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Press Release

The Sixth Climate Change Consultative Discussion Meeting Focuses on Sustainable Solutions for a Resilient Future

27th & 28th February 2025, SUNGO Office, Vaitele Tai - The sixth activity of the ongoing series of eight Climate Change Consultative Discussion Meetings successfully convened today, bringing together community-based organization representatives to address the pressing challenges posed by climate change.

This pivotal session, held at SUNGO Office at Vaitele Tai, focused on Strengthening Climate Resilience through Sustainable Practices and Community Adaptation Strategies. The discussions aimed to foster collaboration and develop actionable solutions that align with the IOE Samoa Project Goal, “To support Samoan Civil society in advancing human right issues, influencing policy and decision-making processes.

Key highlights of the meeting include SUNGO’s Community Trainer delivering insightful presentations on Climate change and its impacts on the vulnerable, emphasizing innovative approaches and sustainable practices. Participants from diverse communities with different areas of developments engaged in dynamic discussions, ensuring a holistic approach to tackling climate change. In addition to that, valuable contributions from community members underscored the importance of inclusive decision-making and local knowledge.

Organized by SUNGO through funds from the European Union’s International IDEA’s IOE Samoa Project, the consultative series serves as a platform to enhance understanding, strengthen partnerships, and catalyse action in response to the growing impacts of climate change.

As the series progresses, upcoming meetings will also further elaborate what Climate change is to a different group of people and more. Stakeholders are encouraged to continue their active participation and collaborative efforts to build a resilient and sustainable future.

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About International IDEA:

The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) is an intergovernmental organization that supports sustainable democracy worldwide. With a global network, International IDEA provides knowledge, policy development, and advocacy to enhance democratic governance.

About SUNGO:

The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations (SUNGO) is dedicated to strengthening the capacity of NGOs in Samoa, promoting effective governance, and supporting community development initiatives.

About WIBDI:

Women in Business Development Inc. (WIBDI) works to empower women and families in Samoa through sustainable business development, with a focus on organic agriculture and fair trade practices.

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