



TRIBUTE TO AFIGA LEALASĀ FA'AUULUGA PAPALII



It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we reflect on the life of our beloved Assistant Chief Executive Officer (ACEO), Afioga Lealasa Fa'aululuga Papalii Tautau, whose sudden passing has left an indelible void in our Ministry and in the hearts of those who knew her. As a leader, she embodied the true essence of dedication, resilience, and compassion. Her unwavering commitment to excellence was evident in every aspect of her work, and her ability to inspire those around her was nothing short of extraordinary.

Lealasa was more than an ACEO. She was a mentor, a visionary and a guiding light. Her leadership extended far beyond the boardroom, as she consistently uplifted those around her with kindness, encouragement, and a deep belief in the potential of others. She had the unique ability to listen, to understand, and to lead with grace, creating a culture of inclusivity and collaboration that will be her lasting legacy.

Her impact on this organization and its people cannot be overstated. Through her tireless efforts, she helped us navigate challenges, celebrate successes, and move towards a brighter future. Her strategic insights and steadfast determination have left a mark that will continue to guide us long after her departure.

But beyond her professional accomplishments, Lealasa was a person of great warmth and integrity. She touched the lives of so many with her genuine care and concern, always ready with a kind word or a helping hand. Her spirit of generosity and her unwavering positivity made her a cherished colleague and friend.

Though her time with us was far too short, the legacy she leaves behind is one of inspiration, strength, and unwavering dedication to the values she held dear. We will honor her memory by carrying forward the lessons she taught us, the vision she championed, and the spirit of leadership that she exemplified.

To Lealasa, thank you for your service, your leadership, and your friendship. You will be deeply missed, but your impact will live on in all that we do. Rest in peace, knowing that you made a difference in ways that words can scarcely express.

With deepest gratitude and remembrance. Lau Afioga Lealasa Fa'aululuga Papalii.

OVERSEAS TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS

Sixth Pacific Invasive Learning Network (PILN) Meeting, Cook Islands 12th - 16th August 2024.



Attended Staff: Vatapuia Maiava, DEC

Over 70 invasive species professionals and practitioners from across the Pacific region have converged in Rarotonga as part of the Pacific Invasive Learning Network (PILN) sixth meeting hosted by the Government of Cook Islands 12-16 August.

This event will enable participants to share and celebrate their successes, identify possible sustainable solutions to challenges, address critical issues related to invasive species management and discuss ways to invigorate future networking and collaboration between our Pacific islands in sharing technical expertise, information, and successful management approaches.

4th Clean Pacific Roundtable (CPRT), 5th - 9th August, Funafuti - Tuvalu



Attended Staff: Fiasosoitamalii Siaoisi, WM & PC

The 4th CPRT meeting is intended to provide a vehicle to disseminate outcomes, promote regional collaboration and resource complementarity, and expand networking opportunities to assist Pacific Island countries and territories in the delivery of safe and sustainable waste management practices and to prevent pollution-related issues that impact the health of the ocean and communities within the region.

The Main objectives are:

1. Share learnings, achievements, and successes with representatives from other Countries that are seeking to learn from all the project actions being undertaken throughout the 15 participating countries
2. Enhance knowledge and assist country focal points with necessary information and capacity building to enable efficient project implementation
3. Discuss progress and way forward for encouraging country ownership and sustainability of the PacWaste Plus programme activities

Miss Samoa Contestants Visited the Vailima Botanical Garden - August 30, 2024



The programme was led by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) in collaboration with key agencies such as; Disaster Management Office (DMO), Samoa Meteorology Division, Ministry of Police, Prisons & Corrections, Samoa Fire and Emergency Services Authority, Nuanua Ole Alofa (NOLA), Samoa Red Cross Society, Ministry of Health, Samoa Family Health Association and 3 Insurance Companies, Samoa Life Assurance Corporation, Tower Insurance & Samoa Surety Insurance Co.

Continuation of School Awareness on Disaster and Emergency Management Planning under Tautua Project for Schools in Savaii, August 21, 2024.



The Ministry through its Disaster Management Office and in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC) conducted an awareness program at Amoa College and Saipipi Primary School to trial their Disaster and Emergency Management Plan 2024-2034 and raise awareness on hazards that poses threats to the school.

The objectives for this awareness program is to;
 Strengthen and improve the teachers and students awareness on hazards that poses threats to their schools;
 Enhance knowledge and skills for all the teachers and students on what and how to prevent, prepare, respond and recover from impacts of disasters caused by identified hazards;
 Provide necessary and appropriate resources to ensure safer schools and learning environments for the students and staff.
 Ensure Disaster and Emergency Plans are tested and finalized.

SENDAI FRAMEWORK 2015 – 2030. MONITORING AND DATA COLLECTION WORKSHOP, 27-28 August, 2024.



The Ministry through its Disaster Management Office - Samoa and in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) facilitated a monitoring and data collection workshop for the Sendai Framework 2015-2030 at National Emergency Operations Centre, Tuanaaimato from the 27-28 August 2024.

The workshop brought together sectors to build awareness of the objectives of the Sendai Framework as well as to enable the efficient collection of impact observations. Additionally, the workshop was implemented to build an understanding on information management regarding damage and loss data across sectors for national reporting.

Ava Ceremony to Officially Welcome his Excellency Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations. 22nd August 2024



Samoa hosted the United Nations Secretary-General, His Excellency Antonio Guterres on his official visit from 21st to 23rd August 2024. The UN Secretary-General's visit to Samoa and the Pacific region not only brings global attention to the severe impact of climate change on Pacific communities but shows commitment to our Blue Pacific region to witness the vulnerabilities of the lived realities as small island states.

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MNRE Bids Farewell to NUS Horticulture Students. 16th August 2024



The Ministry bid farewell to the Horticulture Class as their 5 Weeks of work experience comes to an end. Each Students received a Certificates of Completion to upon completion of their Work Experience under the Division of Environment and Conservation, Forestry Division and Water Resource Division.

**TAFAGAMANU-LEFAGA VILLAGE COMMUNITY
DISASTER & CLIMATE RISK MANAGEMENT (CDCRM)
PROGRAMME 13TH - 16TH AUGUST, 2024**



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The Tafagamanu village from the Lefaga and Faleseela District has successfully completed the national CDCRM Programme that was conducted from the 13th to the 16th August, 2024, making it the 125th village of Samoa to have been trained.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS



Name: Taumeasina Melaina Fomai
 Programme: 'Postgraduate in Professional Diploma in Climate Change'
 Designation: Senior Scientific Officer
 Division: Meteorology Office

VACANCIES

POSITION	SALARY
Senior Programme & Investment Planning Officer	\$34,438
Records Supervisor	\$30,896
Forestry Officer - Togitogiga	\$27,559
Driver - Main Office	\$8,214
Forestry Field Assistant - Togitogiga	\$8,214
Technician Trainee - Mulinuu	\$8,214
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Senior IT Database / Programmer Officer (Re-advertisement: Previous Applicants NEED NOT re-apply)	\$38,397
Watershed - Vailima (Re-advertisement: Previous Applicants NEED NOT re-apply)	\$8,214
Assistant Motor & Metal (Re-advertisement: Previous Applicants NEED NOT re-apply)	\$8,214
Assistant Mechanic - Mulinuu (Re-advertisement: Previous Applicants NEED NOT re-apply)	\$8,214
Project Liaison Officer (Re-advertisement: Previous Applicants NEED NOT re-apply)	\$82,025
Forest Field Officer (Re-advertisement: Previous Applicants NEED NOT re-apply)	\$24,610

Due Date: Friday 13th September, 2024

**Lealaisala'noa Frances Brown Reupena
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**