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## MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Talofa lava from the SPREP Campus,

In July, we celebrated a special milestone. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC), the subsidiary body of SPREP established to facilitate and coordinate the scientific and technical programmes of Pacific National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs).

The PMC was established at the Fourteenth Regional Meteorological Services Directors Meeting in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands in 2011. It was established with the aim of strengthening the capacity of NMHSs, thus contributing to the safety, well-being, and development aspirations of the people of the Pacific during the provision of weather, climate, and related development services.

Due to continued border restrictions brought about by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we were not able to come together to celebrate this milestone of ten years of service to the region. However, we were still able to celebrate virtually, with a short ceremony to launch the new PMC 10 years logo, followed by cake-cutting joined by all Pacific NMHSs across the region.

I would like to congratulate the regional Met directors, partners and stakeholders and all those who have played a vital role in the establishment and successful operation of the PMC, without whom we would not have made it this far. May the work continue as there is still much to be done.

When this issue comes out, we will be well into our journey into the last half of 2021. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues on with no end in sight, I would like to encourage all our Member countries to continue the good fight for a resilient Pacific environment which can sustain our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures.

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Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

## SPREP-Tok LATEST NEWS



### PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL COUNCIL CELEBRATES TEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PACIFIC REGION

The Pacific Meteorological Council, the specialised subsidiary body of SPREP established to facilitate and coordinate the scientific and technical programmes and activities of regional meteorological services, is this year celebrating ten years of service to the Pacific region.

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CROCODILE PROTECTION ACT AND ITS REGULATIONS TO BE AMENDED



The drafting of a Bill to amend the Crocodile Trade (Protection) Act 1974 was announced by the Managing Director for Conservation and Environment Protection Authority of Papua New Guinea in July this year.

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ACCESS-S TRAINING TO ENHANCE WEATHER AND CLIMATE FORECASTING



Extreme seasonal and year-to-year variation in climate present a major risk to global society, the economy and the environment. These risks are particularly significant for Pacific island countries and compounded by human caused climate change.

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WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT MARINE SPECIES IN THE PACIFIC



A five-day meeting organised by the SPREP Island and Ocean Ecosystems Programme officially convened at the end of July to review the new Pacific Regional Marine Species Programme (RMSP) 2022-2026.

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PACIFIC FOCUSING ON WASTE THIS WORLD POPULATION DAY



It is projected that world population will increase by 2 billion in 2050, a dramatic growth from 7.7 billion in 2019 to 9.7 billion. With rapid growth, urbanisation and consumer spending habits, waste generation is expected to increase.

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PACIFIC LEADERS JOIN FORCES AHEAD OF LANDMARK CLIMATE SUMMIT



Underscored what is at stake for the Pacific, leaders and Ministers from 11 countries across the region joined a virtual dialogue hosted by the UK to outline their commitment to ramping up climate action and urge for more decisive action from the largest greenhouse gas emitters.

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EMPOWERING PACIFIC YOUTH THIS WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY



In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared 15 July as World Youth Skills Day, to celebrate the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.

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THE EUROPEAN UNION INVESTS EUR 9 MILLION IN CLIMATE INFORMATION SERVICES IN THE PACIFIC



A five-year EUR 9 million project aimed at strengthening the production, availability, delivery and application of science-based information, supporting decision makers was launched at the Pacific Climate Change Centre in Samoa.

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SPREP REACCREDITED TO WORLD'S LARGEST CLIMATE FUND



SPREP has been successfully reaccredited to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) as a Regional Implementing Entity. Pacific island Members can apply for GCF funding for climate change adaptation and mitigation projects through SPREP.

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BREAKING BARRIERS WITH INCLUSIVE DECISION MAKING FOR THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL IN THE PACIFIC



SPREP hosted the fourth webinar series on the topic of Prior Informed Consent and Mutually Agreed Terms under the Nagoya Protocol of the Convention on Biological Diversity on 13 July.

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COOK ISLANDS MOVE FORWARD TO IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE FINANCING FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT



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