



**Samoa's statement at the 51st Session of the Commission on Population
Development**

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We congratulate you, Mr Chairman on your election and we are confident that your leadership with the full support of the Bureau will ensure that we have a successful

session.

We would like to thank the Secretary-General for his reports which were delivered to

Framework and reaffirms its commitment by launching the Samoa Population Action Plan 2016 – 2020.

Samoa Population Action Plan highlights key areas such as, fertility (includes sexual and reproductive health), relocation/migration from rural to urban areas, sanitation and

immigration, the changing age structure, changing health indicators, education, the changing characteristics of certain population groups and the impact of human settlement on the environment as well as provision of essential services (safe drinking water, sanitation services, energy and transport services).

Samoa ensures that population data and information are widely disseminated and planners have the skills to incorporate population issues into national development and sector plans. Samoa's 2016 Census Brief report is the first publication by Samoa Bureau