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1. Usuia le Fono tau Mea Taumafa mo le Pasefika.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Afioga i le tamaitai Minisita Gatoloai Amataga Alesana Gidlow, Minisita o Soifua Maloloina faapea ma le Ofisa Sili o Pulega mo le Matagaluega o le Soifua Maloloina, Palanitina Tupuimatagi Toelupe, i le Fono mo Mea Taumafa, lea o le a usuia i Port Vila, Vanuatu i le aso 21 - 23 Aperila 2010.

O lenei Fono o le a faamausali ai le soalaupuleina o auala e puipuia ai le saogalemu o taumafa o loo aumaia i totonu o motu o le Pasefika. O le saogalemu o taumafa ma lona fesootaiga i le Soifua Maloloina o se tasi lea o mataupu ogaoga o loo ave ai le faamuamua a le Matagaluega o le Soifua Maloloina.

O lenei fono o le a auai ai faauluuluga o Matagaluega Taitasi mai atunuu uma o le Pasefika e patino ai matafaioi faatino o le puipuiga o taumafa i totonu o le Pasefika. Na amatalia lenei fono ona o se fautuaga mai le Fono lona VII a Minisita o Soifua Maloloina a le Pasefika i le tausaga e 2007 lea sa faia i Vanuatu.

Pacific Food Summit to be held.

Cabinet has approved the participation by the Hon. Minister of Health, Gatoloai Amataga Alesana Gidlow, and the Chief Executive Officer for the Ministry of Health, Palanitina Tupuimatagi Toelupe, of the Pacific Food Summit to be held in Port Vila, Vanuatu on the 21 - 23 April 2010.

The Pacific Food Summit will review threats to food security in the Pacific and best practice for improving food security. The meeting will also look into finalizing and endorsing a Framework for Action on Food Security and agreed on its outcomes. Issues about Food Security and its relation to Health is one of the priorities of the Ministry of Health.

This Summit will be attended by Chief Executive Officials from different Countries of the Pacific Region that are fully responsible for Food Security in

their countries. The organization of this Summit was recommended by the 7th Pacific Health Ministers' meeting in 2007 in Vanuatu.

2. Talanoaina le Poloketi o Taupulega mo Faiganuu Lelei i le Pasefika.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Tofa Maulolo Le'aula Tavita Amosa, Pule Lagolago o le Matagaluega o Tina ma Tamaitai, i le talanoaina o le Poloketi mo le Taupulega o Faiganuu Lelei i le Pasefika, lea o le a faia i Brisbane, Ausetalia, 12 -14 Aperila 2010.

O le faamoemoe o lenei talanoaga o le o mai faatasi lea o sui o atunuu ma faalapotopotoga e talanoaina le agai i luma o lenei Poloketi i le Pasefika. Ua faasolo ina maea le Vaega 1 o lenei poloketi ma ua alagatai ai ona faatalatalanoaina vaega taua mo le sauni atu i le Vaega 2 i le 2011. E tolu ni mataupu taua o le a talanoaina, e aofia ai:

- Fuafauga Faapisini a le Poloketi,
- Fuafuaga Faasolosolo a le Poloketi,
- Auivi atu e tuliloaina ai ma iloiloaina ai le faasologa o galuega a le Poloketi.

O le auai atu o le Tofa a Maulolo i lea talanoaga o ia o le Taitaifono o le Komiti Galue Faufautua a le Taupulega mo Faiganuu Lelei i le Pasefika ma o ia foi o loo atu i ai le poloketi i totonu o le Matagaluega.

Commonwealth Local Government Forum Pacific Project Consultation.

Cabinet has approved the attendance by Maulolo Le'aula Tavita Amosa, Assistant Chief Executive Officer for Ministry of Women, of the 2010 Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) Pacific Project Consultation, to be held in Brisbane, Australia, 12 - 14 April 2010.

The main purpose of this Consultation is to bring together member states of this Project and all stakeholders to discuss and set the future direction of the CLGF Pacific Project, which is an important part of its preparation as it enters its second phase in 2011. Discussions will include:

- CLGF Business Plan,
- CLGF Pacific Project Strategic Plan,
- CLGF Pacific Project Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

The representative from Samoa, Maulolo is the Chairman for the CLGF Technical Advisory Panel. He is also the officer responsible for managing this project in the Ministry of Women.

3. Manumalo le Kamupani a Maota Builders & Shwartz Constuction i Tauofoga.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o le galuega mo le Fausia o le Maketi Fou i Vaitele i le Maota Builders & Shawartz Constrution.

O lenei tauofoga sa faasalalauina faalauaitete mo le silafia e le atunuu. Sa vaevaeina lenei Tauofoga i ni vaega se lua (2). Vaega muamua (1), e ofo mai i le fauina o le maketi faapea ma auala simā, ma le vaega lua (2) o le ofo mai lea i Fauina na o le Maketi e le aofia ai auala simā.

E ono Kamupani fai Konekarate sa tuuina atu a latou ofo i totonu o le taimi faatapulaaina. Sa iloiloaina nei talosaga e tusa ma aiaiga o le tauofoga, ma tuuina atu ai loa le galuega mo le fausia o le Maketi atoa ai ma auala simā i le Maota Builders & Shwartz Construction i se tau aofa'i e \$4,396,247.00 i le mae'a ai ona faamalieina o aiaiga uma e pei ona faataatitia.

Maota Builders & Shwartz Construction awarded Contract.

Cabinet has approved awarding of contract to Maota Builders & Shwartz Construction for building of New Market at Vaitele at a total cost of \$4,396,247.00.

Tender for Bids was advertised for public interest. The Tender was divided into two sections. First Section was for building the Market and roads, while the second section was intended for building the Market only.

Six Companies expressed interest by submitting bids. Bids were then assessed according to the criteria set for the Tender and the Maota Builders & Shwartz Construction was considered as the most suitable candidate for the job.

4. Lipoti o le Feutagaiga Lona Fa i Fefaatauaiga i Auaunaga i lalo o le PICTA

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti O le Feutagaiga Lona Fa i Fefaatauaiga i Auaunaga i lalo o le PICTA, lea na faia i Nadi i le aso 11 – 13 Mati 2010.

E tolu autu o lea feutagaiga:

1. Folasaga o ofo ma talosaga a atunuu taitasi;
2. Talanoaina le ripoti i le feoai o tagata faigaluega i se tulaga le tumau i le va o atunuu o le PICTA;
3. Feutagai i le feagaiga tusitusia o le PICTA.

E sefulu atunuu e aofia ai ma Samoa na tuuina mai ofo ma talosaga. O le tele o atunuu na ofo auaunaga tau pisinisi e pei o loia, suetusi, fomai, fomai manu, auaunaga tau felauaiga i le ea ma le sami ma auaunaga mo tagata tafafao maimoa mai fafo.

Na talanoaina ai foi le tatau ona faafaigofie tulaga mo le ulufale ma le ulufafo o tagata faigaluega ina ia faaaogaina avanoa faigaluega i atunuu taitasi.

Report regarding PICTA 4th Meeting on Trade Negotiations

Cabinet has approved the report on PICTA's 4th Meeting on Trade Negotiations held in Nadi Fiji on 11- 13 March 2010.

Three main issues were highlighted in this meeting:

1. Tabling of proposals and submissions;
2. Discussion of the report on workers migrating through PICTA countries temporarily;
3. Meeting on PICTA agreement.

Ten countries including Samoa forwarded proposals and submissions. Most of the countries proposed commercial services like Lawyers, auditors, doctors, vets, transportation and tourism services.

Entries and departures of workers from PICTA countries were also discussed to utilize job opportunities available in each country.

5. Ripoti o le Fono mo le Vaaia o Vailaau Oona.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le ripoti na auina atu e le usugafono a Samoa lea sa auai atu i le Fono Faavaomalo mo Sui auai o le Feagaiga mo le Pulea, Fefaatauaiga ma le Lafoaiina o Vailaau Oona, lea sa usuia i Bali, Indonesia i le aso 22 - 24 Fepuari 2010.

O lenei Fono ua tuu faatasia ai ni Feagaiga se tolu e faatatau i le vaaia lelei o Vailaau Oona, lea e aofia ai le Feagaiga mo le Pulea o Vailaau Oona, Feagaiga mo Fefaatauaiga ma le Fefa'uaiga o Vailaau Oona ma le Feagaiga mo le Fela'uaiga ma le Lafoa'ia o nei Otaota matautia.

O mataupu sa talanoaina e aofia ai:

1. Tualumaga fai faatasi mo galuega fesootai i le va o feagaiga;
2. Tuu faatasia o matafaioi faapulega o feagaiga faavaomalo;
3. Galuega poo auaunaga tuu faatasi;
4. Mataituina ma le faavasegaina o tupe fuafua ma le faaaogaina mo feagaiga uma e tolu;
5. Faia faatasi o le iloiloina o le faaaogaina o seleni;
6. Faiga tuu faatasi e iloiloina ai le faagasologa o galuega soosoo tauau o feagaiga e tolu ina ia atagia lo latou galulue faatasi ma le;
7. Fetufaaiga ma le faiga o faaiuga mo le faatinoina o aiaiga o Feagaiga.

E fitu ni vaega sa talanoaina e pei ona taua i luga, ae peita'i na o le ono sa maua i ai se maliliega o sui auai. O le vaega lona fitu ua taatia ese ona ua finagalo

atunuu auai ina ia taatia lea tulaga i feagaiga lava ia e tolu latou te soalaupuleina mataupu e faatatau ma patino i le feagaiga lava ia.

Report of Convention on Monitoring Hazardous Chemicals

Cabinet has approved the report by Samoa representatives of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions which was held in Bali, Indonesia on the 22 - 24 February 2010.

This Convention focused on seven main issues, which include:

1. Joint activities
2. Joint managerial functions,
3. Joint services,
4. Synchronization of the Budget Cycle,
5. Joint Audits,
6. Review Arrangements and,
7. Decision Making.

No consensus was reached on Decision Making (issue number 7). Member countries agreed on the last part that each of the Three involved Conventions will have to look at Decision Making when discussing its own issues.

6. Tufatufaina o Oloa mo Tagata na aafia i le Galulolo

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le toe tufatufa atu o oloa sa totoe mai i le tausaga ua mavae, mo tagata sa aafia i le galulolo lea na aafia ai le atunuu i le aso 29 Setema 2009.

O le tufatufaina atu o nei fesoasoani ia na auala mai le Malo na faamuta i le tausaga ua mavae, ae teu uma pusa oloa e 41 sa totoe i le nofoaga o le Ofisa o Tinei Mu i Tuanaimato. O nei oloa e aafia ai meataumafa, lavalava, vaiinu, oloa mo le umukuka, oloa mo le falemai, oloa faufale, tapoleni ma meafaigaluega, faapea ma oloa faufale.

O le manumanuga i uma le aoga o nei oloa, ma le faaaauu pea o le siitia o pili totogi ona o le tuai ona toe faafoi o pusa oloa o loo teuina ai nei oloa, lea na mafua ai le talosaga. Ua latalata foi ona mae'a le vaitau o afa, ma ua talafeagai ai le faaaga loa o nei oloa sa faaagaga mo ni afa e ono aafia ai le atunuu.

Na amata faatino le tufatufaina o oloa i le Aso Toonai 27 Mati 2010, ona faaaauu lea i le Aso Toonai 10 o Aperila ae faamae'a i le Aso Toonai 17 o Aperila 2010.

O sui o le Komiti Faufautua o Faalavelave Matuia e nafa ma le tufatufaina o nei oloa. O lea Komiti e aafia ai sui o Matagaluega o Tina ma Tamaitai Atinae o Nuu ma Aga Fesootai, Matagaluega o Tupe, Ofisa o le Tausi Tusi Sili, Matagaluega o

le Soifua Maloloina, Matagaluega o Leoleo faapea ma le Matagaluega o Punaoa Faanatura ma le Siosiomaga.

Distribution of goods for the tsunami victims

Cabinet has approved the distribution of container goods left over from last year for victims of the tsunami that struck the country in September 29, 2009.

The distribution of goods donated through the Government halted last year, and the remaining 41 containers were locked up at the Fire Services compound at Tuanaimato. These goods include foodstuff, clothes, drinks, kitchen wares, medical supplies, hardware goods, tarpaulin and tools, and also building supplies.

The decision was made to distribute foodstuff before their expiry dates, and to avoid the rising costs of container fees. The cyclone season is almost over, and it is most appropriate to distribute these goods now.

The distribution of goods started on Saturday 27 March 2010, and will continue on Saturday 10 and Saturday 17 of April 2010.

Members of the Disaster Advisory Council are responsible for the distribution. This committee consists of representatives from the Ministry of Women Community and Social Development, Ministry of Finance, Audit Office, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Police and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

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