



**H.E. Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of Samoa**

Mr. Malielegaoi is currently the Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa. Before taking up the Prime Minister's office in 1998 Mr. MALIELEGAOI was Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance for seven and an half years. In his long political career, Mr. MALIELEGAOI has held numerous key government positions. Mr. MALIELEGAOI worked for the European Economic Community and Coopers & Lybrand before being elected to the Samoan parliament in 1981. He was Deputy Financial Secretary in the Department of Treasury for 6 years.