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"Women must be strong," Niue MP Vaaiga Tukuitoga



The MP for Niue, who was born in Samoa, says she admires Samoa's push for 10% women representation in Parliament.

"That ten percent is so important and a very big initiative by Samoa, but there can be more and there should be more," she said.

It seems getting into parliament is one thing, but being able to handle what happens in parliament is another.

"Women just have to be strong, be tough, when men get loud and strong, you just wait and listen, and when they finish, you get up and speak with what you feel," she added.

"It's not about arguing. It's about speaking your point and in parliament you have to respect the house of parliament," she said.

The forum ended today after three long days of discussions and learning and women in the Pacific have seen Samoa's very own Deputy Prime Minister, Fiamē Naomi Mataafa as a pillar for the standard women should be.

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