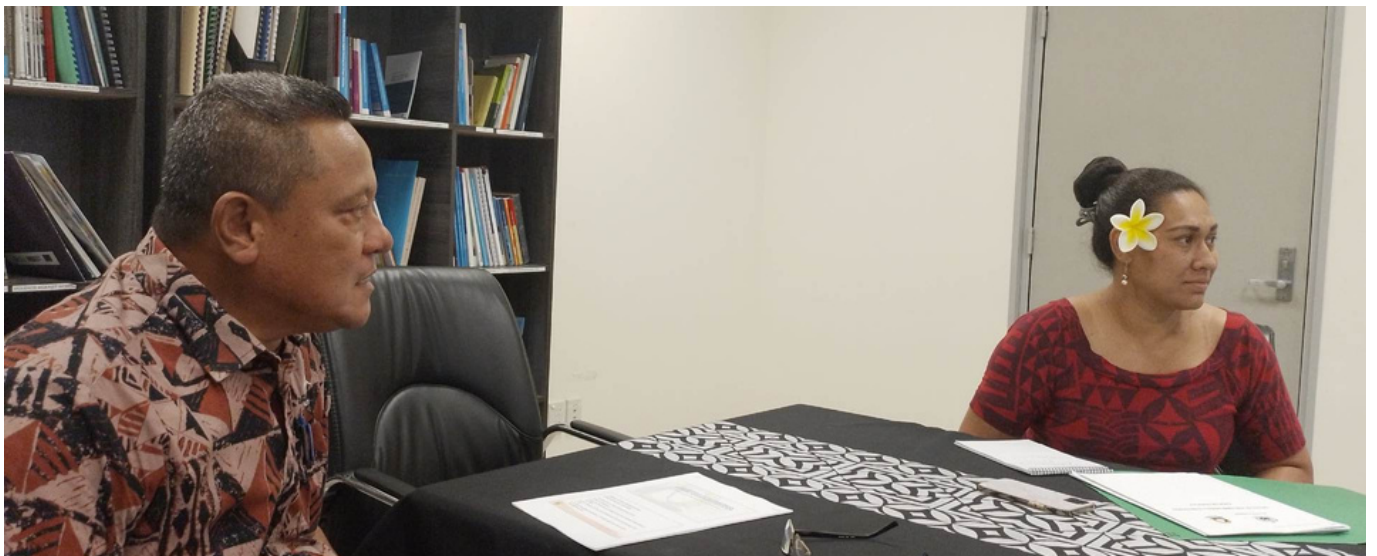


(L-R) Ms. Rosuweti Galuvao, Ms. Ellenlina Moala and Ms. Tu'ileanapapa Manino Eveni Tui

With Ms. Rosuweti Galuvao being the coordinator, presenters and representatives of the Units were invited to present their various statutory dispositions and specialised areas of work. So, NHRI with Ms. Ellenlina Moala as the NHRI Legal Advisor started the discussion on all fundamentals of Human Rights and related matters.

The Special Investigation Unit (SIU) Principal Investigation Officer Leota Ta'alo Leota followed through introducing the discussion to the challenging world of a specialised investigator in the Office. Again fundamentals of being a specialised trained investigator in dealing with public related matters especially the disciplinary forces across Samoa were highlighted. Furthermore, the discussion pointed to the understanding that SIU and GGU altogether by legislation, would be thought of as the investigation arm of the Office.

Finally, the supporting Units of the Office namely the Corporate Service Unit (CSU) and the Engagement & Communication Unit (ECU) were represented by Ms. Rosuweti Galuvao and Principal Officer Mr. Michael Tamanikaiyaroi respectively. In essence, the espoused mission and vision of the Office would remain superficial, without the undeniable role and support of CSU and ECU. The session ended with everyone wishing the new colleague Tu'ileanapapa M. Eveni Tui the very best with her appointment.



(L-R) Leota Ta'alo Leota with Tu'ileanapapa Manino Eveni Tui in discussion during Induction

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER HIS EXCELLENCY GARETH KEITH HOAR VISITED THE OFFICE



(L-R) AOMB Maualaivao P Seiuli, His Excellency Gareth Keith Hoar, and former NHRI Director Ms. Loukinikini Vili Lewaravu

On Friday July 28, 2023 the new British High Commissioner to Samoa, His Excellency Mr. Gareth Keith Hoar visited to meet and touch base with the Office. A couple of topics of common interest were discussed during the meeting with one of them being the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institution which the Samoa NHRI will be hosting in 2023 during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. (CHOGM).

The Office extends our appreciation of your kind visitation which have allowed us to share the nature of our services to Samoa and the global community as well. Nevertheless we are grateful for the continued support of the UK to our work. We look forward to collaboration for the Commonwealth Forum for National Human Rights Institution in 2023.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE BASED ON RELIGION OR BELIEF, AUGUST 23 2023

The UN General Assembly adopted on 28 May 2019 a resolution earmarking the August 22nd every year as the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief. It indicates the strong condemnation of the continuing violence and acts of terrorism against individuals. This includes persons belonging to religious minorities worldwide. NHRI was invited by the National Assembly of Bahais in Samoa to be part of the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence based on Religion or Belief.



NHRI Team Ms. Ellenlina Moala and Ms. Loukinikini V. Lewaravu with Special Guests at the International Day of Commemoration.



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BROWN GIRL WOKE - HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING, JULY 28 2023.

On Friday July 28, the NHRI by invitation from the local NGO Brown Girl Woke conducted a Human Rights Training as part of its year long Youth Advocacy Project. The aim of the Youth Advocacy Project had been to empower and inspire youth to advocate for their human rights.

Objectively, the raining in threefold was firstly to raise awareness of youth participants on the role and functions of the NHRI and the Ombudsman Office. Secondly, to increase understanding of youth participants about Human Rights. Thirdly, to increase awareness and understanding of youth participants on Human Rights related issues in Samoa and how they can advocate change for the issues as identified.



NHRI Senior Officer Ms. Vaelei Ioasa leading discussions at the NUSSA Centre with APTC student-participants


The training ended with a practical exercise where participants were introduced to relative Reports with concluding observations and recommendations. In addition the NHRI National Report and recommendations as found in NHRI's State of Human Rights Reports.

Participants used these reports and recommendations to identify relevant Human Rights issues with recommendations that would be informed and advocated for in the foreseeable future.

NHRI Team sincerely extended its appreciation to Brown Girl Woke for the invitation and having the NHRI Team to be part of the Youth Advocacy Project. We look forward to continuing our collaboration.



Group Photo Time - Brown Girl Woke at the NUSSA Centre with Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC) students

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AMBASSADOR & HEAD OF EU DELEGATION FOR THE PACIFIC 2023

On July 22 2023. the Acting Ombudsman afioga Maualaivao Pepe Seiuli (Maualaivao) and NHRI Team met with the Ambassador and Head of the EU Delegation for the Pacific His Excellency Sujiro Seam. The meeting involved Maualaivao and NHRI sharing some of the activities that were kindly funded by the EU.



EU delegation and Ombudsman Office Staff in the Office Conference Room.

One of the main activities was the Talanoa Toolkit (TT) a first of its kind which is a prevention tool against family violence. The TT is intended as a user-friendly guide for community advocates against violence facilitating dialogues and outreach talanoa sessions at the community level.

It is based on the local situations and prevailing issues hence enabling discussions on family violence with the aim to drive home preventative measures. NHRI also shared of other funded by EU through the: Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions; the APF Intergovernmental Mechanism and NHRI project; where the Samoa NHRI collaborated with Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and Pacific Climate Change. Further, NHRI facilitated a high level dialogue and workshop for Samoa Government policymakers primarily on the right to a healthy environment.

His Excellency Seam thanked Maualaivao and NHRI for its work and encouraging NHRI to maintain the good work. More-so His Excellency acknowledged NHRI for achieving 'A' status and that the Samoa NHRI is progressively leading as an example that other institutions should follow.

Once more Maualaivao and the Office wish to extend our appreciation to your Excellency for the visit and indeed to EU for their commendable support. We look forward to continuing our collaboration.



(Second from Left) Head of EU Delegation for the Pacific His Excellency Sujiro Seam



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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE BASED ON RELIGION OR BELIEF, AUGUST 23 2023

The NHRI by invitation presented on the importance of religious freedom as a fundamental right. Similarly, the Human Rights Advisor from the UN Resident Coordinator Office, Momoko Nomura spoke on religious freedom and the 75th anniversary of the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

Religious freedom is enshrined in Samoa as a fundamental constitutional right, more-so as it is also recognized under the UN Declaration of Human Rights (UNDHR). Essentially, religious freedom allows us to think, express and act on our faith and what we believe. In that regard, religious freedom should protect the rights of all groups and individuals, including the most vulnerable in all walks of life. Moreover, religious freedom ensures all people are treated equally in dignity; respect; and not to be subjected to unreasonable discrimination.



Youth Group with their musical contribution to the theme on the importance of Religious Freedom worldwide.

TRI-PARTNERSHIP THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY, HRSDD 2023

The outgoing Director Ms. Loukinilini Vili Lewaravu (Lewaravu) and Senior NHRI Officer Ms. Vaelei Ioasa were invited to attend a Pacific Regional Forum (PRF) on National Human Rights Institutions. The invitation was by a tri-partnership the Pacific Community (PC) through its Human Rights and Social Development Division (HRSDD); Asia Pacific Forum of NHRIs and Office of the High Commission for Human Rights.



Participants engage in peer-to-peer dialogue and mutual learning from Pacific NHRIs, and with NHRI Experts.

The Forum was designed for members of NHRIs and related established bodies such as Ombudsman's Offices; and others responsible for Human Rights' accountability in-country. It was an opportunity for Pacific Island governments to engage in peer-to-peer dialogue learning from established Pacific NHRIs, and engage with NHRI experts on the benefits and processes of establishment.

Lewaravu shared Samoa's journey since started 10 years ago as well as on the NHRI Accreditation and the important role that NHRIs can play in harmonizing Human Rights; Culture; and Christian values and experience.

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NATIONAL YOUTH DAY 2023 - "GREEN SKILLS FOR YOUTHS ..."

The Human Rights Team attended an invitation from the Samoa Family Health Association (SFHA) in celebrating the National Youth Day (NYD) with the Theme 'Green Skills for Youth-Towards a Sustainable World'.



Smiles from participants in the NYD 2023. Malo lava!

In celebrating NYD, the SFHA facilitated a school impromptu speech competition in which the Human Rights Team Leader and former NHRI Director was invited to be one of the judges. Five (5) schools compete including: Lefaga College; Wesley College; SDA College; and Robert Louis Stevenson Secondary School.

Students were given mainly topics relating to Sexual Reproductive Health Rights where SDA College rightfully took first place, as second place went with Robert Louis Stevenson Secondary School, with Wesley College taking 3rd place. The Office extends our congratulations to SFHA on a successful competition and thank you for inviting the Human Rights Team to be part of the NYD 2023.



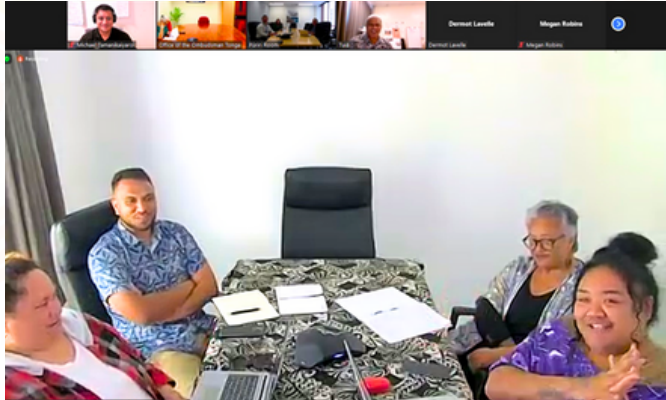
Former NHRI Director and NYD competition judge Ms. Loukinikini Vili Lewaravu with SFHA organisers of NYD 2023

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PACIFIC COMMUNITY OUTREACH HUI ZOOM MEETING

The ECU Team participated in the bi-annual meeting attended by counterparts from the Cook Islands, Kingdom of Tonga, and the New Zealand Ombudsman Office (NZOOTO) zooming in from Wellington. Objectively, the meeting was an online chance for the Pacific region Offices to share their work and any progress or pressing issue faced in the last six months.



Colleagues in the Cook Islands during the Meeting



Hosts Ms. Lei Mikaele and Mr. Dermot Lavelle of NZOOTO

Ms. Lei Mikaele (Mikaele) also the former ECU Director now with NZOOTO as the host office led the meeting with a prayer in the Tuvaluan language (in commemoration of the Tuvalu language Week in New Zealand) before she welcomed everyone.

As usual introductions from across participants were in order before delving into sharing updated work experiences starting with NZOOTO. In essence Mikaele elaborated on how they are happy to help the Pacific on trainings; and assisting what needs we may have. She pointed out sharing the opportunity to share and discuss more ideas from each other.

ECU prompted the meeting that our newly ECU Team was excited to learn from everyone whilst highlighting our work thus far. This involves supporting the Office in the second Police Recruit Training for 2023. Further our ongoing reviewing and subsequent modification of the Office's printed materials for outreach purposes was also highlighted. Notably, ECU is anticipating hosting the next Outreach Hui Zoom Meeting.

Finally, ECU Principal Officer Michael Tamanikaiyaroi wrapped up the meeting with the final Closing Prayer.



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STAFF MOVEMENT - RECRUITMENT & BIDDING FAREWELL

Throughout the July - September months, the Corporate Service Unit (CSU) was involved in a number of inter-agency engagements including Meetings; Workshops; In-service training; and particularly coordinating our in-house induction training of the newly recruited member of the Office.



Participants of the Defensive Readiness & Cybersecurity Workshop, July 2023.

CSU Director Loau Davina Rasch Salanoa (D-CSU) and ECU Principal Multimedia Engagement Officer Michael A. Tamanikaiyaroi attended the Defensive Readiness & Cybersecurity Workshop on 17 July - 21 July 2023. The purpose of the training was to inform on the dynamics of Cyber security; and the defensive readiness program. D-CSU on August 2 2023 also attended the Quarterly Chief Accountants Meeting as hosted by the Ministry of Finance (MOF) where financial matters were usually mooted and assessed on a quarterly basis.

Further, the D-CSU on August 28 2023 was joined by CSU staff including Ms. Rosuweti Galuvao; Salamasina Sanele, Ieti Seiuli in attending another refresher training by MOF on procurement; accounts payable; payroll and other essentials of finance management and accountability.

Furthermore, CSU as usual was coordinating another Induction training for the new Senior Investigator for the Good Governance Unit (GGU). This is in addition to coordinating activities and planned assignments for the New Zealand Office of the Ombudsman (NZOOTO) visitation in early September.

**NHRI DIRECTOR LOUKINIKINI
VILI LEWARAVU - FAREWELL !!**



Ms. Loukinikini Vili Lewaravu served the Office of the Ombudsman as the Director of NHRI since 2014. On her farewell she reminisced describing her 9 years of service as wonderfully challenging.

We miss your passion and dedication to your work Mrs. Lewaravu. Manuia lou alofaiva !!

**GGU SENIOR INVESTIGATOR
TU'ILEANAPAPA M. E. TUI - TALOFA !!**



Introducing the new GGU Senior Investigation Officer Tu'ileanapapa Manino Eveni Tui who has officially brought her expertise and joining the Office on August 28, 2023.

We are excited to welcome her and wishing Ms. Tui the best on her new journey with the Office !!

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ASSORTED IMAGES OF EVENTS ...



NHR Director receiving a special small Gift from AOMB and Opening Remarks from Committee President Ropati Sitivi.



AOMB Afioga Maualaivao P Seili attending NHRIs of Asia Pacific Forum - New Delhi, India



Farewell and Thanksgiving lunch with our visiting colleagues from NZOTO Wellington, New Zealand

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PHOTO ALBUM OF OMB EVENTS ...



NHRI Team meeting with Fono Fa'avae, Aana 1



(L-R) NHRI Team Ms. Ellenlina Moala & Ms. Vaelei Ioasa



The OMB Office Team at Police Basic Recruit Training



Representatives from the Fono Fa'avae, Aana 1



Group Photo Time with the Class of 2023 Police Recruit Basic Training and the Office Team



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