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The Chief Executive Officer

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Ms. Rhea Moss-Christian
Executive Director
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
Phonpei, Federated States of Micronesia

Dear Executive Director,

Invitation to attend the Ava Ceremony at EFKS Youth Hall, Mulinuu, 10 August 2026.

I convey for your kind attention an invitation to all participants of the Twenty-Second Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC22) to attend the Ava Ceremony, to be held at **2.00pm on Monday, 10 August 2026 at the EFKS Youth Hall, Mulinuu.**

The Ava Ceremony is a significant Samoan cultural ceremony traditionally held to formally welcome and acknowledge honoured guests. It reflects Samoa's values of respect, hospitality, unity and friendship and provides an important opportunity to bring together our distinguished visitors and local hosts at the commencement of this important regional meeting.

Members of Cabinet and other senior Government representatives will be in attendance to officially welcome the WCPFC Secretariat, member delegations, scientists, technical experts, and all participants to Samoa. We would be grateful for the Secretariat's assistance in circulating this invitation to all members, delegates, and officials attending the meeting.

We also kindly request that the attached Samoa biosecurity information be circulated to all participants. These requirements provide important guidance on items that must be declared or are restricted when entering and departing Samoa.

The Government of Samoa looks forward to warmly welcoming all participants to Samoa and wishes everyone a successful, productive, and memorable SC22 meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Tunupopo
Acting Chief Executive Officer



Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Invitation

You are warmly invited to attend the
*All Participants of the 22nd Regular Session
of the Scientific Committee (SC22)*

AVA CEREMONY OF THE 22ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE



Monday 10th August 2026



2PM



EFKS Youth Hall

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