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## 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 longtime 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 translate to actions moving forward.

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Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

## SPREP-Tok - NEWS FROM 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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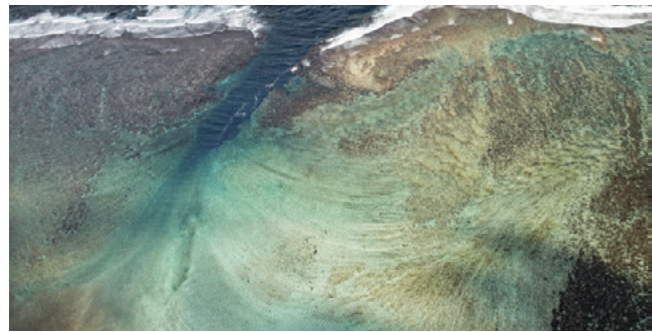
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Our vision: A resilient Pacific environment sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures.

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THE PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRE, BUILDING A KNOWLEDGEABLE REGION



The Pacific Climate Change Centre is taking giant strides to grow a knowledgeable Pacific islands people. This “home base” for building our very own Pacific climate change experts of all ages now has a popular e-Learning platform.

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OUR PEOPLE, OUR PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT: Q AND A WITH RACHEL CHANKAY LEVI



Rachel ChanKay Levi, an Accountant based at SPREP has worked with the Secretariat for nearly ten years, having started in 2012. Rachel is part of a team known as the “engine room” of the Secretariat.

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VANUATU COMMUNITY LEADERS AND PROVINCIAL STAKEHOLDERS APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY CLIMATE CENTRES



More than 20,000 community members in Torba and SANMA Provinces in Vanuatu will directly benefit from the establishment of community centres under the Vanuatu Kalemot Blong Redy, Adapt mo Protekt (Van-KIRAP) project.

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DATA HELPS OVERCOME PACIFIC CONSERVATION CHALLENGES IN REMOTE ISLANDS.



The easiest way to communicate in the Marshall Islands is by satellite radio. Cell towers are few, and visits between atolls and the larger islands are just as sporadic.

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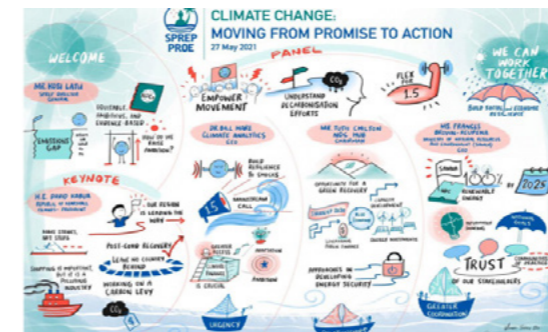
OUR PEOPLE, OUR PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT: Q AND A WITH LUPE SILULU



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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DECARBONISATION IN THE PACIFIC TAKES CENTRE STAGE DURING MOVE FROM PROMISE TO ACTION WEBINAR



The decarbonisation efforts undertaken by the Pacific in a bid to continue to be leaders of the global climate change fight were highlighted during the “Move from Promise to Action” webinar hosted by the Climate Change Resilience programme of SPREP.

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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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SAMOA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIODIVERSITY AT MALOLOLELEI RESERVE



Spending a day in nature was on the agenda for people of Samoa as the International Day for Biological Diversity was celebrated with a special event at Malololelei Recreation Reserve on 22 May 2021.

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KEEPING PACIFIC PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS ON TARGET



Since 2010, protected areas covering almost 21 million km2 have been added to the global network, and within the Pacific islands region, approximately 20 percent of the total marine area is currently protected.

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OUR PEOPLE, OUR PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT: Q AND A WITH EPELI TAGI



We introduce you to Mr Epeli Tagi, the IT Network and Systems Support Engineer at SPREP. Epeli is part of a team of five within the IT team at SPREP that work behind the scenes to service the IT needs of our organisation, as well as supporting our Members.

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