



20th September 2018 **The Acting Minister for Agriculture, Food, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFFF) Hon. Losaline Ma’asi** opened a dialogue between the government, stakeholders of the agricultural sector and farmers in Tonga under the theme ‘Where we are – and where do we want to go?’ at Basilica’s conference room this morning.

The forum provides an opportunity for MAFFF and relevant ministries to update farmers’ representatives on programmes that have been implemented and to strengthen collaboration on upcoming initiatives.

Hon. Ma’asi said the forum also offer opportunities for representatives from different farming groups and agricultural sub-sectors such as root crops, fruits and vegetables and livestock. They provide updates on the current state and issues they are facing and to raise with government some of the pressing policy issues they are experiencing.

“I am in support of this very forum and look forward to further and on-going dialogue between the Government and the industry stakeholders to support each other in further development of the agricultural sector and to ensure it is able to realise its full potential as the predominant major economic activity in Tongan economy.”

She hoped that the dialogue will bring about strategic actions to address the current immediate needs in the sector.



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