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**Abstract:**

Samoan Government and its development partners mainly the World Bank, Asia Development Bank and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade are working on a project called the Connectivity Project. The project aims at improving Samoa’s international connection to the Internet. There are 3 main components identified to successfully achieve the objectives for this initiative. 1, Construction for a Submarine Fibre-Optic Cable; 2, Regulatory Technical Assistance 3, Project Management

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Fifteen years of experience in managing people, establishing IT processes, applying problem solving and technical skills to improve individual, teams and organizational performance in Information Technology. Involved in the design, development and implementation of policy and infrastructure and ongoing reforms in the Public Sector. A member of the Samoa Information Technology Society’s executive team, a professional body that aims at fostering capacity building and networking for its members. An impassion team leader who mentors with purpose and understands the strong working relationships to create great teams and produce exceptional results.

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