## Welcome address by Central Bank of Samoa Governor Mrs Maiava Atalina Ainuu-Enari At the opening of the 4<sup>th</sup> Pacific Island Regional Initiative 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Taumeasina Island Resort, Samoa

Ou te muai faatulou Samoa i ou tulaga faalupea masani

- Paia faa-le-talalelei Susu lau Susuga Lenny Solomona
- Paia faa-le-malo
  - o Afio lau Afioga i le Minisita o Tupe Sili Epa Tuioti
  - O loo tatou faatasi foi ma le Afioga i le Minisita o Tupe Maua ma Falepuipui - Afioga Tialavea Tionisio Hunt
- Paia faa-le-aganuu o lena ua i aao o Tumua ma Pule Sau se taimi to so outou matupalapala ma faailo lupe o le taeao i le saunoaga autu a le Afioga i le Minisita o Tupe. Ae ou te talosaga atu ia faagafua lo tou finagalo ae sei o'u liliu ane i le gagana e mafai ona fesootai ma malamalama uma ai sui auai o lenei fonotaga.
  - It is my pleasure and honour to welcome you to the 4<sup>th</sup> Pacific Island Regional Initiative, convened on the theme "Fintech for Financial Inclusion".
  - At the Central Bank of Samoa we are delighted to partner with the Alliance for Financial Inclusion to bring you this important event, and acknowledge the kind support of our PIRI Central Banks in bringing the 4<sup>th</sup> PIRI gathering to Samoa

- Over the next two days we will be hearing about financial technology (FinTech), its promise and its cautions for financial inclusion, and what approaches and considerations are at play to realise more of its promise whilst keeping the concerns at bay. We will also have the opportunity to hear about other special focus areas such as Small Medium Enterprises, Climate Change and Women Empowerment.
- We have convened the Pacific Island Regional Initiative at an exciting time for Samoa as we've just concluded celebrations for Samoa's 56<sup>th</sup> Independence anniversary.
- I would encourage you all, that we continue in this spirit. The spirit of celebration. For while we gather this week to share our experiences and openly exchange on financial inclusion issues, let us also through our sharing, celebrate our collaboration
- Once again, welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> PIRI gathering and I look forward to engaging with you throughout the conference.
- Thank you for your attention
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