

MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Talofa,

This has been another great month for working with our Member countries on the delivery of much needed capacity building and training opportunities, such as the iCLIM decision support tools that were launched this month to support managers of climate change information, and the training on drought monitoring and information held earlier in Vanuatu.

I look forward to another successful six months as we move steadily into the second half of 2018.

Faafetai lava.

Tofa soifua,



Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

SPREP-Tok LATEST NEWS

LEFAGA COLLEGE OF SAMOA, HELPING TO STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES



Lefaga College of Samoa won the Pacific Regional Invasive Species Schools Challenge in 2016 with a poster encouraging people to help stop the spread of invasive species. It was this same winning entry that was revealed in a billboard on Friday 27 July, with a special ceremony at Lefaga College.

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ICLIM DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS LAUNCHED



New decision support tools, the Adaptation Planning Tool and the Climate Finance Navigator, on the Pacific Climate Change Portal were launched during the IMPACT Regional Workshop at SPREP's Headquarters in Apia, Samoa. Developed through the Pacific iCLIM Project, a collaboration between SPREP and Griffith University, and funded by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. These decision support tools will add to the functionality of SPREP's Pacific Climate Change Portal the go-to hub for Pacific climate change information.

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CONSULTATIONS HELD TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN SOLOMON ISLANDS



Ministry, non-governmental organisation and private-sector representatives gathered for in-depth conversations about available data and potential indicators that show the current environmental conditions in Solomon Islands. The Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM) organised the six days of data validation and indicator consultations in July.

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EMPOWERING PACIFIC MEDIA TO SHARE OUR OCEAN STORIES



“Our Pacific Ocean, Our Stories” an Ocean Toolkit for Pacific Media was launched in Suva, Fiji this month recognising the role of the media in empowering informed Pacific conversations and decision making for the better of our environment.

The Ocean Toolkit is funded by the European Union’s “Capacity Building related to Multilateral Environment Agreements in African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries Phase II Project” known as ACP MEA’s 2. The Project is implemented by UN Environment with SPREP as the Pacific hub.

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SPREP REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES HIGHLIGHTED AT GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING



Regional and international infrastructure and environmental planning experts gathered at a symposium held 25-27 June 2018, at Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji to learn and share ideas on new concepts for Green Infrastructure and financing development in the Pacific. An aim of the symposium was to highlight the importance of proper safe guards for projects to drive and protect sustainable development.

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VANUATU TO BENEFIT FROM DROUGHT INFORMATION



Compared to other extreme events, drought is referred to as the quiet or silent disaster – a slow onset hazard. In the Pacific where most of the islands rely on rain fed water sources, the impacts of drought on our water supply are devastating.

The Vanuatu Meteorological Geo-Hazard Division is proactively preparing for possible future drought through technical training on drought monitoring using a specialised climate forecasting and monitoring tool. This will provide reliable early warning information to the range of sectors, disaster managers and stakeholders including media at a national workshop held 26–27 July.

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RAKA 7S TOURNAMENT 2017 AWARDED INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR FOR HOSTING A PLASTIC FREE EVENT



The first plastic-free sporting event in Fiji has received international recognition for its efforts to reduce the amount of waste generated at sports tournaments.

In November last year, Fiji hosted the inaugural Raka Rugby 7's tournament which saw 80 club teams compete. What made this tournament in Fiji stand out was that the whole two day event was plastic-free.

SPREP worked with the Raka 7s Sustainability Coordinator, to promote good environmental practices amongst the players during the tournament.

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SCHOOLS SING TO PROMOTE BAN ON PLASTICS IN VANUATU



'This planet is not a rubbish bin', 'we must care for the environment', 'Save animals and marine lives' were some key messages highlighted at a singing competition in Port Vila, Vanuatu to promote a nationwide ban on plastic straws, single-use plastic shopping bags and polystyrene takeaway boxes that came into effect on 1 July, 2018.

Organised by Vanuatu's popular theatre group, Wan Smolbag Theatre, the Efate Schools Plastic Ban Singing Competition attracted five main primary schools from around Port Vila.

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ENGINEERING STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE



Thirty-three Engineering university students and five facilitators with the organisation Engineers Without Borders Australia (were in Samoa from 2 – 14 July on a Humanitarian Design Summit program study tour. They visited SPREP to learn more about Pacific environment challenges and solutions.

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