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Organised by the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) and the National University of Samoa (NUS), in partnership with UNESCO and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), New Zealand

Empowering Resilience: Celebrating the Role of Open, Distance, and Flexible Learning in Samoa and the Pacific

Date: Wednesday, 23 October 2024

Time: 3:00–4:30 pm

Venue: Supreme Court Room 1 (SC1), Ministry of Justice & Courts Administration Building (near Parliament House), Apia

Welcome Remarks by Professor Tuifuisa'a Patila Amosa, Vice Chancellor, NUS

Keynote by His Excellency Danny Faure, Chair of COL Board of Governors and former President of the Republic of the Seychelles

Part 1: Launch of the 2024 GEM Report on technology in education in the Pacific

(Chair: His Excellency Danny Faure)

- Introduction to report and COL's insights by Professor Peter Scott, COL
- UNESCO's perspective on technology in education in the Pacific by Dr Manos Antoninis, UNESCO
- The role of international development support in advancing education for resilience in the Pacific region by Dr Helen Leslie, MFAT, New Zealand
- Discussion (moderated by Chair)

Part 2: Building Resilience through Education

(Chair: Professor Tuifuisa'a Patila Amosa)

- Introduction by Professor Tuifuisa'a Patila Amosa
- "Strengthening Resilience in Samoa through Open, Distance, and Flexible Learning" — focusing on general strategies and outcomes by Professor Muagututi'a Ioana Chan Mow, NUS
- "A Collaborative Triumph: The Impact of COL and Samoa Partnership" — detailing specific achievements and case studies from the collaboration by Professor Peter Scott
- Discussion (moderated by Chair)
- Closing Remarks by Dr Rajni Chand, Director, PACFOLD

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