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Message from the Director General of SPREP

Ni sa bula vinaka.

An innovative tool to help realise our vision of “a resilient Pacific environment, sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures” was recently launched at our Vailima headquarters.

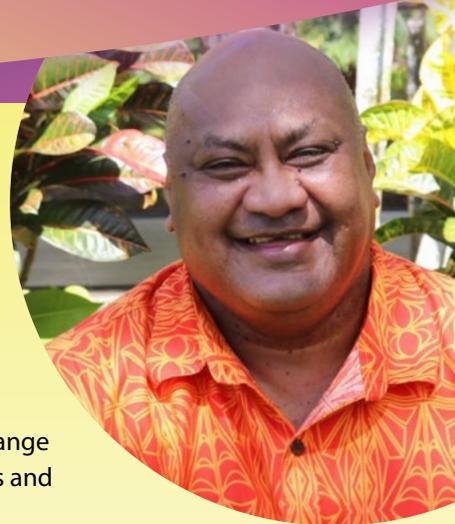
The Tomai Pacifique website gives all our members easy access to immediate response from more than a hundred Pacific and global policy and technical experts on various issues linked to climate change resilience including mitigation, adaptation and food security. The undertaking by SPREP, our partners and donors provides a wonderful opportunity for our members to access this registry of experts.

I am excited about this development. It is not just a positive step to promote environmental cooperation in the Pacific region and around the world, it also aligns with our aspirations to be more innovative and to utilise modern technology to serve the priority needs of our Pacific Island countries.

The word “tomai” speaks of knowledge and wisdom. Tomai is ongoing, transformative and it always evolves depending on the needs and circumstances. We look forward to seeing our Pacific members tap into the power of this new tool, as we continue to talanoa and share our tomai for the betterment of our Pacific people.

Vinaka vaka levu!

Sefanaia Nawadra



SPREP-Tok LATEST NEWS



Platform providing rapid expert response on climate change to Pacific island countries officially launched

Pacific island countries and territories now have access to immediate response from global and Pacific experts on climate change with the launching of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme’s (SPREP) new Tomai Pacifique website.

The Tomai Pacifique network is a collaborative undertaking by SPREP and its development partners and donors with the aim of providing a registry of experts who can provide assistance on various issues linked to climate change resilience including mitigation, adaptation, and food security.

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Extreme weather events in the news add to Vision Pasifika Media Award interest

General SPREP News

Interest is growing in the 2022 Vision Pasifika Media Awards as the countdown to the closing date draws near on 10 August 2022.

Since the competition was launched in June, SPREP continues to receive inquiries from members of the Pacific media fraternity, who are keen and are working on submitting entries.

The awards invite entries from Pacific media workers on published or broadcast stories, from 1 January 2022 to 10 August 2022, that highlight the region's climate change challenges and the way Pacific people have addressed or are addressing these for survival.

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Samoa Ocean Strategy video calls for global response to avert worst climate scenarios

Island and Ocean Ecosystems

Samoa might be a small country in the eyes of the world but when it comes to matters of the Ocean, it is a large ocean state. As such, Samoa is home to exceptional habitats such as seamounts, coral reefs, mangroves, and oceanic basins, which contribute significantly to the economy and the identity of Samoan people.

That is the message from the Government of Samoa in a video it has recently released to the global masses to promote its Samoa Ocean Strategy (SOS). Launched in 2020, the SOS seeks to protect 30%, and sustainably manage 100% of our Ocean by 2030.

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Cook Islands share impact analysis experience, highlights the value of right balance of data

Climate Change Resilience

The Cook Islands has shared its experience from using an Impact analysis (IA) methodology which helped them better understand the level of influence of past adaptation interventions in select areas, with fellow Pacific practitioners, to help inform future planning of similar actions.

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Kiwa Initiative sets course for stronger regional cooperation for climate change adaptation in the Pacific

Island and Ocean Ecosystems

The Kiwa Initiative 5th Steering Committee meeting brought together key dignitaries and representatives from Kiwa donors - European Union, Agence française de développement, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada - and from the three Pacific Islands sub-regions, in Suva, Fiji.

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Marine ecosystem rehabilitation for five villages in Savaii, Samoa

Climate Change Resilience

The impacts of climate change on our oceans and especially coastal areas that support Pacific livelihoods is a concern to many coastal communities. The rate of sea level rise and storm surges affecting shoreline retreat, marine heatwaves near the coastal waters of Samoa are some of the impacts that communities are already facing.

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PACRES holds its national stakeholders workshop in Solomon Islands

Climate Change Resilience

A workshop to validate and update the Honiara Botanic Gardens and Honiara CBD Greening and Landscape Master Plan, as well as to conduct project site visits and courtesy visits to Honiara stakeholders, including line ministries, was hosted by the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Building (PACRES) Project.

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Tuvalu launches State of Environment report and National Environment Management Strategy

Environmental Monitoring and Governance

The Government of Tuvalu launched their State of Environment (SOE) Report 2022 and the National Environmental Management Strategies (NEMS) 2022-2026 during the National Environmental Week which was held on the 27 June 2022. Derived from the international World Environment Day theme of One World Only, the theme for the Environment Week was "Only One Tuvalu".

The Tuvalu SOE Report 2022 contains quantitative environmental data and is structured around four thematic areas. They are: Environmental Governance; Coastal and Marine; Atmosphere and Climate; and Built Environment. It utilises 26 measurable environmental indicators to provide insights for sound environmental decision making. The SOE report further highlights the key drivers and environmental pressures such as climate vulnerabilities, waste management, and pollution.

Despite environmental pressures and challenges identified and highlighted in the report, significant efforts have been made by the Government of Tuvalu to address these issues. The SOE report reflects that almost half of the indicators assessed are improving in trends and levels of greenhouse emissions remain low.

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