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MESSAGE FROM MR. KOSI LATU, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPREP

Greetings from the Secretariat,

The month of September was a busy one for the Secretariat, as we hosted our 30th SPREP Meeting of Officials and the Environment Ministers' High-Level Talanoa from 7-10 September 2021. The biennial SPREP Meeting of Officials brings together representatives from SPREP's 21 Pacific island and five Metropolitan Member countries and territories to discuss strategic programme and governance issues pertaining to the organisation and to approve the 2022-2023 work programme and budget. Both meetings were a success and I commend the hard work of our Members and especially our SPREP staff in making this happen.

One of the notable achievements from the 30th SPREP Meeting of Officials was the selection of Mr Sefanaia Nawadra as the incoming Director General of SPREP. Mr Nawadra is no stranger to the organisation, having held many roles over the years, including the Director of Environmental Monitoring and Governance position before he joined the United Nations Environment Programme. I have every confidence that he will continue to steer SPREP in the right direction when he takes up his position as Director General.

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Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP.

SPREP-Tok LATEST NEWS

MR SEFANAIA NAWADRA APPOINTED NEW SPREP DIRECTOR GENERAL

Mr Sefanaia Nawadra is the new Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme. Announced at the 30th SPREP Meeting of Officials, Mr Nawadra, a national of Fiji, will take over at the helm of the Pacific's premiere organisation for the conservation of the environment in April 2022.

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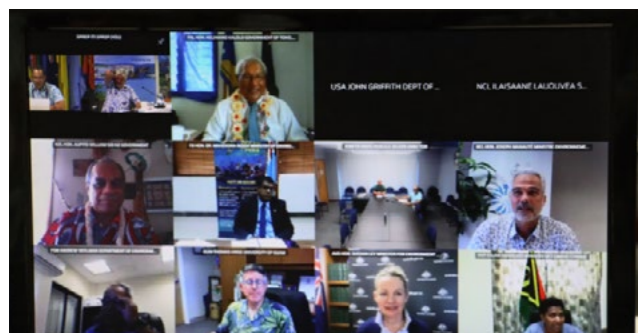
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PACIFIC MINISTERS REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO TACKLING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IMPACTING REGION



Honourable Ministers from around the Pacific gathered virtually to participate in a “Talanoa” to discuss some of the pertinent key priority issues bearing direct impact on responsive and pragmatic actions for a resilient Pacific.

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PACIFIC ISLANDS CONTINUE THEIR FIGHT FOR A 1.5° WORLD



Building a strong Pacific islands negotiations block at the world’s largest climate change conference is gaining momentum less than two months away from the Twenty-Sixth Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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VANUATU COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS



Four communities in Vanuatu have committed to a “Ridge to Reef” ecosystem management approach under a partnership with SPREP and the Government of Vanuatu.

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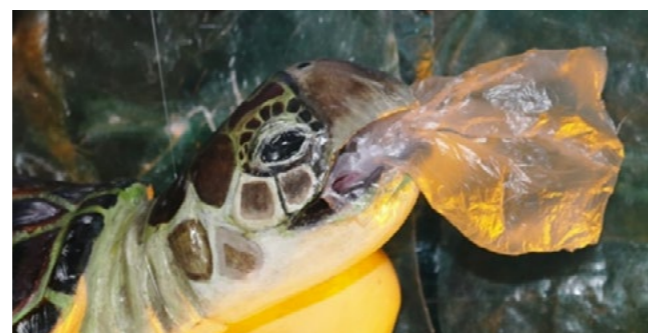
ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS GUIDEBOOK FOR THE PACIFIC LAUNCHED



A useful easy-to-access guide designed to help SPREP member countries implement and track environmental indicators has been launched by SPREP through its Environmental Monitoring and Governance programme.

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PACIFIC LEADERS CALL FOR URGENT ACTION ON MARINE LITTER AND PLASTIC POLLUTION



Pacific leaders and high-level representatives put forth a Pacific Regional Declaration on the Prevention of Marine Litter and Plastic Pollution and its impacts for voluntary endorsement during the Environment Ministers’ High-Level talanoa held in September.

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SPREP STAFF UNDERGO FIRST AID AND FIRE EMERGENCY TRAINING



SPREP staff participated in a three-day First Aid and Fire Emergency training delivered by the Samoa Fire and Emergency Services Authority at their Vailima campus.

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SECURING CLIMATE FINANCING TO BUILD RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE PACIFIC REGION



Emerging opportunities and challenges in accessing climate finance to build resilience to climate change in the Pacific were identified during the second day of the 30th SPREP Meeting of Officials

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SPREP MEMBERS ENDORSE KEY DOCUMENTS ON CONSERVATION AND THE STATE OF THE PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT



Three key documents were endorsed by SPREP Member countries and territories during the second day of the 30th SPREP Meeting of Officials. The documents were presented to the Members and observers by SPREP technical experts who had worked in collaboration with Members and partners to develop and approve the final versions.

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PARTIES TO THE NOUMEA CONVENTION CONVENE 16TH COP



The 16th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention for the Protection of Natural Resources and Environment in the Pacific Region, also known as the Noumea Convention, officially convened in September.

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SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT WORK CONTINUES DESPITE COVID-19 CHALLENGES



The work to achieve sustainable management of solid waste in the Pacific region continues under the Japanese Technical Cooperation Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific island countries, Phase II Project (J-PRISM II)

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2020 ACHIEVEMENTS HIGHLIGHTED ON DAY 1 OF SPREP MEETING



The achievements of SPREP during the year 2020 were highlighted during the first day of the 30th SPREP Meeting of Officials, as Director General Kosi Latu presented the newly-released Annual Report to its Members.

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OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION RECOGNISED



Fourteen individuals and non-governmental organisations from seven countries across the Pacific were awarded the prestigious Pacific Islands Environment Leadership Awards at the conclusion of the Environment Ministers’ High Level Talanoa.

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