

PRESS RELEASE

Samoa Ombudsman Meets with Australian High Commission

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Today, Samoa's Ombudsman, Afioga Vui Clarence Nelson, met with the Australian High Commissioner to Samoa, His Excellency William E. Robinson, Deputy High Commissioner Simon Dawkins, and Second Secretary James Lyon of the Australian High Commission.

This courtesy call provided an important opportunity for the Ombudsman to meet His Excellency William E. Robinson and discuss potential avenues for partnership and continued cooperation.

Discussions highlighted the longstanding partnership between the Office of the Ombudsman and the Australian High Commission, including through the Australian Volunteer Program, under which two volunteers have been engaged with the Office. The volunteers are attached to the Human Rights Unit and the Engagement and Communication Unit, where they have supported the successful delivery of several projects.

The Australian High Commission is also partnering with the Office to deliver a digital literacy project in the coming months, in line with a recommendation from the Office's most recent State of Human Rights Report.

The Office looks forward to further opportunities to strengthen its work and institutional capacity with the support of the Australian High Commission.

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