

BUILDING A BRIGHTER, CLEANER FUTURE - TEACHING RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR A SUSTAINABLE SAMOA

May 5 & 7, 2025



The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), through its Renewable Energy Division, is building a brighter, cleaner future by continuing its School Awareness Program with visits to St. Peter Chanel Primary School and Ah Mu Academy, focusing on Renewable Energy and Sustainability. The program introduced students to the importance of renewable energy sources—such as solar, wind, and hydro power—and their role in supporting Samoa's national efforts toward low-emission development and climate resilience. Through interactive learning, demonstrations, and visual presentations, students explored how electricity is generated from renewable sources, the introduction of electric vehicles, and alternative ways to reduce reliance on fossil fuels. MNRE acknowledges the enthusiasm and engagement of students and staff at both schools, emphasizing that empowering young minds through environmental education is key to nurturing responsible citizens who will lead Samoa's sustainable development in the years ahead. Special thanks to the continuous support of UNDP and everyone involved in making the campaign a success.

WASTE AUDIT CAMPAIGN NEARING COMPLETION FINAL WEEK REMINDER

May 6, 2025



The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment sincerely thanks the communities of SDA Vailele, EFKS Eva, and EFKS Malaemalu for their active engagement during the recent E-Waste Audits. These audits are part of MNRE's ongoing initiative to promote responsible management of electric and electronic waste (e-waste) and to raise awareness about the environmental impacts of improper disposal. The data collected will help shape Samoa's sustainable waste management policies and support efforts to create a cleaner, safer environment for all. As a reminder, next week marks the final week of this e-waste audit initiative. The Ministry encourages all households and organizations to take this opportunity to safely dispose of any unused or broken electronic devices, such as old mobile phones, computers, printers, televisions, and other electrical appliances. Let's work together to keep Samoa clean and green!

New Recruit (s)



Name: Paiali'i Fa'avae
Designation: Records Officer
Division: Corporate Service

Overseas:

Training/Workshop/Meeting



*Ms Irae for
Pacific Marine
Turtle Forum*
Designation: Marine Officer

The Regional Sea Turtle Forum, organized by SPREP as part of the BIEM Initiative and the Pacific BioScapes Programme, aims to assess the risks of sea turtle extinction, review existing conservation efforts, and devise targeted actions for their protection across the Pacific. This workshop will gather key national officers to share findings, identify threats, and draft concrete conservation measures tailored to the unique challenges faced by sea turtles in the region.

Ms. Irae, serving as the Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Conservation Officer, will play a vital role in this forum. She specializes in assessing key marine ecosystems to identify challenges and develop sustainable management solutions, including those focused on sea turtle conservation. With her expertise in ecosystem assessments, threat identification, and policy implementation, Ms. Irae is well-equipped to contribute valuable insights and help formulate targeted conservation actions during the discussions at the workshop.

INTERNAL OFFICE365 EMAIL TRAINING FOR STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

May 13, 2025



The ICT Division, led by ACEO Ulugia Charles Pritchard, successfully conducted an internal training session for MNRE staff aimed at maximizing the use of the Office365 email system. The session focused on key features that enhance communication and collaboration, including setting up automatic replies, creating personalized email signatures, navigating OneDrive for cloud storage, understanding SharePoint for shared document access, managing and creating Forms, collaborating through Microsoft Teams, and effectively scheduling with the Outlook Calendar. Strengthening our knowledge of these tools is part of our ongoing commitment to improving digital efficiency across the Ministry.

SAMOA ADVANCES CLIMATE AMBITION

May 14, 2025



The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), with support from the NDC Partnership, the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), and technical assistance from Castalia, has successfully concluded the National Stakeholder Consultation on the Gap Assessment of Samoa's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Investment Plan. This consultation marks a key milestone in advancing Samoa's climate ambitions by refining seven project documents aimed at vulnerable sectors like energy, transport, waste, and water. Participants, including government representatives and technical experts, discussed project gaps and opportunities to enhance designs aligned with national strategies. The Ministry appreciates the ongoing support from its partners, reinforcing Samoa's commitment to achieving its NDC targets and building a resilient, low-emission future.

Overseas:

Training/Workshop/Meeting



Ms. Christianna to attend Pacific Island Countries National Ozone Officers and the Technical Workshop
Designation: Ozone Communication Officer

This workshop is organized as part of the approved activity under the Regional PIC KIP Stage I – UNEP Regional Component with the objective to strengthen the licensing and quota systems for HFCs for the PICs. The workshop will provide extensive training sessions to build the technical capacity of participants. This will include best practices for managing licensing and quota systems, advanced compliance monitoring techniques, and effective enforcement strategies. Miss Christianna is one of the officers of the Ozone Section who is responsible for coordinating activities towards the Montreal Protocol implementation. The aforementioned meeting and workshop are crucial events to discuss ozone project developments and build capacity of the ozone officers. Therefore, the nominee's participation is highly recommended to enhance the quality of services provided by the Ozone Section.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."

Albert Einstein

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