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## WORLD DAY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK *'Optimize the Collection and Use of OSH Data'*

Events will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> April around the world to commemorate the annual World Day for Safety and Health at Work this year, an initiative by the International Labour Office ('ILO') to accentuate the value of collection and utilisation of reliable Occupational Safety and Health ('OSH') data. This occasion not only marks and promotes Safety and Health at Work; but also give recognition to the thousands of men and women that have lost their lives in the execution of their work.

The theme '*Optimize the Collection and Use of OSH Data*' will be the focus of all ILO Member countries. As a Member State country we are obligated to report on the "Frequency rates of fatal and non-fatal occupational injuries, by sex and migrant status". Therefore, having accurate OSH statistics, such as data on occupational accidents, incidents and occupational diseases in critical in helping the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour ('MCIL') improve its capacity for strategic planning and evaluation of inspection activities. In this regard it is imperative for Samoa to enhance the collection and utilisation of reliable Occupational Safety and Health data. Having accurate data is the basis for policy determination of priority areas, and effective assessment of OSH to ensure we have practical, measurable and effective legislation and policies.

In partnership with the ILO, Accident Compensation Corporation, and the Samoa Fire Emergency Services Authority, MCIL will host an Awareness Day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the Tanoa Tusitala Hotel for respective government organisations, and members from the private sector with the hope that together we are able to take our current data collection systems and integrate them into a central framework which the Ministry has started already.

Staying true to the theme, the bulk of the day's activities will be on OSH Data and how we can better use it to set priorities and measure progress at the national level in:

- ✓ The detection of hazards and risks
- ✓ The development of OSH preventative programmes
- ✓ The identification of hazardous sectors
- ✓ The implementation of policies
- ✓ The elaboration of comparative national statistics and reports

For this year's campaign, the Ministry will be interviewed on E te Silafia regarding the importance of collection and usage of OSH data. By raising awareness of safety and health at work, and taking appropriate action, we can prevent future accidents, injuries and deaths.