

**New Zealand — Niue
Statement of
Partnership**

**Aotearoa — Niue
Tauākī Mahitahi**

**Ko e Fakamatalaaga
he Fakafetuiaga
Gahua Fakalataha he
Kautū Niu Silani mo
e Kautū a Niue**

2022 — 2025



*He waka eke noa
We are all in the waka together*

*Ko e vaka heke auloa
We are all in the vaka together*

This Statement of Partnership sets out the shared principles, priorities and understandings that will guide cooperation and engagement between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Niue in identified areas.

We are bound together by our special constitutional arrangement within the Realm of New Zealand, and in coming together in partnership we reaffirm the commitments made between our two countries based on shared values, common interests, and a spirit of close friendship. Whanaungatanga and lototaha moe kaufakalataha.

We acknowledge our work together to advance Niue's aspirations for prosperity, focus on greater self-sustainability, and invest in a stronger, resilient, and dynamic Niue economy.

We also acknowledge New Zealand's goal of supporting a peaceful, stable, prosperous and resilient Pacific, and the enduring principles that underpin New Zealand's overall engagement in our Pacific region:

- **Tātai Hono** (The recognition of deep and enduring whakapapa connections)
- **Tātou Tātou** (All of us together)
- **Whāia te Taumata Ōhanga** (Journey towards a circular economy)
- **Turou Hawaiiki** (Navigating together)
- **Arongia ki Rangiātea** (Focus towards Excellence)

We recognise our shared Pacific geography, culture and history, the depth of our people to people connections, and our common interests in the region.

We acknowledge our collective action on regional and global issues and reaffirm our shared commitment to a variety of international and regional frameworks, through which we uphold an international rules-based order.

We affirm the fundamental shared values at the heart of our partnership, including shared commitment to human rights, effective governance, and gender equality. We also affirm our shared aspiration to care for and protect Te Moana Nui a Kiwa, the Blue Pacific Continent.

We acknowledge the importance of working together in response to the twenty-first century challenges our countries, and our wider Pacific region, face including the wide-ranging implications of climate change, population challenges, the COVID-19 pandemic, and geostrategic competition.

**Partnership
Principles**

**Ngā Mātāpono
Mahitahi**

**Ko e tau Fakavēaga
Manatu ma e utaaga
he Gahua Fakalataha**

Under this Statement of Partnership, New Zealand and Niue, will work collaboratively through government agencies of the respective countries, to:

- Pursue these priority areas based on respect;
- Uphold and promote global norms and values, including human rights, good governance, transparency and accountability, and environmental protection;
- Maintain ongoing open communication at all levels to ensure effective cooperation, coordination, and accountability;
- Pursue coherence and integration across internal and foreign policy and development efforts;
- Pursue development activities that are inclusive, resilient, sustainable and effective; and
- Be clear about and accountable for what we will each undertake and deliver.

**Priority Areas for
Cooperation**

**Ngā Wāhanga Matua
mō te Mahi Ngātahi**

**Ko e tau Matagahua
Fakamua ke Kikite
fakamakutu e Gahua
Fakalataha**

Guided by our shared values and principles, Aotearoa New Zealand and Niue have identified the following common priority areas for ongoing cooperation:

1. **Partnership**

Te Kōtuinga

**Ko e Feutaaki he
tau Malolō mo e tau
Lotomatala he
Gahua Fakalataha**

Maintaining a strong working relationship by sharing knowledge and collaborating

2. **Prosperity**

Te Tōnuitanga

**Omoiaga he Tau
Matagahua Tutuli
Monuina he tagata
mo e faka-
Fakatufono**

Supporting a resilient and prosperous economic recovery based on sound business principles and strong governance

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| 3. | Resilience, environment, and climate change | Te Manahau, te Taiao me te Panonitanga Āhuarangi | Gahua Fakalotomatala ke Fakatūleva e Monuina mai he Takatakaimotu mo e tau paleko he hikihikiaga he matagi |
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Working together to protect and manage Niue's environment, including its ocean space, and address the impacts of climate change

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| 4. | Peace and Security | Te Rongomau me te Haumaru | Mataala ke Puipui e Haohao Mafola he Motu moe Pasifika Iaulahi |
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Working towards a safer Pacific community

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| 5. | People | Te Tangata | Tau tagata Niue nofo motu |
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Growing Niue's taoga and growing Niue's human capital

Priority Area 1: Partnership

Under this priority area, we will continue to work together to achieve the following objectives:

- Strengthen the capability of Niue's institutions and foster long-term relationships and cooperation between Niue and Aotearoa New Zealand's public institutions;
- to ensure our respective policies are in the best interests of New Zealanders and Niueans;
- Consult with one another about significant issues in a timely manner;
- Working together through regional institutions, including the Pacific Islands Forum as the preeminent forum in our regional architecture, to promote Pacific interests, amplify our Pacific voice globally, and increase our region's capacity for collective action on regional and international challenges; and
- Work together to implement the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent*, as part of our efforts to build a strong and resilient Pacific, and to protect and secure our Pacific people, place and prospects.

Priority Area 2: Prosperity

Under this priority area, we will work together to achieve the following objectives:

- Continue to support a resilient, stable and inclusive economy in Niue, aligned with Niue's development priorities, including through support for Niue's tourism industry, infrastructure, private sector and maritime safety;

- Work together to support Niue's economic recovery from COVID-19 and long-term economic resilience, including through strengthened public financial management; and
- Continue to work together regionally as Pacific Agreement for Closer Economic Relations Plus (PACER Plus) members to strengthen and grow this agreement as a vehicle for economic growth and resilience in the Pacific.

Priority Area 3: Resilience, environment, and climate change

Under this priority area, we will work together to achieve the following objectives:

- Work together to protect and maintain Niue's taoga and environment, and manage the environmental and climate change impacts of economic growth;
- Work together on oceans issues, including Niue's efforts to protect its ocean space and conserve and sustainably use its resources for future generations; and
- Support measures to enhance Niue's resilience to climate change.

Priority Area 4: Peace and Security

Under this priority area, we will work together to achieve the following objectives:

- Pursue our joint aspiration to build inclusive and equitable societies;
- Recognise the breadth of security issues of shared interest including environmental and climate change security, transnational security, cybersecurity, human security (including health security, gender equality and inclusion), and border security;

- Work together to identify and respond to shared security challenges in the region, including efforts to combat illicit drugs; and
- Cooperate on information and assessment exchange in, and responses to: police and law enforcement, law and justice, maritime security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, cybersecurity, health security, and border security.

Priority Area 5: People

Under this priority area, we will work together to achieve the following objectives:

- Work together to deliver targeted programmes to enable leadership and professional capability development aligned with Niue's development priorities;
- Collaborate to improve educational outcomes for all Niueans, focusing on transferable knowledge and skills, and vocational pathways;
- Explore opportunities for greater management and governance of sport, enhancing connections, sports development and participation of women and girls in all their diversity in sports;
- Collaborate to achieve better health outcomes for all Niueans, including improved health workforce capability, strengthened connections between our health systems; and access to quality health services;
- Continue to work together to prepare and respond to COVID-19 with a particular focus on vaccination, and strengthening health workforce capability, in partnership with the New Zealand Ministry of Health, through the Polynesian Health Corridors Programme;

- Work together to promote gender equity and equal rights for all persons; and
- Cooperate to promote, strengthen, protect, and integrate Tāoga Niue cultural heritage, Vagahau Niue, values, and identity.

**Shared
Understandings**

**He Māramatanga
Tahi**

**Femaamaaki e
Agaga he Gahua
Fakalataha**

In order to give practical effect to our ambitions, Aotearoa New Zealand and Niue will hold each other mutually accountable under this Statement of Partnership, ensuring a strong focus on results. To achieve this we will work together in the following ways:

- Hold periodic ministerial level talks to consider and refresh the priority areas set out in this Statement, and annual officials' level talks to monitor progress;
- Jointly develop a framework to monitor progress in Niue's development priority areas that Aotearoa New Zealand has agreed to support, and deliver on shared accountability requirements;
- Work towards strengthened Niue country systems through which an increased proportion of development assistance may be channelled and managed;
- Coordinate long-term and predictable assistance to priority sectors in accordance with Niue's development priorities;
- Ensure focused, targeted, and clear business cases for the use of funds;
- Effectively deliver priority areas of cooperation; and

- Provide timely and regular financial updates on the Niue development programme.

This Statement of Partnership will take effect on the date of its signature. Any jointly approved amendment to the priorities, objectives, or principles will be decided by both Partners in writing.

Signed

at Wellington, NZ
(location)

at Wanua, Niue
(location)

on 21/7/22
(date)

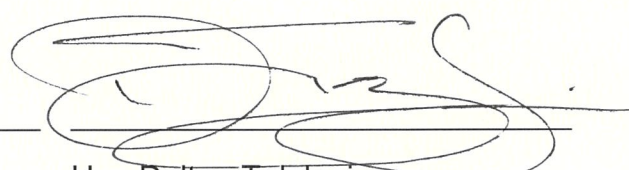
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