



Vision: To be a trusted, respected, and internationally reputed Public Service

Mission: To deliver quality services with passion, integrity, and efficiency in enabling platforms

ABOUT US

Welcome to PSC Office Edition No.4 for 2026!!

After a brief pause since 2023, the PSC Office Newsletter is making its return as a bi-monthly space to capture what we do, how we do it, and the people who make it happen. This edition covers the period from May to June 2026, a busy and energising start to the year filled with planning, engagement, learning, and leadership.

The aim is simple: keep us informed, connected, and proud of the work we do together. We hope you enjoy this edition, see your work reflected in its pages, and continue contributing as we grow this platform for the long run.

Happy reading — and welcome back to another year of service.



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Newsletter Contributions

Divisions are encouraged to submit short articles, updates, and photos for upcoming bi-monthly editions. Please coordinate submissions through your Division Representative or the Oversight Team

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MAY

HIGHLIGHTS *at a glance*

May 2026 was a productive month characterized by active participation in national events, strategic consultations, and a strong focus on capacity development. These efforts continue to support the strengthening of public service delivery and leadership across government.

1. National *and* Commemorative Events

May was marked by participation in key national celebrations and observances:

- **Mother's and Father's Day** - Recognizing and celebrating the contributions of women across the public service
- **HR Day** - Commemorating 100 years of legacy and excellence in education



A number of important engagements were undertaken to strengthen planning, coordination, and policy alignment;

- PSC Team attended scoping mission to the Fiji Public Service during May 2026
- Meeting with the Women's Affairs and Gender Equality of the Ministry of Internal Affairs on 26 May 2026 regarding introductory workshop mainstreaming gender
- CEO Forum held on 29 May 2026 with 22 CEOs/Acting CEOs from Schedule I and Schedule II

3. Capacity Building *and* Training Initiatives

Significant efforts were made to build capability across Ministries;

- PSC Office in collaboration with Tonga Red Cross run a First Aid Training for nominated members from Line Ministries during month of May 2026 specific for Vava'u, Ha'apai, and 'Eua.
- PSC Office in collaboration with the Korn Ferry Hay Methodology Organization hold a training for PSC Office staff of 20 divided into two cohorts; Cohort 1 run on 20th and 27th May 2026 and Cohort 2 run on 21st and 28th May 2026.
- PSC Talatalanoa Program Activity for the Line Ministry's Sub-branches in 'Eua Island commence on 25th and 26 May 2026

3. Staff Engagement *and* Workforce Changes

The PSC Office proudly welcomed its newest staff members, Ms. 'Ofa Tangifua, Mr. Loni Lomu, and Mrs. Jessica Tu'ipulotu. Their appointment strengthens the Office's capacity

and reflects its ongoing commitment to building a skilled and dedicated workforce. The PSC Office looks forward to their valuable contributions as they join the team in advancing its mandate of delivering effective public service support across government.

welcome to the team!!!

JUNE

HIGHLIGHTS *at a glance*

June 2026 was characterized by meaningful consultations, staff transitions, and international engagement opportunities. These activities continue to strengthen institutional capacity, promote knowledge exchange, and support the ongoing development of the public service.

1. National *and* Commemorative Events

In Tonga, the month of June is dedicated annually to celebrating Public Service Month, a national observance that honours the commitment and contribution of public servants across the country. This year's theme, "**Proud to Serve – One Tonga, One Purpose, One Public Service,**" highlights the importance of unity, integrity, and excellence in serving the people of Tonga. Throughout the month, Government Ministries and agencies take part in various activities that reflect on the value of public service and reinforce a shared commitment to delivering quality service to the nation.

In addition, 23 June is observed globally as International Public Service Day, recognising the vital role of public servants in advancing development, strengthening governance, and improving the wellbeing of communities worldwide.

2. Strategic Consultations *and* Meetings

The Opening Ceremony of the Gift Policy Workshop was held on 16–17 June 2026, with 37 participants from Schedule I and Schedule II Ministries. The workshop was facilitated by Ms. Marie Cauchois from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The Guest of Honour for the opening ceremony was the Attorney General, Hon. Linda Folaumoetu'i.

3. Official Travel *and* Representation

During June 2026, PSC Office staff had the opportunity to participate in key regional capacity-building events, including the Pacific Workforce Planning Conference held from 2–4 June 2026, and the Asia Pacific Career Conference at Brigham Young University in Laie, Hawaii, from 8–11 June 2026. These engagements supported knowledge sharing, professional development, and strengthened regional collaboration on workforce planning and career development initiatives.

4. Capacity Building *and* Training Initiatives

During June 2026, the PSC Office conducted its Talatalanoa Programme across the outer islands and Tongatapu. The programme was held in Niua Toputapu from 14–21 April 2026, in 'Eua Island on 25–26 June 2026, and for 14 Line Ministries in Tongatapu from 1 June to the end of June 2026.

The programme focused on sharing key policy messages and ensuring consistent understanding across ministries. It also provided reminders on key HR and administrative processes, induction and customer service training, as well as ongoing support to strengthen implementation and service delivery across the public service.

Celebrating PEOPLE, SERVICE, AND PURPOSE

MAY - JUNE IN THE TONGA PUBLIC SERVICE

Every year, the Tonga Public Service marks a meaningful and vibrant period of reflection, recognition, and renewal during the months of May and June. These months bring together two important observances - Human Resource Day on 20 May and Public Service Month throughout June - both of which highlight the heart of government service: its people.

20 MAY 2026

HUMAN RESOURCES DAY

Recognizing the People Behind the People

HR Day recognizes the vital role of HR professionals who work behind the scenes to ensure that the right people are recruited, supported, developed, and retained across the public service.

PUBLIC SERVICE MONTH

JUNE 2026

Proud to Serve - One Tonga, One Purpose, One Public Service

A time dedicated to celebrating the commitment, dedication, and everyday contributions of public servants across Tonga.



From Workforce planning and performance management to employee wellbeing and organizational development, HR practitioners play a key role in shaping a capable and motivated public sector. HR Day is a moment to acknowledge their quiet but powerful contribution in building strong institutions that serve the nation with integrity and professionalism.

Public Service Month is more than a calendar event; it is a living expression of what it means to serve the people of Tonga. These activities strengthen service delivery and reinforce the values of accountability, teamwork, and continuous improvement.

It is also a time to reflect on the privilege and responsibility of serving the public. Whether through policy

development, frontline service delivery, or behind-the-scenes administration, every public servant plays a role in shaping the wellbeing and future of the nation.

Together, HR Day in May and Public Service Month in June serve as a powerful reminder that the strength of the Tonga Public Service lies in **its people**—those who support the workforce and those who deliver services daily to communities across the Kingdom.

As we mark these occasions each year, we are reminded that public service is not just a job, but a calling grounded in purpose, pride, and a shared commitment to **ONE TONGA**.

As we close the 2025/2026 financial year, we also take time to reflect on the milestones, achievements, and progress made. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the collective efforts of Ministries and public servants in strengthening service delivery, improving systems, and advancing national priorities.

This reflection also helps us recognize lessons learned, identify areas for improvement, and build momentum for the year ahead, as we continue working toward effective, accountable, and people-centred services for the Kingdom.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Whats coming up next month?

- CEO 1-2-1 with Public Service Commission
- Induction Training for Newly Appointed Employees
- Continue USP MELAR Training till 8 July 2026
- Reconcile and Quality Check of Staff Lists as of June 2026

PSC REMINDERS!!

Check out our Facebook page for the latest Policy Tips, photos, and event highlights.

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