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### UNITED NATIONS RESIDENT COORDINATOR & UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTED THEIR LETTERS OF CREDENTIALS TO PREMIER OF NIUE

**Alofi, Niue – 31 January 2024** - The United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator Mr. Themba Arthur Jimani Kalua, and the United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative, Ms. Aliona Niculita, both based in Samoa overseeing Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, and Tokelau presented their Letters of Credentials to the Premier of Niue and Cabinet.

The UN Secretary announced Mr. Thembas appointment in August 2023 and Ms Aliona Niculita started her term in October 2023, both are visiting Niue for the first time. The presentation of Letters of Credentials formalizes the recognition of the two UN Offices in Samoa by the Government of Niue.



The UN Resident Coordinators Office & UNDP Samoa Office together with the Government of Niue express their joint commitment to working collaboratively, aligning efforts to achieve national development priorities, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and other internationally agreed development goals and treaty obligations.

The UN Mission will be meeting with various government agencies over the course of the week. They have been assisting Niue to assess and support us in achieving our sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the 2030 agenda. The team will depart Niue on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

"We welcome Mr. Themba Arthur Jimani Kalua and Ms. Aliona Niculita to Niue. This engagement sets the stage for enhanced collaboration, ensuring that our joint efforts contribute to the well-being and sustainable development of Niue," stated Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi.

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