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Advancing Gender Equality: Salaseini Tupou's Visit to American Samoa



[PICTORIAL] On April 30, 2024, Salaseini Tupou, Program Coordinator for Pacific Women Lead, met with Lt. Governor La'apui Talauega E. V. Ale to discuss the objectives of her visit. Salaseini is in American Samoa to foster collaboration with the Department of Youth and Women's Affairs (DYWA) in advancing gender equality initiatives. Throughout her visit, Salaseini will interact with various departments, including the Department of Resources, Office of Procurement, Property Management, Office of Budget and Planning, and the Department of Treasury, to ensure adherence to the South Pacific Commission (SPC) compliance standards.

The expected outcomes of this visit include establishing an agreed-upon work plan for gender equality technical assistance between SPC and American Samoa, as well as finalizing the Gender

Equality application under the Pacific Women Lead Direct Grant, which is accessible to SPC member countries and territories. The grant offers up to \$300,000 AUD to be utilized by December 2025.

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