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Dear Members, Partners and Colleagues,

SUBJECT: Tribute to Manasa Katonivualiku, Project Development Specialist in Climate Resilience and Adaptation Officer of SPREP



It is with great sadness that we share this news with you.

A member of our SPREP family, our dear colleague Mr Manasa Katonivualiku passed away after a brief illness on 11 February this year, while on duty travel in Vanuatu, and was laid to rest in his home island country of Fiji on 16 February, 2019.

Manasa was the Project Development Specialist Climate Resilience and Adaptation within our Project Coordination Unit. He was a valuable member of our Project Coordination Unit with SPREP, and since joining us in June last year he helped make an impact in our region as he worked with our Members and partners primarily to develop relevant projects for the Green Climate and the Adaptation Fund in their endeavor to be resilient. Born to Ratu Eparama Katonivualiku from Naduri, Macuata and Katarina Tinai from Soa, Nakorotubu, Ra, in Fiji, Manasa is the third child in a family of four boys and two girls.

Having worked across the region with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific before joining us at SPREP, Manasa has touched the lives of many in the Pacific.

He worked alongside many different Pacific colleagues at workshops and conferences, and was also warmly welcomed by our Pacific island Members in the different SPREP missions he was a part of.

We thank you all for the kindness you have shown Manasa while at SPREP and we commemorate his professional life with you. While he was a valued SPREP staff colleague he was also our treasured friend. We will miss his gentle nature and we are extremely grateful for the time we had with Manasa. We will always remember him with much fondness and love.

Our deepest heartfelt condolences and sympathies go out to Manasa's family and friends. We have lost a true son of our Pacific.

May Manasa Rest in Eternal Love and Peace.



Kosi Latu
Director General