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*“Enhancing Good Governance and the Rule of Law in the Pacific Islands –  
The Role of Parliamentarians”*

Apia, Samoa

17-18 March 2008

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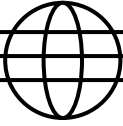
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The Legislative Assembly of Samoa



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## AGENDA

17 March, 2008

### 9:00-9:30am

*Opening Prayers and Remarks*

Hon. Mapu Taia, MP, Speaker of the Parliament (Cook Islands)

Hon. Tolofuaivalelei Falemoe Leiataua, MP, Speaker of Legislative Assembly (Samoa)

Hon. Harry Duynhoven, MP, Minister for Transport Safety (New Zealand)

### 9:30-11:00AM Panel I

*Individual Country Presentations on Good Governance/Rule of Law Practices by MPs from Pacific Islands*

- Hon. Mapu Taia, MP, Speaker of the Parliament, and Hon. Norman George, MP (Cook Islands)
- Hon. Dr. Tetaua Taitai, MP (Kiribati)
- Hon. Atapana Siakimotu, MP, Speaker of the Parliament (Niue)

### 11:00-11:15 AM

*Coffee Break*

### 11:15-12:15 Panel II

*Individual Country Presentations on Good Governance/Rule of Law Practices by MPs from Pacific Islands*

- Hon. Taito Phillip Field, MP (New Zealand)
- Hon. Papu Vailupe Vaai, MP (Samoa)

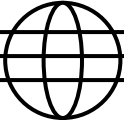
### 12:15 – 1:00 PM

*Expert Review* – Prof. Graham Hassall, Director of the Good Governance Program, University of the South Pacific (Fiji)

*Discussion*

### 1:00-2:00PM

Lunch



### **2:00-3:15pm Panel III**

*Individual Country Presentations on Good Governance/Rule of Law Practices by MPs from Pacific Islands*

- Hon. Kamuta Latasi, MP, Speaker of the Parliament, and Hon. Iakoba Taeia Italeli, MP (Tuvalu)
- Hon. Mr. Havea Tu'iha'ateiho, MP (Tonga)
- Hon. Mr. Isaac V. Figir, MP, Speaker of the Parliament (Federated States of Micronesia)

### **3:15-3:30PM**

*Coffee Break*

### **3:30-4:30PM**

*Expert Review* – Ms. Charmaine Rodrigues, Legislative Specialist, UNDP Pacific Regional Centre (Fiji)

*Perspectives from Other Regions of the World*

Hon. Kent Olsson, MP, Treasurer, PGA (Sweden)

*Discussion*



**18 March, 2008**

**10:00AM Panel IV**

*Rule of Law and Legislation in furtherance of Good Governance Indicators*

- Reinforcing Rule of Law, including fair and accessible legal and judicial systems
- Promoting respect for human rights, government effectiveness and regulatory quality

*Case Study: Implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC)*

Informal Perspectives from Participants on the Experiences of Pacific Island States in connection with the Rome Statute of the ICC

**11:00-11:15AM**

*Coffee Break*

**11:15-12:30PM**

*International Perspectives*

Hon. Dr. Wayne Mapp, MP, PGA International Councillor (New Zealand)

Hon. Kent Olsson, MP, Treasurer PGA (Sweden)

Mr. Thomas Opperer, Delegation of the European Commission for the Pacific Islands, Samoa

Mr. Niall Johnston, Parliamentary Consultant (Fiji)

*Rapporteur:* Peter Barcroft, Senior Programme Officer, PGA (USA)

**12:30PM-1:15PM**

*Discussion and Adoption of Apia Plan of Action*

**1:15PM**

*Closing Remarks*

**1:30PM**

*Lunch*

**5:30PM**

Tour of Legislative Assembly and Farewell Dinner hosted by Speaker of Legislative Assembly of Samoa in honour of the Participants of the Workshop