

# **Practical Information for Participants**

Participant Information to include Venue, Transfers, Travel, Hotel Booking and Key Local Information

Host	Vodafone Samoa Ltd
Venue	Vodafone Headquarters Maluafou Conference Room A & B
Dates	November 25th – November 29th 2024

## ACCREDITATION

All persons attending PacNOG Training must be accredited. Accreditation is mandatory for access to the PacNOG Training venue. Note: Vodafone Representative will provide name tags for each personnels.

# ACCOMODATIONS

All participants are required to book directly with the hotels unless assistance is needed. Below are the recommended hotels:

- 1. <u>Tivoli Aparthotel</u>
  - reservations@tivoliaparthotel.com
  - Standard Rooms \$220 per night
  - 1 min (800.0 m) distance to the venue
- 2. Insel Fehmarn Hotel Samoa
  - reservations@inselfehmarn.ws
  - Standard Rooms \$275 per night
  - 2 min (1.2 km) distance to the venue
- 3. Tauese Seaview Hotel
  - bookings@taueseseaviewhotel.com
  - Standard Rooms \$310 per night
  - 3 min (1.0 km) distance to the venue

### **ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATIONS**

- 1. Taumeasina Island Resort Samoa
  - 7 min (2.9 km) distance to the venue
  - reservations@taumeasinaislandresortsamoa.com
- 2. <u>Tanoa Tusitala Hotel</u>
  - 5 min (2.0 km) distance to the venue
  - tusitala@tanoahotels.com
- 3. Sheraton Samoa Hotels
  - 3 min (750.0 m) distance to the venue
  - reservations.samoaresort@sheraton.com

**NOTE:** Please book as earlier as possible as the hotels may be fully booked by then due to festive seasons

# TRANSPORTATION



A shuttle bus/taxi service are available for airport transfers and transportation between airport to the hotel venues. The distance between Faleolo International Airport and the main city is 29.9 km, with expected ride of more than 40minutes.

### **TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES**

Service provider for the PacNOG Training

Vodafone Samoa

Vodafone offers a wide range of services such as Broadband, Vodafone Fibre, Wifi Zone, Landline and Moana Tv. It also offers a **Vodafone E-Sim**, a digital sim which allows for easier switching between carriers and plans without needing to physically replace a sim card.

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### **BANKING SERVICES and CURRENCY**

The local currency is the Samoan tala and sene (ST\$). Rates are subject to fluctuation. It is wise to carry some cash on you as some services (taxis, stalls, markets) do not accept bank cards.

#### **ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

The power supply in Samoa is 230V AC, 50Hz. Electrical sockets are three flat pins in a triangular pattern. Power adaptors are available for purchase from stores in Apia, but it is best to be prepared and bring your own.

LANGUAGE: Bilingual – Both Samoa & English

### DRESS CODE

For all other official and social events, the dress code will be island business casual / national dress. Please dress appropriately for both the hot weather and cultural sensitivities.

#### WEATHER

Samoa's dry season is from May to October, making this the most popular time for visitors. The wet season, from November to April, might not bring rain every day, but a raincoat or umbrella is advised for what can be short but intense thunderstorms.

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

The main hospital in Apia is the Tupua Tamasese Meaole (TTM) Hospital at Moto'otua. It is located less than a 5-minute drive from the town of Apia.

Apia has several pharmacies - most of which are only open during business hours. The main hospital contains the only 24-hour operating pharmacy.

For more practical information on Samoa, please visit the below website:

<u>https://www.samoa.travel</u>

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