MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Greetings from the Secretariat,

The month of May brought with it some very important events for the Secretariat.

Firstly, we signed a new partnership agreement with the Government of Australia, formalising their commitment for SPREP’s programmes and our 21 Pacific island Member countries.

Australia has been a longstanding supporter of the Secretariat, dating back to 1993 when we were first established, and I am pleased that they have continued to stand by us and support us in our goal of realising a resilient Pacific environment. I would like to thank the Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Hon. Zed Seselja who signed the agreement on behalf of the Government of Australia, and I look forward to working hand-in-hand with them in the future.

We have been working tirelessly with our partners to enhance the Pacific Climate Change Centre, and in May we conducted a regional dialogue with the sole purpose of engaging Pacific voices on how we can enhance the key roles and functions of the Centre for a resilient Pacific. I would like to thank those who took part in the dialogue, and look forward to the outcomes translating to actions moving forward.

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Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

AUSTRALIA AND SPREP STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable development across the Pacific is at the core of a strengthened partnership between Australia and SPREP. A new partnership agreement was signed in May formalising ongoing commitment from Australia for SPREP’s programmes for 21 Pacific island members.

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PACIFIC SOIL BIODIVERSITY: PROTECTING LIFE BELOW GROUND

Our Pacific voice is being heard in the global conversation to shape the future of our soil biodiversity. Pacific island agriculture and biodiversity government representatives came together in this topic which cuts across both the environment and agriculture sectors.

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REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRE COMMENCES

The Regional Dialogue on “Pacific Climate Change Centre – Promise and Offer to Pacific island countries and territories amid the pandemic”, designed to enhance key roles and functions of the Centre for a resilient Pacific was held in May.

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OUR PEOPLE, OUR PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT: Q AND A WITH LUPE SILULU

We introduce you to one of three staff members of SPREP that have been with us since it was formed in 1992. Ms Lupe Silulu is our Records and Archives Officer.

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SPREP CONGRATULATES THE APEC CLIMATE CENTER, NOW A MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL CLIMATE CENTRE NETWORK

With a history of around eight years of providing climate information services in the Pacific island region, the APEC Climate Centre has officially become a member of the WMO RA-V Pacific Regional Climate Centre Network node on long-range forecasting.

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