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SAMOA HOSTS THE REGIONAL RADIOCOMMUNICATION SEMINAR 2024 OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION FOR THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION-(ITU RRS 24)

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing the ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar 2024 for the Asia and Pacific region, which is hosted by the Government of Samoa, in cooperation with the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and the Pacific Island Telecommunication Association (PITA). This Seminar will be held in Apia over the period 16th – 21st September 2024 at the Taumeasina Island Resort.

The Honourable Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Toelupe Poumulinuku Onesemo will deliver the key note address on behalf of the Government of Samoa emphasizing the significance of efficient spectrum management in Small Island Developing States (SIDS), considering their specific needs as small nations surrounded by vast oceans. Particularly, Pacific Island countries are susceptible to impacts of climate change and the importance of satellite services for emergency communications during natural disasters and the need to ensure that spectrum allocation and usage promotes efficient and equitable access to radio spectrum resources for our Region and worldwide.

Participants who will attend this seminar includes ITU member states, regulators, government officials, engineers, academia members, technical experts including international and local ICT partners. It is an excellent opportunity for participants not only to gain experience and technical knowledge on key topics that will be discussed but also with the hands-on trainings on spectrum analysing tools conducted by experts in the field of spectrum management and allocation. There will also be an exhibition at the event throughout the week to encourage networking and business exchanges between international and local ICT companies, experts and participants.

The first part of the seminar will cover concepts related to international spectrum management and the procedures for recording of frequency assignments in the Master International Frequency Register (MIFR). This will be followed by a review of the main outcomes of both last World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23) and Radiocommunication Assembly 2023 (RA-23), as well as the agenda of the next WRC-27. This part will also cover the current regulatory framework for international frequency management and the ITU-R Recommendations and best practices regarding the use of spectrum for both terrestrial and space services. This will

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include basic training on ICT tools developed by ITU for frequency notifications for those services and for the technical examinations.

During the second part, hands-on workshops will be carried out on the use of these tools for terrestrial and space stations. These workshops will enable the participants to get experience with ITU notification procedures as well as with the software and electronic publications made available by the Radiocommunication Bureau to the Administrations of Member States and to the ITU-R Sector Members.

For more information, please refer to the attached link <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/seminars/rrs/rrs-24-asia%26pacific/Pages/default.aspx> or contact the Office of the Regulator on telephone 30282 or email admin@regulator.gov.ws.

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