



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF TONGA

### PROGRAMME: WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Date: 27 February to 1 March 2023

Venue: Parliament Chamber

DAY 1			
TIME	PROGRAMME	FACILITATOR	MODERATOR
9.00 am	Opening Prayer		<b>Dr. Sione Vikilani</b> <i>(Deputy Clerk, Legislative Assembly of Tonga)</i>
9.10 am	Welcoming Remarks	<b>Mrs. Gloria Pole'o</b> <i>(Chief Clerk, Legislative Assembly of Tonga)</i>	
9.15 am	Keynote Address	<b>Lord Fakafanua</b> <i>(Lord Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Tonga)</i>	
9.30-9.45 am	PHOTO SESSION		
9.45-10.15 am	MORNING TEA		
10.15-10.30	Session 1: Program Overview & Objectives & Housekeeping matters	<b>Mrs. Gloria Pole'o</b> <i>(Chief Clerk, Legislative Assembly of Tonga)</i>	<b>Dr. Sione Vikilani</b>



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10.30- 11.15 am	<b>Session 2: Overview of Tonga's Parliamentary System &amp; Governance Framework</b>  <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	<b>Dr. 'Ana Taufe'ulungaki</b> <i>(Former Minister of Education. Participated as a member of the Constitutional and Electoral Commission (CEC) 2010)</i>  <b>Dr. Mele Tupou Vaitohi</b> <i>(Law Faculty, Victoria University. Former staff of the Parliamentary Law and Practice Team, Office of the Clerk, NZ Parliament. Former Deputy Clerk of the Tonga Parliament)</i>	<b>Dr. Sione Vikilani</b>
11.30 - 12.30 pm	<b>Session 3: Parliamentary Democracy</b>  <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	<b>Mrs. Linda Folaumoetu'i</b> <i>(Attorney General)</i>  <b>Mr. 'Aisea Taumoepeau</b> <i>(Former Ombudsman. Former Minister of Justice &amp; Attorney General. Former Solicitor General)</i>  <b>Ms Debra Angus</b> <i>(Former Deputy Clerk of the NZ Parliament. Lawyer, New Zealand. UNDP Consultant)</i>	<b>Dr. Sione Vikilani</b>



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LUNCH			
1.30-2.30 pm	<b>Session 4: Core Functions of the Legislature &amp; Duties of Parliamentarians</b> <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	Lord Fakafanua Ms Debra Angus	Ms. Silvia 'Atiola
AFTERNOON TEA			
3.00 - 4.00 pm	<b>Session 5: Parliamentary Privilege</b> <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	Mrs. Linda Folaumoetu'i Ms Debra Angus	Ms. Silvia 'Atiola
DAY 2			
9.30-10.30 am	<b>Session 6: Overview of the Rules of Procedures &amp; Standing Orders</b> <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	Lord Fakafanua Mrs. Gloria Pole'o Dr. Mele Tupou Vaitohi	Dr. Sione Vikilani
MORNING TEA			



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11.00 am-12.00 pm	<b>Session 7: Legislative Process (Government Bills &amp; Private Bills)</b>  <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	<b>Ms. ‘Akanesi Katoa</b> <i>(Senior Crown Counsel, Attorney General’s Office. Secretary of Government Law Committee)</i>  <b>Mrs. Annis Taumoepeau</b> <i>(Legislative Drafter &amp; Assistant Senior Legislative Counsel, Legislative Assembly of Tonga)</i>	<b>Ms. Sulia Makasini</b>
12.00- 12.30pm	<b>Session 8: Legislative Process (Public Consultations &amp; Public Engagement)</b>  <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	<b>Ms. Silvia ‘Atiola</b> <i>(Legislative Counsel, Legislative Assembly of Tonga )</i>  <b>Mr. Jean-Raphael Giuliani</b> <i>(Regional Lead, Support to Women Political Participation and Political Parties, Parliamentary Development UNDP Fiji)</i>	<b>Ms. Sulia Makasini</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>			
1.30-2.00 pm	<b>Session 9: Parliamentary Debates &amp; Petitions</b>  <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	<b>Mrs. Gloria Pole’o</b>  <b>Ms. Sulia Makasini</b> <i>(Head of the Committees Division, Legislative Assembly of Tonga)</i>	<b>Dr. Sione Vikilani</b>



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2.00-3.30 pm	<b>Session 10: Motions</b> <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	<b>Mrs. Gloria Pole'o</b> <b>Ms Debra Angus</b> <b>Dr. Mele Tupou Vaitohi</b> <b>Mr. Jean-Raphael Giuliani</b>	<b>Dr. Sione Vikilani</b>
<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>			
3.45-4.30 pm	<b>Session 11: MPs Entitlements &amp; Parliamentary Services</b> <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	<b>Mrs. Gloria Pole'o</b> <b>Mr. Nanuma Kafatolu</b> <i>(Financial Controller, Legislative Assembly of Tonga)</i>	<b>Dr. Sione Vikilani</b>



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9.30- 10.30 am	<b>Session 12: Scrutiny of the Executive (Budget, Annual Reports, Audit Reports and Questions to Ministers)</b>  <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	<b>Hon Dr. 'Aisake Eke</b> <i>(Chairman of Public Accounts Committee)</i>  <b>Mr. Sefita Tangi</b> <i>(Auditor General)</i>	<b>Ms. Kakala Samani</b>
10.30- 11.15 am	<b>Session 13: Standing Committees &amp; Select Committees</b>  <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	<b>Ms. Debra Angus</b>  <b>Dr. Mele Tupou Vaitohi</b>	<b>Ms. Sulia Makasini</b>
<b>MORNING TEA</b>			
12.00- 12.30 pm	<b>Session 14: Representation &amp; Constituency Offices</b>  <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	<b>Mrs. Gloria Pole'o</b>  <b>Mr. Nanuma Kafatolu</b>  <b>Mr. Jean-Raphael Giuliani</b>	<b>Dr. Sione Vikilani</b>
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1.30 pm- 3.00 pm	<b>Session 15: Donor Forum &amp; Budget Process</b>  <i>(To be followed by Q &amp; A)</i>	<b>Donor Partners</b>  <b>Ministry of Finance</b>	<b>Dr. Sione Vikilani</b>
<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>			
3.30 pm- 4.00 pm	<b>Session 16: Open Session</b>	<b>Mr. Jean-Raphael Giuliani</b>	<b>(UNDP-led session)</b>
4.00 pm- 4.30 pm	<b>Session 17: Guided Reflections</b>	<b>Mrs. Gloria Pole'o</b>  <b>Dr. Sione Vikilani</b>	
4.30- 5.00pm	<b>Closing Remarks by the Lord Speaker of the Legislative Assembly</b>	<b>Lord Fakafanua</b>	