



“...a Pacific Academy offers exciting possibilities to connect scholars from across the globe who share a common goal, that is: addressing global challenges through science and actionable knowledge.”

*Honourable Afioga Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa
Prime Minister of Samoa*

ISC Meeting of Pacific Scholars

After two days of discussions and sharing of experiences more than 60 Pacific scholars overwhelmingly supported a landmark decision to join forces to ‘raise a voice of science’ in the Pacific by setting up an Academy.



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Pacific Establishment Committee

Representing different subregions of the Pacific and drawing from diverse expertise of established and early and mid-career scholars, the Pacific Establishment Committee aims to set the foundation of the future academy and mobilize necessary support.



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Second meeting of the Establishment Committee for the Formation of a Pacific Islands Academy of Science and Humanities

- First face-to-face meeting of the Committee
- Funds contributed by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation and ISC RFP-AP
- The Academy will be registered as a Charitable Trust and domiciled in Samoa
- Up to 10 Founding Fellows to be in place by the launch of the Academy. Remaining Fellows will be elected once the Academy is established.
- Aim to launch in Samoa during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in October 2024
- Delegation of five EC members to attend SIDS4 conference in Antigua and Barbuda in May 2024.

