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TAF and CCT Sign Memorandum of Understanding to Strengthen Regional Regulatory Cooperation

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The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji (TAF) and the Communications Commission Tonga (CCT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen regulatory cooperation, institutional capacity building and knowledge sharing between the two Pacific telecommunications regulators.

The MoU was signed by TAF Chair Mr David Eyre and CCT Chair Reverend Samiuela Manitisa Fonua, in the presence of CCT Acting Commissioner Mr Stan ‘Ahio and representatives of both authorities.

The agreement marks TAF's second bilateral regulatory cooperation MoU in recent months, following the signing of a similar agreement with Vanuatu's Telecommunications, Radiocommunications and Broadcasting Regulator (TRBR) in August 2026.

The MoU establishes a framework for closer collaboration through the exchange of regulatory expertise, technical knowledge, institutional practices and capacity-building opportunities. It also provides a platform for both regulators to share experiences and explore cooperation in areas such as universal service, spectrum management, consumer protection and emerging telecommunications technologies.

TAF Chair Mr David Eyre welcomed the agreement, emphasising the importance of practical cooperation and shared learning among Pacific regulators.

“Pacific Island countries face many common challenges in expanding connectivity, strengthening regulatory institutions and responding to rapidly evolving technologies. We believe there is considerable value in sharing the practical lessons gained through our respective regulatory experiences, particularly in areas such as universal service, spectrum management and emerging technologies.

“Our objective is to ensure that partnerships such as this move beyond institutional agreements and translate into practical cooperation that strengthens our regulatory capabilities and ultimately benefits the communities we serve.”

CCT Chair Reverend Samiuela Manitisa Fonua welcomed the partnership, noting that, as a young Commission established on 1 July 2026, CCT values the opportunity to build its institutional capacity through closer cooperation with TAF.

"This partnership provides an important opportunity for the Communications Commission Tonga to strengthen its institutional capacity through knowledge sharing and technical

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cooperation. We are particularly interested in Fiji's experience with universal service and the approaches taken to extend connectivity to underserved communities, which offer valuable lessons for Tonga."

The partnership aligns with the regional aspirations of the Lagatoi Declaration on Digital Transformation of the Pacific and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, particularly in advancing digital inclusion, institutional capacity building and regional cooperation.

Both authorities recognise that effective regulatory cooperation is essential to addressing the unique connectivity challenges faced by Pacific Island countries, including geographic isolation, dispersed populations and the increasing complexity of telecommunications technologies.

The authorities intend to translate the MoU into practical initiatives through technical exchanges, knowledge sharing and institutional capacity-building activities. These engagements will provide opportunities for regulatory personnel to exchange experiences, strengthen technical expertise and identify approaches that can be adapted to their respective national circumstances.

The agreement reinforces the shared commitment of Fiji and Tonga to building capable, responsive and collaborative regulatory institutions that support sustainable telecommunications development and improved connectivity for Pacific communities.

The End.

About TAF: *The Telecommunications Authority of Fiji (TAF) is an independent regulatory body responsible for overseeing Fiji's telecommunications and ICT sectors. Established in 2008, TAF works to ensure a fair, competitive, and innovative environment by licensing operators, managing radio spectrum, protecting consumer rights, and promoting the development of modern, reliable communications infrastructure to support Fiji's digital growth.*

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About CCT: *The Communications Commission Tonga (CCT) is Tonga's independent communications regulator. Its responsibilities include telecommunications and broadcasting regulation, radio-frequency spectrum management, electronic addressing and equipment type approval. CCT works to support a sustainable, efficient and competitive communications and ICT sector, protect consumers and promote reliable and resilient infrastructure.*

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