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## NATIONAL PLANNING SUMMIT REFLECTS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE NIUE NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN 2016 - 2026

**Alofi, Niue – 6 September 2023** - The National Planning Summit convened on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 to review and assess the progress made on the current objectives in the Niue National Strategic Plan (NNSP) 2016 - 2026 and develop a roadmap for the next NNSP 2027 to 2037.

The Niue National Strategic Plan outlines a comprehensive framework for the socio-economic development of the nation over a decade. This guiding document encapsulates Niue's goal to achieve sustainable growth, enhance social well-being, promote environmental stewardship, and preserve cultural heritage. The National Planning Summit serves as a platform to reflect on accomplishments and recalibrate strategies for the remaining period and years ahead.

The summit brought together key stakeholders within the government ministries, agencies, civil society, and private sector leaders to evaluate achievements, identify challenges, and chart a pathway forward to ensure the realization of Niue's long-term development goals. The summit was able to present the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific from the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS). The presentation enabled participants to engage in discussions that will benefit Niue in the long run. The summit also launched the NNSP Midterm Review Framework for 2021 - 2026.

"The National Planning Summit Workshop is an invaluable opportunity for us to take stock of our progress and chart a clear course forward in our journey to fulfill the objectives of the Niue National Strategic Plan 2016-2026 said Minister of Finance and Infrastructure, Hon. Crossley Tatui. "It has underscored the importance of collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to the sustainable development of our beautiful island nation. The insights gained from this workshop will guide us as we continue to work diligently toward a brighter and more prosperous future for all Niueans".

The National Planning Summit workshop aims to highlight the progress and challenges encountered in achieving the NNSP objectives since 2016. The summit will enable participants to identify gaps, opportunities, and innovative solutions for advancing the NNSP goals. Through this engagement, stakeholders including civil society and, the private sector along with ministries and agencies can offer valuable insights and perspectives for a forward-looking session to chart the course for the next phase of NNSP implementation. These sessions will enable stakeholders to collaborate on innovative solutions that address existing challenges like the climate crisis, post-pandemic impacts, and labor mobility among others, and leverage emerging opportunities.

"I commend the efforts and dedication of all participants in the National Planning Summit Workshop said Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi. "We have collectively evaluated our progress and set the stage for the next phase of implementing the Niue National Strategic Plan 2016-2026. The outcomes of this workshop reflect our shared commitment to the well-being of our people, the preservation of our culture and environment, and the sustainable development of our beloved Niue. Let us move

forward with renewed energy and determination to turn our vision into reality, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come."

The Niue National Planning Summit provides a dynamic platform for collective reflection and strategic planning, driving Niue closer to its 2026 objectives. The outcomes of this summit will serve as a roadmap for policy adjustments, resource mobilization, and partnerships that will steer Niue towards a resilient, thriving future aligned with its aspirations.



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