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SAMOA REPRESENTED AT THE 46TH CATA ANNUAL HEADS MEETING AND TECHNICAL CONFERENCE IN TANZANIA UNDER THE THEME "LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY FOR EFFICIENT REVENUE COLLECTION"

The Ministry of Revenue of Samoa reaffirmed its commitment to international cooperation and effective tax administration through the participation of the Honourable Minister of Revenue, Hon. Pauga Teomatavui Talalelei Pauga, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Revenue, Afioga Fuimaono Vaitolo Ofoia, at the 46th Commonwealth Association of Tax Administrators (CATA) Annual Heads Meeting and Technical Conference, held in Tanzania from the 5th to the 9th of October 2026.

A key highlight of Samoa's participation was a presentation delivered by Chief Executive Officer, Fuimaono Vaitolo Ofoia on transforming the informal sector in Samoa from a taxation perspective. The presentation explored practical approaches to supporting businesses to transition into the formal economy through simplified registration, targeted taxpayer education, digitalisation, inter-agency collaboration and fair, risk-based enforcement.

Afioga Fuimaono, emphasised that formalisation should go beyond revenue collection by creating an environment where businesses can grow, understand their tax obligations and contribute to Samoa's economic development. He highlighted the importance of reducing barriers to compliance while strengthening voluntary participation in the tax system and building a broader, fairer and more sustainable revenue base.

The conference provided a platform for heads of tax administrations and technical experts from Commonwealth countries to exchange knowledge and discuss approaches to strengthening tax compliance, improving revenue collection and modernising tax administration in response to evolving economic and technological developments.

Samoa's participation offered an opportunity to share perspectives, strengthen professional relationships and explore approaches to improving national revenue administration. These engagements also reinforced the importance of balancing effective enforcement with taxpayer education, accessible services and support for business growth.

Through its continued engagement in international forums, the Ministry of Revenue remained committed to strengthening institutional capacity and advancing its vision of "A Resilient and Prosperous Samoa Through Effective Revenue Governance."

The Ministry expressed its appreciation to the conference organisers and participating tax administrations for facilitating this valuable exchange of knowledge and experience.

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