

December 14<sup>th</sup> 2025



## *Invitation Letter to:*

Ms. Antoinette Kriel  
Secretary General  
South Africa Weightlifting Federation

Dear Antoinette,

Greetings from the pleasant and beautiful country of Samoa.

I am sure that by now your Federation is fully informed that Samoa will be holding the First **2026 Universal Weightlifting Cup**. This world event includes also the Oceania Senior, Junior and Youth Championships, plus the Commonwealth Junior and Youth Championships.

I am very pleased also that countries of the Commonwealth can compete at this event to try and qualify for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

*Therefore, it is with great pleasure as President of the Samoa Weightlifting Federation and the Samoa National Olympic Committee and on behalf of the Samoan Government, to extend an official invitation to your Federation to take part in this prestigious event.*

I am very proud to welcome all the delegations from the five continents, and in particular the President of the International Weightlifting Federation, Dr. Mohammed Jalood, the General Secretary – Mr. Jose Quinones, and the many members of the IWF Executive Board .

This event will showcase also the development of the sport of weightlifting in the Oceania region which continues to grow year after year. The people of Samoa and in particular the youth, look forward to this world event with great anticipation and enthusiasm. As they all eagerly look forward to see the strongest men and women of the world competing. We are looking forward to seeing you all in Samoa.

You will find below all information regarding this event.

My kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tuaepepe Vui Asiata', written in a cursive style.

Tuaepepe Vui Asiata Jerry Wallwork

**President: Samoa Weightlifting Federation**  
**President; Samoa Olympic Committee**  
**First Vice President: OWF**  
**IWF Executive Board Member**