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Central Bank pays tribute to passionate advocate

Friday 10 July 2015: The Central Bank of Sāmoa has been shocked and saddened to hear of the untimely death of Reuben Summerlin, Program Manager for the Pacific Financial Inclusion Programme (PFIP).

In his role at PFIP, and also as Regional Technical Advisor for the United Nations Capital Development Fund, Mr Summerlin worked closely with the Central Bank of Sāmoa on important financial inclusion projects.

Mr Summerlin, a US national who was based in Fiji, brought to the Pacific a wealth of experience in the financial inclusion field having worked around the world to improve the lives of the poor and vulnerable.

“In our three years working with Mr Summerlin he showed great passion and leadership and was a formidable force in the financial inclusion work we did together,” Central Bank’s Governor Maiava Atalina AINU’U ENARI said.

“We mourn the loss of a special soul, and our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.”