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MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Talofa and greetings from the Secretariat,

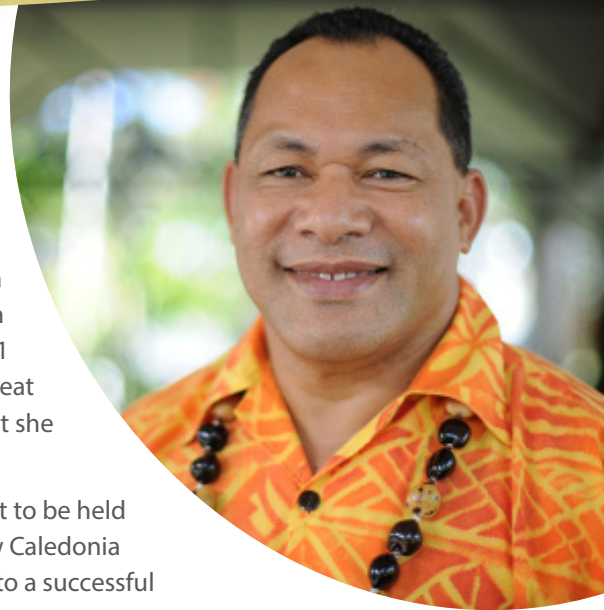
It is my pleasure to present you with another issue of the SPREP-Tok.

In the month of February, we received great news about Ms Brianna Fruean, SPREP's first Youth Ambassador. Ms Fruean worked closely with the Secretariat as a Youth Ambassador in 2015 when she was only 16 years old. This year, she has been nominated for the "University of Canterbury Young New Zealander of the Year 2021 award", and we couldn't be happier for her success. Ms Fruean continues to be a great ambassador for the Pacific in the space of climate change, and I have no doubt that she has a bright future ahead of her.

Planning is well underway for the Third Clean Pacific Roundtable, which was meant to be held in October last year but had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. New Caledonia will be hosting the event in partnership with the Secretariat, and we look forward to a successful virtual event come August this year.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the SPREP-Tok.

Soifua,



Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

SPREP-Tok - NEWS FROM SPREP



THIRD CLEAN PACIFIC ROUNDTABLE IN EARLY STAGES OF VIRTUAL PLANNING

New Caledonia, in partnership with SPREP, is on track to host the Third Clean Pacific Roundtable this year. Originally scheduled for October last year, the event was postponed due to COVID-19.

It will be delivered in collaboration with the private sector through Acotred Pacific, the cluster of Pacific waste collection and treatment professionals that was formed in 2021.

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ONWARDS AND UPWARDS! FORMER SPREP YOUTH AMBASSADOR NOMINATED FOR PRESTIGIOUS NEW ZEALAND AWARD



The nomination of Ms Brianna Fruean for the “University of Canterbury Young New Zealander of the Year 2021 - Te Mātātahi o te Tau” award was a joyful moment for SPREP.

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DEALING WITH DISASTER WASTE THIS CYCLONE SEASON IN THE PACIFIC



Tropical cyclones, floods, and other natural disasters can generate large quantities of waste, including building debris, fallen trees, and hazardous waste.

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IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING KNOWLEDGE GAPS IN ADAPTATION IN THE PACIFIC REGION



The Pacific islands have repeatedly been recognised as one of the most vulnerable regions to the impacts of climate change. However, a key international initiative has acknowledged the existence of research and data gaps in Small Island Developing States such as the Pacific.

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GCF FUNDING TO STRENGTHEN CLIMATE AND OCEANS OBSERVATION FOR VANUATU



The Vanuatu Meteorology and Geohazards Department has received funding support from the Green Climate Fund to strengthen and expand its climate and oceans observation networks.

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STAY UP TO DATE ON PROTECTED AND CONSERVED AREAS



Protected and conserved areas are vital for keeping biodiversity intact and safeguarding essential ecosystem services for human well-being as well as supporting community livelihoods for the Pacific region.

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LEARNING FROM VANUATU: CLEARING DISASTER WASTE AFTER TROPICAL CYCLONE HAROLD



Following the massive clean-up efforts by Vanuatu government to safely collect and correctly dispose the tremendous amount of disaster waste generated following the impact of Tropical Cyclone Harold, a request for further support towards the clean-up efforts was made to SPREP.

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