

ICPD Implementation in the Pacific: SAMOA Pathway Actions in Health, Gender, Youth and Partnerships

Monday, 18 June 2018,
Talanoa Room, Tanoa International Dateline Hotel, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

SAMOA Pathway Mid-Term Review Side Event Official Programme

Master of Ceremony: 'Elisi Selieni Tupou – Programme Analyst (UNFPA Tonga)

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
11am–11.10am	Opening prayer	Rev. Dr. Taliai Niumetolu Deputy Principal Sia'atoutai Theological College
11.10am–11.20am	Welcoming remarks Introduction of Youth Performance (Tupou Tertiary Institute - Choir)	Lorna Rolls Assistant Representative, Pacific Sub Regional Office, Fiji
11.20am–11.30am	Introduction of Moderator & Panelists	Hon. Frederica Fatafehi 'o Lapaha Lupe'uluiva Tuita Filipe Project Manager International Organisation for Migration
11.30am–12.30pm	Panel topic on Youth and Gender Panel topic on Health and Partnership - Q & A - Wrap up	HE. Fekitamoelea Katoa 'Utoikamanu, UN-OHRLLS (Moderator) Speaker: Lord Fakafanua Lord Speaker of the House, Legislative Assembly of Tonga Speaker: Peseta Noumea Simi Head of Delegation & CEO Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Samoa
12.30pm	Youth performance Video Presentation – Kaila! Girls Inspire Tonga United Nations Joint Presence Office Item	Tupou Tertiary Institute Choir La-Toya Lee Programme Analyst, UNFPA Office, Samoa & Tokelau
12.35pm–12.45pm	Vote of Thanks Presentation of appreciation gifts to Panellists and Moderator	Osnat Lubrani UN Resident Coordinator, Multi Country Office, Fiji
12.45pm	Closing Prayer	Rev. Dr. Talia Niumetolu Deputy Principal Si'atoutai Theological College

	Light Refreshments	All Participants
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BIODATA

Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu - High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Ms. ‘Utoikamanu, a Tongan national, took up her appointment as the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States in May 2017. Prior to taking up her position with the United Nations, she was the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Tourism in Tonga.

Ms. ‘Utoikamanu has a wealth of national, regional and international experience at various senior leadership levels. She was previously Acting Pro-Chancellor and Chair of the Council of the University of the South Pacific (2015), Deputy Pro-Chancellor and Deputy Chair of the Council of the University of the South Pacific (2009-2016), Deputy Director General and Director of Education, Training and Human Development of the Secretariat of Pacific Community (2009-2015), Permanent Representative and Ambassador of the Government of Tonga to the United Nations, United States of America, Cuba and Venezuela and High Commissioner to Canada (2005-2009), and Secretary for Foreign Affairs and European Commission’s National Authorizing Officer for Tonga (2002-2005).

Lord Fakafanua - Lord Speaker of the House

Lord Fakafanua stems from one of the most prominent and influential families in the Kingdom of Tonga. He embarked early on his political career. At age 24 he became one of the youngest ever Members of Parliament in Tongan history. At age 27, Lord Fakafanua assumed the role of Speaker of Parliament as the youngest ever elected by parliament to that office in Tonga and, at the time, the youngest presiding Speaker in the world. Rising to the challenge he played a critical role in mediating a resolution to the country’s first ever vote of no confidence that had paralysed government for months.

Over the course of his political career, Lord Fakafanua has been instrumental in spearheading monumental changes in the Tongan Parliament, including presiding over major political reforms, advocating for greater representation of women in Parliament, and conserving Tonga’s unique land tenure system. During his term as Speaker of Parliament, Lord Fakafanua sat on international fora such as the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Executive (CPA-EXCO) as a representative of Australasia, and entered the Tongan Parliament into the Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) as the 164th member. Lord Fakafanua was recently re-elected during the November 2017 general elections as a Representative of the Nobles. He was also re-elected as the incumbent Speaker of Parliament. Pursuing further studies, Lord Fakafanua is at the final stages of completing a Master of Arts in Diplomacy, Law and Business at O.P. Jindal Global University in India

Peseta Noumea Simi, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Government of Samoa

Peseta Noumea Simi has worked in the Samoan Public Service for 40 years in the Ministry of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Finance until selection to the current post

in 2016. Most of her years in the service have been in the area of aid management and effective development cooperation for 28 years both in the ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance; and international relations. She currently chairs the National SDG Task Force, the Human Rights Steering Committee and the Health Sector Coordination committee.

At regional level, Ms. Simi led 5 of the peer reviews of the 13 Forum island countries, as well as peer reviews of two development partners, New Zealand and Australia. She presented the New Zealand review report to the OECD/DAC in 2014. She has also been a team member for the organizational review of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, as well as the revamped 'Pacific Plan' that has now given way to the Framework for Pacific regionalism. She has chaired the regional Task Force for the Pacific SDG Roadmap which was approved at the 2017 Forum Leaders Meeting.

At international level, she represented the Pacific sub-region on the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation from 2012-2014, is a member of the advisory group of the UN Development Cooperation Forum, and represented the Pacific to present on the SAMOA Pathway at the High Level Panel Forum(HLPF) sessions on the 2030 agenda. She coordinated the Partnership arrangements and the side events for the 3rd SIDS Conference in 2014 and participated on the delegations to the Pacific preparatory meeting as well as the Barbados Interregional meeting in the same year. She also prepared the first National Voluntary Review report for Samoa presented to the High Level Political Forum in 2016.