



### Side Event 10

## Programme for the National University of Samoa's Resilience Contribution to the Development of Samoa: A case for our Commonwealth Aiga

Thursday 24 October 2024

10-12pm

Lecture Theatre D201, National University of Samoa

1. Welcome Remarks – **Professor Letuimanu'asina Emma Kruse Vaai** (Pro Chancellor, NUS) – 5 mins
2. Short Prayer - **Rev Malotau Lafolafoga** (Lecturer, NUS) – 5 mins
3. Opening Remarks: **Professor Tuifuisa'a Patila Amosa** (Vice Chancellor, NUS) – 5 mins
4. Short NUS Video – 7 mins
5. Panel Discussion
- 5.1 Introduction of Panel Speakers: **Professor Funemalafai Taema Imo Seuoti** (Dean of Science, NUS) – 8 mins
  - (a) First Speaker: **Professor Silafau Sina Vaai** (Professor of English, National University of Samoa) – Topic: *"The National University of Samoa's resilience contribution to the development of Samoa in Education, Professional Development, and Training"* – 10 mins
  - (b) Second Speaker: **Tofilau Nina Kirifi-Alai** (Head, Pacific Community Engagement, University of Otago) – Topic: *"The University of Otago's contribution to Samoa's development through its resilient partnership with the National University of Samoa"* - 10 mins
  - (c) Third Speaker: **Professor Afamasaga Karoline Afamasaga-Fuata'i** (Professor of Mathematics & Mathematics Education, National University of Samoa) – Topic: *"The National University of Samoa's resilience contribution to the development of Samoa in Research, Innovation and Science & Mathematics Education"* – 10 mins
- 5.2 Questions & Answers – **Professor Funemalafai Taema Imo Seuoti** - 30 mins
6. Entertainment – **Sau'i'a Dr Louise Mataia Milo** (Dean of Art, NUS) – 15 mins
7. Closing Remarks – **Professor Muagututi'a Ioana Chan Mow** (TBC) – 7 mins
8. Official Photo shoot – **Leilani Smith** (Communications Officer, NUS) – 8 mins



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