

**New Zealand - Niue**  
**Statement of Partnership**  
**2019 – 2023**

*He waka eke noa*

*Ko e vaka heke auloa*

*We are all in the waka together*

*We are all in the vaka together*

This Statement and its appendices set out the principles and priorities under which the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Niue cooperate, coordinate, and partner in shared priority areas.

We are bound together by our special constitutional arrangement, and in coming together in partnership we reaffirm the commitments made between our two countries based on shared and common interests and a spirit of close friendship.

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 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 the five key principles of the Pacific Reset that we wish to guide and deepen our partnership: understanding, friendship, joint benefit, collective ambition, and sustainability.

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

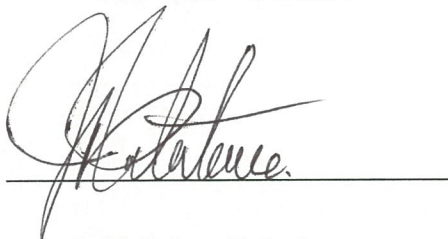
In doing so, New Zealand and Niue have identified a set of common priority areas for ongoing cooperation and commit to building deeper connections, set out in detail in Appendix One:

- **Partnership** – maintaining a strong working relationship by sharing knowledge and collaborating
- **Prosperity** – supporting a resilient and prosperous economy based on sound business principles
- **Resilience, environment and climate change** – working together to protect and manage Niue's environment and address the impacts of climate change on the Pacific
- **Peace and security** – working towards a safer Pacific community
- **People** – protecting Niue's taoga and growing Niue's human capital

This Statement of Partnership will take effect on the date of its signature. Any jointly decided amendment to the priorities, understandings, or principles detailed in this Statement and its appendices will be recorded in writing.

Signed at Niue on 26 April 2019

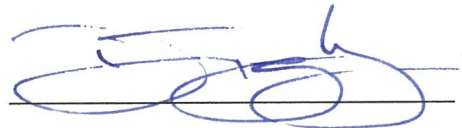
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## **Appendix One: Priority areas for cooperation**

Over the period April 2019 – April 2023, New Zealand and Niue together will:

### **Partnership**

- Strengthen the capability of Niue's public institutions, and cooperation between Niue and New Zealand institutions;
- Give consideration to any impact of our respective policies on each other;
- Consult with one another about significant issues in a timely manner; and
- Collaborate through regional institutions to identify and prioritise issues, and deepen collective regional and international action on these challenges.

### **Prosperity**

- Continue to support Niue's sustainable economic development, aligned with Niue's development priorities, including through support for Niue's tourism industry, infrastructure, and private sector.

### **Resilience, environment and climate change**

- Work together to protect and maintain Niue's taoga and environment, and manage the environmental and climate change impacts of economic growth; and
- Support measures to enhance Niue's resilience to climate change.

### **Peace and security**

- Pursue our joint aspiration to build inclusive 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 equity 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 police and law enforcement, law and justice, maritime security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, cybersecurity, health security, and border security.

## People

- 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;
- 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;
- Work together to promote gender equity and equal rights; and
- Promote, strengthen, protect, and integrate Taoga Niue cultural heritage, language, values, and identity.

## **Appendix Two: Shared understandings and principles**

New Zealand and Niue together will:

### **Understandings**

- 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 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.

### **Principles**

- Pursue these understandings 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.