



**JANUARY 2020**

### **SAMOA KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY INITIATIVE**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries together with other key government ministries in partnership with UNDP, UNESCO, National University of Samoa, the private sector, professional bodies and other partners, are working together for the effective implementation of the Samoa Knowledge Society Initiative (SKSI).

The Joint Pacific UN Country Team through its United Nations Pacific Strategy 2018-2022 has experience in Samoa in providing high quality technical expertise and impartial policy advice, based on international experience, technical expertise, and good practice and advocate for the inclusion of vulnerable populations.

Three representatives from the Policy Planning and Communication Division (PPCD) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries participated to a meeting organized and facilitated by the United Nations Office at Tuanaaimato on 15 January, as one of the initial steps in implementing of the SKSI.

The Samoa Knowledge Society Initiative was officially launched last month, December 2019 at the National University of Samoa marking the start of a knowledge movement in Samoa.

The SKSI is a rights-based initiative that acknowledges the right to access to information to all Samoans contributing towards an enabling environment for enhanced digital development. The initiative will make a concrete contribution to Outcome 5 on Governance and Community Engagement of the United Nations Pacific Strategy (2018-2022).

The components of the Initiative includes the Samoa Digital Library, the lifelong learning system and the open research repository which will provide the people with access to courses, research, training solutions and, above all, to access modern education, skills and safer and better paying jobs.

The values and principles of the Ministry include serving our clients professionally, diligently, impartially and with respect and supporting the primary sector through our traditions and culture. As part of our services to contribute to the advancement of Agriculture in our islands, we have had the privilege to share insights in this space for the benefit of our farmers mainly at the grassroots level enabling access to information to effectively manage and use the potential in agriculture and fisheries for food security, income generating opportunities, commercial development, and sustainable management of resources.

This initiative will provide a user-friendly localized knowledge platform for specific user groups such as professional communities, students, researchers and also those living with disabilities, enabling the access to information needs. The focus will be on the educational resources produces by the National University of Samoa and the Ministry of Education Sports and Culture, through a learning management system that gives access to openly licensed learning to materials for students and teachers.

*Click this link <https://samoaks.ws/> for more information.*

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