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International Monetary Fund (IMF) Staff to commence Annual Article IV Mission 2016 to the Kingdom of Tonga

The IMF annual Article IV Mission 2016, led by Elena Louikoianova, will be conducted from 29th February to 11th March 2016. The mission is to assess Tonga's economic and financial policies and to provide advise on key policy recommendations to improve Tonga's financial and economic policies in order to promote Tonga's economic prosperity. This would also assist in Tonga's efforts to achieve the targets of its Strategic Development Framework (TSDF II) 2015-2025, with the ultimate aim for a more progressive Tonga supporting a higher quality of life for all.

The mission is scheduled to meet with the Honourable Prime Minister Samiuela 'Akilisi Pohiva, Minister for Finance and National Planning Honourable Dr. 'Aisake Valu Eke, Minister for Public Enterprise Honourable Poasi Tei, Governor of the National Reserve Bank of Tonga Dr. Sione Ngongo Kioa, and other senior government officials, as well as development partners and representatives from the private sector.

The mission will give its preliminary assessment on its findings at the end of the mission.

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