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MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Kia orana fom SPREP,

The month of May was jam-packed with important meetings and workshops across the Pacific region.

The inaugural Pacific Resilience Meeting, the first to be held under the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific was held in Suva, Fiji at the beginning of the month. It brought together 300 people to discuss how to build Pacific island resilience to climate change and disasters. Malo lava to all the agencies who came together to make this meeting happen.

The XVI Pacific Games will be held in Samoa in July this year, and Samoa is Greening the Games. This means it is aiming to reduce the use of single-use plastic bottles, flatware and polystyrene packaging at sporting venues, accommodation houses and restaurants. SPREP is proud to be working with the Government of Samoa and partners to bring about what is to be the catalyst for more environmentally friendly Pacific Games to be held in the future.

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Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

SPREP-Tok LATEST NEWS



GETTING READY FOR THE SAMOA 2019 PACIFIC GAMES!

The first of three "Clean-Up Days" in preparation for the Samoa 2019 Pacific Games was held on Saturday 25 May 2019. The clean-up was part of the "Beautiful Samoa - Keep it Clean and Plastic Free" campaign, which aims to reduce the plastics that are polluting our waterways, oceans, and villages and was done in partnership with the Government of Samoa.

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SPREP AND EU HELPING THE PACIFIC TO DEAL WITH WASTE RELATED ISSUES



Representatives from fifteen (15) Pacific islands gathered in Nadi in May in the framework of the Pacific-European Union Waste Management Programme (PacWaste) to discuss how to reduce the production of, and improve the management of, hazardous wastes, solid wastes and waterways impacted by solid waste in the Pacific, including Fiji.

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LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT IN THE PACIFIC SHARED THE PACIFIC ISLAND WAY



What does a globally renowned Pacific island comedian and low carbon development have in common? Everything. Mr Tofiga Fepulea'i, a Pacific entertainment icon was the moderator for key sessions, including that which focussed on Low Carbon Development.

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CLIMATE SCIENCE CENTRAL TO BUILDING RESILIENT PACIFIC COMMUNITIES



The crucial role of science to help informed decision making in the face of climate change was stressed during a gathering of Pacific Met Directors and partners in the Cook Islands in May.

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ENHANCING RESILIENCE IN NIUE THROUGH ACCESS TO WEATHER AND CLIMATE INFORMATION



Reducing risk, and saving lives and livelihoods in Niue is at the core of a new project launched this week in the island nation. The project will enhance the access to and understanding of weather, climate and disaster information from their National Meteorological Service.

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NEW ZEALAND THE NEWEST PARTNER OF THE CLIMATE AND OCEAN SUPPORT PROGRAMME IN THE PACIFIC



The Government of New Zealand were commended for its support towards climate and ocean science work in the Pacific islands through the Climate and Ocean Support Programme in the Pacific (Phase 2).

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PNG LAUNCHES DATA PORTAL AND DATA SHARING POLICY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



The Papua New Guinea environment landscape boasts a rich biodiversity with unique plants and animals supporting a culturally diverse indigenous population. Brisbane, Australia.

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SOLOMON ISLANDS WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY HELPS ADDRESS SDGS AND MULTI-LATERAL ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENTS (MEAS)



Solomon Islands has a rich environment with diverse marine and terrestrial biodiversity which is increasingly threatened by human-induced activities, including uncontrolled and poor waste management practices.

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PARTNERSHIP TO PROTECT OCEANS AT RISK FROM WORLD WAR II WRECKS' OIL SPILLS



A remediation programme to protect island ecosystems from damage caused by oil pollution from World War II wrecks sunk in the Pacific Ocean was launched in Newcastle Harbour in May.

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NEW WEBSITE FOR COOK ISLANDS METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE



Cook Islanders can now access their national weather, climate and ocean information at the touch of a button with the launch of the new Cook Islands Meteorological Service website – www.met.gov.ck.

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PACIFIC ISLANDS IDENTIFY WASTE MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES



Participants from across the Pacific region gathered in Nadi, Fiji in May to discuss and decide on national and regional priorities to guide the implementation of the Pacific-European Union Waste Management Programme (PacWaste Plus) for sustainable waste management in the Pacific.

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COOK ISLANDS PREPARES FOR EARLY ACTION RAINFALL WATCH



Cook Islands stakeholders participated in a workshop to identify the impacts of year-to-year rainfall change on a range of environmental variables for example taro production.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PACIFIC RESILIENCE MEETING, 1 - 3 MAY 2019, SUVA, FIJI.



INAUGURAL PACIFIC RESILIENCE MEETING KICKS OFF IN SUVA



LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT IN THE PACIFIC - "IT MAKES SENSE."



"PACIFIC TAKE A STAND" COMPETITION WINNERS ACKNOWLEDGED AT PRM



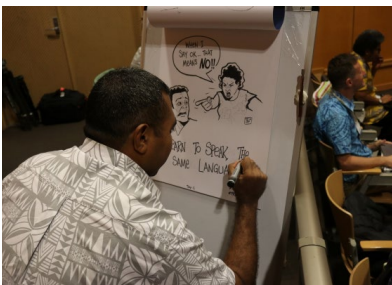
EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS HELPING TO BUILD RESILIENCE IN TUVALU



AUSTRALIA PACIFIC CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP EMPOWERING YOUTH IN CLIMATE CHANGE



BUILDING PACIFIC RESILIENCE - WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER



CARTOON-ISING THE PACIFIC RESILIENCE MEETING



CALL FOR MORE YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS



VANUATU MULTI-HAZARD EARLY WARNING, SEISMIC AND VOLCANIC SYSTEMS HIGHLIGHTED AT THE PACIFIC RESILIENCE MEETING



FUTURE OF INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT IN THE PACIFIC DISCUSSED AT THE PACIFIC RESILIENCE WEEK



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