

Declaration on Religious and Cultural Diversity in the Pacific, Apia

2012

We, the participants from the religious communities, government, and academia, at the first *Managing Religious and Cultural Diversity* conference, held at National University of Samoa, Apia, 30 April – 1 May 2012, acknowledge:

1. the realities of religious and cultural diversity;
2. that dialogue and recognition amongst religious communities generate positive and robust relationships that foster living together harmoniously;
3. that tensions arising amongst religious communities need to be addressed honestly and sensitively in the spirit of *soalaupule* (dialogue);
4. the need to promote shared learning and research for mutual understanding and peace, for example, a course on the study of religions at schools and universities;
5. the benefits of holding similar regional conferences biennially.

1 May 2012

National University of
Samoa, Apia, Samoa