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MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Warm greetings from the SPREP campus,

August saw the convening of the Fifth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council on the beautiful shores of Samoa. It brought together representatives from National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in the Pacific, development partners, and the private sector with the main purpose of strengthening climate and weather services in the Pacific. It was a productive week and a half of meetings and pre-meetings, which resulted in the production of a Report and an Outcomes Statement, which will guide the work of Pacific NMHSs until the next meeting of the PMC.

Two important Conferences of the Parties (COP) also took place towards the end of August, in the lead-up to the biennial SPREP Meeting of Officials. The Noumea and Waigani Convention COPs convened in Apia, with a focus on key environment issues in relation to the organisational aspects of the Conventions.

You will be able to read about these important meetings and more on the work that was carried out by the Secretariat in this issue of the SPREP-Tok.

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Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

SPREP-Tok LATEST NEWS

THE PMC VAKA JOURNEY CONTINUES AT 5TH PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL COUNCIL MEETING

The journey of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) Vaka continues, with the 5th meeting of the PMC, under the theme of "Science to Services for a Resilient Pacific", officially commencing in Apia in August.

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA STAKEHOLDERS MEET TO VALIDATE STATE OF ENVIRONMENT REPORT



The draft State of Environment (SOE) report for Papua New Guinea is being finalised through a validation consultation workshop with key national environment stakeholders under the leadership of the PNG Conservation and Environment Protection Authority.

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SCIENTIFIC REPORTS ON OCEAN AND CRYOSPHERE CRUCIAL FOR PACIFIC ISLANDS



In September this year, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change will release a special report on the ocean and the cryosphere, helping to give science-based answers on how a changing climate will impact these areas, and us all.

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NEW MECHANISM TO STRENGTHEN INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT IN THE PACIFIC



A new milestone is being reached for the Pacific islands, with the very first Pacific Invasive Species Management course coordinated by SPREP with the Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service.

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NEXT GENERATION OF CLIMATE PROJECT FOR A RESILIENT PACIFIC



In the effort to build a resilient Pacific region, countries and partners across the region are dealing with a need for new analysis and guidance for climate predictions. These tools will help them better deal with climatic disruptions and events.

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INFORM PROJECT MEETING REVIEWS IMPACT ON IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING



The regional Inform project held a meeting in August to review progress towards building national and regional capacity to improve environmental decision-making through strengthening planning and reporting in the Pacific.

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MANA CLASSES ON NAVIGATING THE INTRICACIES OF RADIO BROADCASTING



“We do not need to ‘dumb down’ our terminology and language. What we need to do is raise people’s understanding of that language.”

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SAMOA COLLEGES IN SPEECH COMPETITION ON CLIMATE CHANGE



Students from colleges around Upolu competed in a speech contest that revolved around issues relating to the theme of “Climate Change” with support from SPREP and the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture.

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TALANOA SESSION BRINGS PACIFIC MET SERVICES, DONORS AND PARTNERS TOGETHER



The first ever ‘Tanoa Session’ bringing together Pacific National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), key donors, partners, and the private sector working in climate and weather services was held in August in Apia, Samoa.

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POLICY ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING DRAFTED FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS



The Republic of the Marshall Islands acceded to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilisation to the Convention on Biological Diversity on 10 October 2014.

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PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE CENTRE OPENING NEXT MONTH



The construction of the Pacific Climate Change Centre will be complete in early September, according to a report by SPREP Director General, Mr. Kosi Latu. Mr. Latu delivered his report to the Fifth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council in Apia, Samoa.

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THE 15TH MEETING OF THE NOUMEA CONVENTION CONVENES IN APIA



The 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Noumea Convention, focused on various key environment issues in relation to the organisational aspects of the convention, convened in Apia in August.

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PACIFIC ISLANDS ENVIRONMENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Nominations are open for the second Pacific Islands Environmental Leadership Awards!

The awards promote and celebrate outstanding contributions of individuals, communities, non-governmental organisations and private enterprises in achieving an environmentally sustainable and resilient Pacific.

For more information or to make a nomination, visit www.pacificnatureconference.com/

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PMC-5



SAMOA MET SERVICE GROWING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH



INAUGURAL PACIFIC MET COUNCIL AWARDS RECOGNISE OUTSTANDING SERVICES IN METEOROLOGY



ROLE OF MEDIA ACKNOWLEDGED AT FIFTH PACIFIC MET COUNCIL MEETING



PROGRESS MADE ON THE PACIFIC REGIONAL CLIMATE CENTRE



PMC ADDRESSES NEED FOR CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE AND SERVICES RESEARCH



SOLOMON ISLANDS FACE ONGOING TSUNAMI RISK



ROK-PI CLIPS PHASE 2 TO STRENGTHEN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES IN THE PACIFIC



CALL FOR MORE DEFINED PMC AND NMHS ROLE IN OCEAN ACIDIFICATION IN THE PACIFIC



THE FIFTH PACIFIC MET COUNCIL COMES TO A CLOSE



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