

# Pledge by Samoa

Ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child on 29 November 1994

Acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict on 17 May 2016

Acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children child prostitution and child pornography on 29 April 2016

Acceded to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure on 29 April 2016



## Pledges

1. To increased access of children with disabilities to inclusive education

**In light of the commitments we have made under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols, the Government of the Independent State of Samoa reaffirms its commitment to the Convention and its Protocols and pledges to improve the lives of all its children including those who are disadvantaged, excluded and marginalized so that no-one is left behind.**

**Samoa has undertaken the following to highlight our commitment to the promotion, protection and realization of the rights of the child.**

**What?** In our efforts to reach our national inclusive education goals we pledged to increased access of children with disabilities to inclusive education;

**Why?** The majority of children with disabilities do not attend mainstream schools;

**How?** Building partnership between government ministries and non-governmental organization as well as to adopt a national policy on inclusive education;

**Who?** The Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development and the Ministry of Education, Sport and Culture in collaboration with the Nuanua o le Alofa (NOLA) a civil society organization will take the lead in implementing this partnership with other organizations.