

TEMIS workshop on Using data for Planning and Decision-Making

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Opening Remarks by PS, MEYS

On behalf of MEYS, please accept our sincere thanks for making yourself available to attend this workshop. I extend our appreciation to SPC and UNICEF for their technical support and DFAT for their financial assistance to make this workshop happen.

Statistical data is becoming more and more important nowadays, they are obvious evidence in all our development strategies. It is also timely as we are embarking on new national sustainable development plan and education strategic plan from this year. We are all gathered here for this workshop to equip ourselves with the knowledge and skills required to better utilize education statistics and data from the Tuvalu Education Information Management System (TEMIS) to inform decision-making and planning. The work that we will all be contributing to regional and international implications as our reporting is aligned with overarching regional and international education development frameworks like the Sustainable Development Goals and the Pacific Education Development Framework.

As you know, there has been efforts to improve the Tuvalu Education Information Management System and your contribution annually through the school census is extremely valuable. However, it is time for all of us to move forward to analyze and interpret the education statistics and indicators that is reported from TEMIS and other sources to help us deliver our roles better – both at the Ministry and school levels. We hope that with your active and full engagement and participation, we improve our statistical literacy, reasoning and thinking so that we are able to improve our analytical and planning skills to improve and monitor the quality of education we deliver to our children in Tuvalu. After this workshop, with your inputs, our technical partners can support us in determining what kind of information and data we need to deliver against our policy as well as school priorities better.

I hope you have a productive workshop and you will make good use of the learning in your respective roles.

Fakafetai lasi and manuia!