

PRESS RELEASE

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Apia, Samoa – The Samoa Chamber of Commerce held its last monthly members meeting for the year on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at the Sina Restaurant at the Taumeasina Island Resort. The Chamber meetings serve as a forum for its members and the business community, to be given an update on the work conducted by the SCCI Executive Council and Secretariat including policy issues being address to government officials and the sharing of any upcoming opportunities for the business community.

The Members Meeting, sponsored by Digicel Samoa, was chaired by SCCI President Seulupe Michelle Macdonald. The Secretariat update to its members was provided by SCCI Memberservices Manager Lote Lima, focusing on private sector issues raised over the last month as well as upcoming events and opportunities for the private sector.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment was invited to present to members on the Advance Recovery Fee and Deposits (Waste Levy) as part of the Chamber policy update. The presentation was delivered by MNRE Chief Executive Officer Lealaisalanoa Frances Reupena and Principal Officer for Waste Management and Pollution Control, Aliimuamua Setoa Apo; this was well received by members of the private sector as a key opportunity for dialogue with our Government and collaboration in future consultations.

The meeting was closed by presentations by the meeting hosts, Digicel Samoa. The Digicel Samoa Chief Executive Officer Anthony Seuseu delivered the official address and introduced the Digicel Pacific Regional Chief Executive Officer Shally Jannif and Digicel Pacific Head of Enterprise Ronald Prasad to Chamber members. The final presentation was delivered by Digicel representative Iftaar Ali who spoke on Digicel's exclusive products and services that are available to the business community.

SCCI extends its gratitude to the MNRE Chief Executive Officer Lealaisalanoa Frances Reupena for accepting our invitation for dialogue with the private sector; this will build and strengthen the Public-Private Partnership with our Government. SCCI also acknowledges Anthony Seuseu and the staff of Digicel Samoa for their hospitality in hosting its final members meeting for 2023. The meeting was followed by a networking session.

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