

PRESS RELEASE

Samoa Ombudsman Meets with the British High Commission

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Today, Samoa's Ombudsman, Afioga Vui Clarence Nelson, met with the Deputy British High Commissioner to Samoa, Daniel Garlick.

This courtesy call provided an important opportunity for the Ombudsman to meet Daniel Garlick and discuss potential avenues for partnership and continued cooperation.

Discussions highlighted the longstanding partnership between the Office of the Ombudsman and the British High Commission, including the Commission's support for Office delegations attending important regional and global meetings.

Most recently, the British High Commission supported a three-member delegation from the Office, in its capacity as Chair of the Commonwealth Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (CFNHRI), to attend meetings in London in March earlier this year. The delegation chaired a High-Level Dialogue on Human Rights in Shrinking Civic Space, which was attended by several National Human Rights Institutions and Commonwealth bodies and featured a keynote address by then Commonwealth Envoy His Excellency John Virgoe. As an outcome of the dialogue, a Statement on Civic Freedoms was drafted and circulated.

The British High Commission also supported the delegation to chair the CFNHRI Annual General Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, on 2 April, where the Office was re-elected for a second term as Chair.

The Office looks forward to further opportunities to strengthen its work across the Commonwealth with the support of the British High Commission.

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