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SPREP Highlights for September 2008



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19th SPREP Meeting in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

Landmark SPREP Annual Meeting held in Pohnpei

It is a time of change for SPREP, reflected in the agenda of the Governing Council of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, which concluded its 19th Annual Meeting in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, in September.

In addition to the usual reviews of SPREP substantive programmes, dominating this year's agenda were the report of the Independent Corporate Review (ICR), sustainable financing of the organisation, and matters related to the Regional Institutional Framework (RIF) process. The selection of a new Director, Ms. Cristelle Pratt, continued this theme of change.

Completed in mid-2008, the ICR was designed to identify ways in which the organisation could be made more effective, both in terms of actions by the Secretariat and through greater support from SPREP Members.

While it praised the work of SPREP in the past and reiterated the need for a separate, dedicated regional environmental organisation, the review team issued numerous recommendations for ways to enhance the work of the organisation. These were considered and discussed by the annual meeting, which ultimately adopted more than 20 specific recommendations of its own based on the report.

Also as highlighted in the ICR, the issue of financing the organisation was subject to a wide range of views and approaches. The Secretariat explained that it was facing significant budgetary constraints at a time when it was also having increasing difficulty attracting and retaining

staff. A number of proposals were considered that would improve collection of unpaid member contributions and adjust the scale of member contributions. However, Members were reluctant to agree to any increase in contributions, particularly at a time of great change for SPREP.

As such, the meeting adopted a salary increase for SPREP support staff, but directed the Secretariat to fund this through cost savings elsewhere. Proposed salary increases for professional staff were deferred to the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Of all the changes being proposed for SPREP, the greatest is likely to come as a result of the RIF process. At this year's Pacific Island Forum Leaders meeting in Niue, the Forum directed SPREP and SOPAC to begin work on undertaking a merger of the two organisations, and report back to the 20th SPREP meeting in 2009. There was widespread support for this initiative in order to enhance efficiency of the work undertaken by both SPREP and SOPAC in areas of common interest. However, many delegations cautioned against any diminution of the level of services provided by either organisation as a result of the merger, and those countries not members of the Forum also expressed concern being mandated to take action by an organisation of which they were not part.

Ms. Pratt was selected to succeed Asterio Takesy, who concludes his six-year term in December 2008. Ms. Pratt currently serves as Director of SOPAC, and as such will be well-positioned to oversee the merger of the two organisations under the RIF process.



L - R The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Mr Yvo de Boer with outgoing SPREP Director Mr Asterio Takesy

Other actions taken at the meeting included endorsement of 2009 as the Pacific Year of Climate Change, adoption of the annual report for 2007, and endorsement of a consolidated reporting template for member countries to regional multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).

In addition to the main conference, more than ten separate side events were held on a wide range of environmental topics.

Approximately 200 delegates attended the meeting, the first to be held in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). All present thanked the government of the FSM for its excellent meeting preparation and to the people of Pohnpei for the warm hospitality extended to participants.

The 20th SPREP Meeting will be held in Apia in September 2009.

New Director of SPREP

Ms. Cristelle Pratt was appointed as the new Director of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) at the nineteenth SPREP Meeting in Pohnpei, FSM this month.

Ms Pratt is currently the Director of the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission in Fiji (SOPAC), having been appointed to the position in 2003. As the incoming Director of SPREP, she will be replacing Mr Asterio Takesy, who is completing his second term in office as head of the inter-governmental environment organisation.

Mr Takesy is the first Micronesian to hold the position of Director, having had a career as a prominent public servant in FSM. He previously served as Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Secretary of Resources and Development, chief foreign policy adviser to the President and Executive Director of the Joint Committee on Compact Economic Negotiations during a career that spans over three decades.

Mr Takesy's second term as Director ends in January 2009.



L: Mbokona School Team from the Solomon Islands making signs, R: Lycee Grand team from Noumea prepares for site surveys

Pacific Year of the Reef Update

Reports of coral planting, mangrove restoration, designing underwater trails, improvements in recycling and waste disposal, enforcement of speed boat limits, promotion of sustainable fishing practices, and community endorsement and participation in other youth-designed actions to improve the health of coral reefs poured in as Phase 2 of the 'challengecoralreef' competition closed at the end of September.

Eleven teams from eight SPREP members participated in the second phase of this regional competition for secondary school-aged Pacific residents. Phase 2 saw the implementation of youth-designed action plans that were developed during Phase 1.

SPREP Director, Mr Asterio Takesy, lauded the enthusiasm of youth teams and support provided by Government agencies, non-Government organisations, and communities that contributed to successful actions by motivated Pacific youth.

"Youth and children of the Pacific that participated in the 'challengecoralreef' competition are all winners. They stand as shining examples of taking steps to make differences for the betterment to of our coral reef resources," Takesy said.

The youth actions were as diverse as the reef life they aimed to save and protect, reflecting the wide range of threats facing coral reefs and coastal habitats in Pacific islands. Reducing littering was a target of all teams; reef monitoring training was conducted in Fiji and Vanuatu; sustainable fishing practices were promoted

in Fiji, Kiribati, and Solomon Islands; and mangrove and coral planting were completed in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. A team from Wallis and Futuna also worked on mangrove restoration and managing protected reefs with the aim of Mauke School in Cook Islands.

Implementing these and supporting and supporting these actions was made possible by funding assistance from SPREP and partner organisations as part of the 2008 Pacific Year of the Reef campaign.

The success of this competition and other SPREP coral reef work projects were presented at the General Meeting of the Coral Reef Initiatives for the Pacific (CRISP) programme that was held at the end of the month of September in Apia. An earlier progress report on the competition, other campaign activities, and CRISP programme work was made at a side event at the 19th meeting of the SPREP Governing Council held in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia earlier in the month.





Training at the Australian Marine Oil Spill Center



PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE FILM FESTIVAL

The Cook Islands now a member of the IMO

After a nine-year process, the Cook Islands are now officially a member of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

As the Cook Islands are not a member state of the United Nations, their application to join the IMO needed the approval of two-thirds of the current IMO members (112). The Cook Islands applied to join the IMO in 1999 and the 112th letter of acceptance from an IMO member was received by the Secretariat on 15 July 2008.

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) are pleased by the formal announcement, which now means there are now 10 Pacific islands countries eligible for IMO member benefits.

“This is really good news, both for the Pacific region as a whole and for the Cook Islands. They are now able to apply for IMO funding for training and capacity building, as well as other enabling mechanisms such as institutional, legislative and technical strengthening,” said SPREP’s Marine Pollution Adviser, Anthony Talouli.

“A positive step like this is encouraging for the other Pacific islands countries - the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau and Niue - which have shown an interest in becoming IMO members. They can follow a process similar to the Cook Islands.”

The Pacific island countries that are IMO members are Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and the Cook Islands.

Pacific Climate Change Film Festival special!

The Pacific Climate Change Film Festival, held in Suva from 23-24 September, represented the third and final phase of the three-part Pacific Climate Change Film Project.

With funding from the British High Commission, Suva, SPREP worked with environmentalists and filmmakers for nine months under the project.

Phase One brought participants together to undergo climate change and documentary training. Phase Two allowed for the participants to return to their home countries and start work on a documentary on climate change which was to be shown during a Pacific climate change film festival, which was the third and final part of the project.

The Pacific Climate Change Film Festival was staged in partnership with the Oceania regional IUCN office. The Festival was open for submissions from filmmakers throughout the Pacific islands and was held over two days at the FIT Raiwai campus, additional screenings were held on request.

SPREP is now working to compile selected films for distribution to regional television stations as part of *The Pacific Way*, a programme of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

Plans are underway to continue the film festival in 2009 as part of the Pacific Year of Climate Change.

The Pacific Climate Change Film Festival and Pacific Climate Change Film Project initiative is a partnership between the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), the Oceania Regional Office for IUCN, and the British High Commission, Suva.



Photo L :A private screening at the Festival; R: : Mr.Taholo Kami (IUCN), Ms. Tami Tabe (Econesians), Mr Roger Sykes (British High Commissioner, Suva)

Festival targets climate change

While films shown at the Pacific climate change film festival offered perspectives unique to the islands concerned, the films also shared a number of common elements. All attempted to make sense of climate change and interpret scientific and technical information using Pacific-focused examples. The urgency to act is also highlighted in all the films, which offer an alternative medium through which to build societal conscience in the Pacific and globally.

"Climate change is perhaps the most pressing social, environmental and economic issue of our time," said Taholo Kami, Director of the Oceania regional office for IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) in Suva. "The impacts of climate will be far-reaching, leaving no-one untouched, although there is little doubt that the poor and those living closest to nature will be affected first."

Espen Ronneberg, Climate Change Advisor at SPREP says, "We hope films such as these will motivate citizens and governments alike to start taking climate change seriously and begin action to plan for and deal with climatic change in the region."

"We have to be pre-emptive if we are to deal with change successfully," he says. "Planning, risk reduction and risk management are key to the idea of successful adaptation."

Ronneberg adds however, that adapting to climate change is only a part of the solution and that a global reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (mainly carbon dioxide) is needed to slow down the rate of climate change and secure the planet's future.

The 17 films, featuring anecdotes from around the region, were screened on 23 and 24 September at the Fiji Institute of Technology's Raiwai Campus in Suva Fiji.

Opening the Festival

The hard work of Pacific filmmakers and environmentalists was celebrated during the launching of the first ever Pacific Climate Change Film Festival.

Mr. Roger Sykes, the British High Commissioner, launched the Pacific Climate Change Film Festival in Suva on the 22nd of September. Over 100 people came together to commemorate the efforts of those who submitted films for the festival. The dedication and commitment of these Pacific filmmakers brings to light the climate change stories from Pacific communities.

"I believe that it is time that we all take responsibility upon ourselves to not only educate ourselves and others and take heed of the warnings that we need to change our habits to save the earth for future generations. Individual action will make a difference. Our actions may seem small and insignificant but it will make a difference." Said Mr. Sykes.

Several films were showcased during the launch of the film festival, 'Global Warming: Who's responsible?' produced by Live and Learn Environment Education, 'Kiribati and Global Warming' and SPREP's Bring your bag DVD. These films were a preview of further films to come during the two-day festival.

The Pacific Climate Change Film Festival is the third phase of a three-part project the first part saw Pacific filmmakers and environmentalists undergo climate change and documentary making in January. The second phase saw them return to their home country in order to produce short films and the third phase is the Pacific Climate Change Film Festival, a showcase of their films, along with other climate change films submitted from the Pacific region.



Photo L: Linda Uan and John Anderson, filmmakers from Kiribati being interviewed by Makereta Komai of PACNEWS; R: Econesians at work

Filmmakers at the Festival

Some of the filmmakers with entries in the Pacific Climate Change Film Festival attended the event to share their stories about making films and encourage other Pacific storytellers to enter the film arena.

Linda Uan and John Anderson of Nei Tabera Ni Kai Video in Kiribati made a presentation at the opening launch, focusing on bringing about social change through the art of filmmaking. A range of regional media stations also interviewed the filmmakers. The filmmakers were able to attend the Festival with support from the British High Commission, Suva.

"I thought we managed to achieve what we wanted to do - to spread awareness to the wider Pacific of the power of film and how it can help share strong messages," said Ms Uan.

Their film, entitled Kiribati and Global Warming, was screened at the launch of the Pacific Climate Change Film Festival and several times during the festival.

Also present at the event was Naamon Marae, the Kiribati filmmaker participating in the Pacific Climate Change Film Project. His entry, The Island of my Ancestors, focuses on climate change impacts in Kiribati and was made in partnership with Television Kiribati Ltd. The film shares climate change stories from Kiribati including the health impacts upon the I-Kiribati people.

The other filmmaker present was Teddy Fong, part of the Econesians group, which produced Open up your eyes in partnership with the University of the South Pacific. The Econesians were interviewed by Radio Australia at the Festival, talking about their film entry, the film festival and their work in general.

Econesians help spread the word at the Festival

The Econesians, an environmental group of students from the University of the South Pacific (USP), worked closely with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the Oceania regional office for IUCN to help make the Pacific Climate Change Film Festival a success.

The students staged an exhibition in the center of the USP campus to promote the Festival and to encourage students to learn more on environmental issues. Linda Uan and John Anderson, filmmakers from Kiribati who submitted films for the festival, were guest speakers at the event.

The Econesians were part of the Pacific Climate Change Film Project funded by the British High Commission-Suva and SPREP. Their submission, entitled Open up your eyes, received positive reviews from audiences at the film festival.

"It was a great experience for members of the Econesians, to be part of the festival," said Tammy Tabe, who heads the group. "We hope to enhance climate change awareness among USP students and other visiting schools by showcasing our film during the USP open day."

The youth group was also part of the special closing of the Pacific climate change film festival. They performed several environmental songs composed and written by Ron Simpson of the Econesians.



23 TUESDAY SEPTEMBER



10.30am – 12.30pm

Film A Global Warming: Who's responsible? *Live and Learn Environmental Education Vanuatu*
Film B Bring your own bag: *SPREP*
Film C Kiribati and Global Warming: *Nei Tabera Ni Kai Production*
Film D mmm.missing taro: *Pacific Black Box Inc*
Film E O le uto ma le Maene, The float and the sinker: Climate change impacts in Samoa: *Paradigm Documentaries*
Film F Climate Witness Series: Meltdown: *Al Jazeera International, TVE, WWF*

Vanuatu (Pacific Climate Change Film Project) **Global Warming: Who's Responsible?**

Live and Learn Environmental Education (Vanuatu: Pidgin/English, 2008, 15:41)

The entry from Vanuatu uses a variety of innovative techniques such as dramatisations and animations to illustrate the impacts of climate change on the country. It examines the concept of "common but differentiated responsibility" and offers a number of constructive solutions for the Vanuatu people to help reduce the island's carbon imprint and to prepare for the adverse effects of climate change.

Kiribati

Kiribati and global warming

Nei Tabera Ni Kai (te taetae ni Kiribati/English, 2008, 15:59)

As a nation comprised entirely of low-lying atolls, Kiribati will bear the brunt of sea level rise resulting from climate change. This unique film looks at ways in which the country and its people are preparing for the challenge, drawing on a rich tradition of overcoming challenges.

Papua New Guinea **mmm.missing.taro**

Pacific Black Box Inc. (Papua New Guinea: Pidgin/English, 2008, 03:14)

Taro is a central part of life in PNG and throughout the Pacific. Unfortunately it is also extremely sensitive to salt water intrusion as the result of climate change. This short film focuses on the dietary and cultural costs of losing these crops.

Samoa (Pacific Climate Change Film Project)

O le uto ma le Maene, The float and the sinker: Climate change impacts in Samoa *
Paradigm Documentaries (Samoan/English, 2008, 28:51)

"E le laa le uto I le maene, pe sopo a'e le tai I le elelee" (the float does not usurp the sinker, nor can the sea encroach on the land) is a verse from a traditional song of the Gataula, a singing group from Asau, Savaii. The song is about the boundaries that exist in the natural and human worlds, boundaries that have been established through the ages to maintain harmony among people and in the environment that sustains them. But these boundaries are collapsing and, as witnessed today, the sea is encroaching on the land.

WWF

Climate Witness Series: Meltdown

Al Jazeera International, WWF, TVE (English, 2007, 18:00)

Meltdown: Fiji is a ground-breaking TV documentary that focuses on the havoc already being wreaked on ordinary people at the frontline of climate change, around the world. WWF - global conservation organisation and TVE - Television for the Environment were in Kabara, Fiji in 2006 to produce the 'Meltdown:Fiji' series, one of the four episodes produced for the global satellite channel Al Jazeera English. The four episodes are from Fiji, Southern Germany, Central Spain and Nepal.

6:30pm – 9:00pm

Film A An uncertain future: *Pacific black box inc*
Film B Cyclone Meena 5: *Pitt Media Group & Ewan Cameron*
Film C Pohnpei experiences global warming: *Conservation Society of Pohnpei*
Film D Bring your own bag: *SPREP*
Film E Sinking rights: *Fiji Human Rights Commission Production*
Film F Grim Reality - Climate Change in the Pacific Islands: *Pasifika Communications:UNDP*

Papua New Guinea

An uncertain future

Pacific Black Box Inc. (Pidgin/English, 2008, 10:00)

A comprehensive look at the environmental, cultural and social impacts of climate change on PNG's rich heritage.

Cook Islands (Pacific Climate Change Film Project)

Meena 5 *

Pitt Media Group/Ewan Cameron (English, 2008, 10:13)

In February 2005, the Cook Islands were hit by Cyclone Meena, bringing with it winds of over 80 knots and storm surge that caused flooding of many areas. With the storm's passing, most thought the worst was behind them. However, in the course of the next month the Cooks experienced four more tropical cyclones - an unprecedented number in such a short period of time. This film looks at the aftermath of the 2005 events and asks whether this is a sign of things to come as the result of global climate change.

Federated States of Micronesia

Pohnpei experiences global warming

Conservation Society of Pohnpei. (English/Pohnpeian, 2008, 13:26)

Tells the story of unexpected sea level rise and its impact on the lives of the people of Pohnpei. Though Pohnpei is a mountainous island, the majority of its citizens live in the coastal area and have experienced unexpected sea level rise several times in the first months of 2008. The film examines ways in which the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, a local NGO, and the Pohnpeian people are responding to this growing threat

Tuvalu

Sinking rights

Fiji Human Rights Commission Production (Tuvaluan/English, 2007, 34:26)

Sinking rights focuses on Tuvalu - a small atoll island state in the Pacific. Warm and welcoming, the Tuvaluan people talk about their fears as they feel the brunt of severe weather conditions, coastal erosions, depleting crops and the slow death of the Tuvaluan way of life. As the island nations come to grips with the adverse impacts of climate change, its people are starting to question - is there a "right to environment?"

Niue/UNDP

GRIM REALITY - Climate Change in the Pacific Islands

Pasifika Communications Ltd (English, 2008, 20:00)

This documentary was produced by the United Nations System in the Pacific for the Government of Niue. It was commissioned for the recent Pacific Islands Leaders Forum in Niue to help highlight that climate change is a 'here and now' issue already adversely impacting the region. The documentary promotes a multi-sectoral approach to combating the impacts of climate change noting that Pacific Island Countries need to 'act now' to plan, budget and implement adaptation measures to minimize the adverse impacts of climate change.

24 WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER

10.30am – 12.30pm

Film A The island of my ancestors: *Television Kiribati & Naamon Marae*
Film B Ad Jolet: Anikien RiMajol Kon Climate Change: *High tide productions*
Film C Kia vai teateamamao: *Traditional climate forecasting in the Cook Islands: Cook Islands National Environment Service*
Film D Bring your own bag: *SPREP*
Film E Coral currency takes a dive: Samoan tourism in a warming world: *Holly Pepper, Julia Scott-Stevenson, Ed Langham, Anna Gero*

Kiribati (Pacific Climate Change Film Project)

The Island of my Ancestors

Naamon Marae/Television Kiribati Limited (te taetae ni Kiribati/English, 2008, 17:34)

Another intriguing look at the climate-related problems faced by Kiribati and the unique solutions it has developed. The film focuses on the threat posed to the rich I-Kiribati cultural heritage by climate change, in addition to the potential loss of their homeland.

Republic of the Marshall Islands

Ad Jolet: Anikien RiMajol Kon Climate Change

(High Tide Productions (Marshallese/English, 2008, 05:00)

As one of the most vulnerable nations in the world, the Marshalls are among the very first to experience the devastating effects of sea level rise and other climate-related problems. Interviews with Marshallese from different segments of society shed light on the costs involved with the loss of their homeland and cultural identity as a result of climate change.

PROGRAMME

Cook Islands

Kia Vai Teateamamao (Be Prepared): Traditional climate forecasting in the Cook Islands

Cook Islands National Environment Service (Maori Kuki Airani/English, 2005, 28:00)

This documentary examines some traditional methods of forecasting extreme changes in weather and explains how Cook Islanders have prepared for these changes.

Samoa

Coral currency takes a dive: Samoan tourism in a warming world

Holly Pepper, Julia Scott-Stevenson, Ed Langham and Anna Gero (Samoan/English, 2008, 14:33)

Samoa relies on its natural beauty to attract visitors from overseas, and these visitors are vital to the country's economy. But climate change has the potential to greatly impact on the natural environment, the very thing that is so important to the functioning of the tourism industry. This documentary by a group of Australian volunteers in Samoa examines those potential impacts, and the effects they may have on the livelihoods of the Samoan people.

Fiji (Pacific Climate Change Film Project)

Open up your eyes

Teddy Fong & Econesians/USP Media Centre (Fijian & English, 2008, 16:00)

This entry from Fiji looks at the traditional methods of conserving our nature to help relieve the stresses on our environment, thus strengthening our ability to adapt to climate change. Climate change will affect those who live along the coast of Fiji and use the sea as their livelihood, this short film focuses on a successful traditional method of adapting to the impacts of climate change.

Property Services Officer

Closing date 129 October 2008

The PSO will be responsible to the Corporate Services Manager (CSM), under the direct supervision of the Senior Administration Officer (SAO).

Required Qualifications and Experience:

A diploma in Management, Administration or a relevant field from a recognized institution (A higher qualification in a relevant field would be an advantage);

At least 5 years of relevant practical experience in a medium-to-large size organization;

Demonstrated ability to develop and present sound proposals relevant to property maintenance and services;

Demonstrated ability to set priorities; monitor and evaluate work targets and work with minimal supervision;

Excellent writing and communication skills in English with demonstrated ability in Microsoft computing software's including Word, Excel and Powerpoint;

Demonstrated ability to lead, motivate and supervise staff with excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work within a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environment;

Valid Driver's License.

TERMES DE REFERENCE

Développement d'un « business plan » pour le PGEM de Moorea L'appel à propositions est ouvert jusqu'au 31 octobre 2008 inclus. Les propositions peuvent être envoyées aux adresses suivantes :

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Ms Caroline Vieux. SPREP. PO Box 240 Apia. Samoa . carolinev@sprep.org

Introduction

Le PGEM Moorea englobe l'ensemble de l'île de Moorea. Une réglementation a été mise en place pour l'ensemble du lagon en ce qui concerne l'amarrage, les déchets, les pratiques de pêche, le remblaiement et l'extraction de matériau corallien. Des zones particulières ont fait l'objet de réglementations supplémentaires, parmi ces zones, on dénombre 8 aires marines protégées, 2 zones spéciales de pêche, des aires de nourrissage de la faune marine, des aires de mouillage et les sites de plongée... Pour plus d'informations sur le PGEM Moorea, consulter la brochure "L'Essentiel du PGEM" et l'arrêté 410 CM du 21/10/2004 paru au JOPF le 22/10/2004 pages NS 419-429.

Afin de gérer la mise en œuvre et le suivi, du PGEM, une association a été créée à Moorea. Malgré les nombreuses tâches à accomplir, comme l'entretien, la surveillance ou l'information, aucun financement pérenne n'a été attribué à l'association. Elle s'appuie actuellement sur des subventions publiques qui ont été retardées par la forte instabilité politique que la Polynésie française a connu ces derniers mois. Cela a encouragé l'association à envisager d'autres options de financement.

Objectif

Soutenir l'association du PGEM de Moorea et le comité de gestion en trouvant des sources de revenus pour couvrir les coûts de maintenance et de fonctionnement du PGEM de Moorea.

SPREP Calendar of events for October 2008

1/10 - 1/10	PII-PILN Joint planning meeting	New Zealand, Auckland	Alan Tye <i>Invasive Species Officer</i>
2/10 - 10/10	Follow-up review of operator licences for whale watching in Vava'u, Tonga	Vava'u/Nuku'alofa	Lui Bell <i>Marine Species Officer</i>
5/10 - 9/10	World Conservation Congress	Spain, Barcelona	Kate Brown <i>Action Strategy Adviser</i>
12/10 - 17/10	Capacity building for the Pacific media on climate change	Samoa, Apia	Nanette Woonton, <i>Associate Media and Publications Officer</i>
14/10 - 24/10	Pacific Environment Information Network (PEIN) Country attachments	Samoa, Apia	<i>Peter Murgatroyd</i> <i>Information Resource Centre</i>
17/10 - 24/10	Institutional Capacity Assessment - impacts of climate change on coastal areas: Institutional capacity assesment and stratetic capacity development for EIA in Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands, Solomon Islands	Frank Wickham <i>Capacity Development Adviser</i>
22/10 - 24/10	UNFCCC Expert Groupo Meeting on Technology Transfer	Ireland, Dublin	Taito Nakalevu <i>Climate Change Adaptation Officer</i>
27/10 - 30/10	Control strategy of Invasive Alien Mammals	Japan, Naha City	Gillian Key <i>Pacific Invasives Learning Network Coordinator</i>
27/10 - 30/10	Development of National Action program to address Land Degredation and Mitigate the Effects of Drought	Nauru	Frank Wickham <i>Capacity Development Adviser</i>
28/10 - 4/11	Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands	Changwon, Republic of Korea	Vainuupo Jungblut <i>Associate Ramsar Officer</i> Nanette Woonton <i>Associate Media and Publications Officer</i>

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