

## Niue Country Report

Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Talofa and Good afternoon to you all. Firstly, I would like also like to join other in congratulating you Mr. Chair on your new role in taking us forward in the vaka in the next 2 years. And through you thank Samoa for hosting PMC5.

I am pleased to present Niue's progress report.

In Niue's Corporate Plan 2015 – 2019, which is in line of what was presented at the last PMC. It highlighted the 2 priorities of focus which are:

1. Staff capability and capacity
2. Climate proofing the NMS building

Priority 1 has made significant progress and achievement; however, it is an area that will need to continue its work because we have build a relationship with the communities, the elders, village councils, womens group and youth.

Priority 2 is yet to be achieved due to the limited funding but remains a priority for the next few years.

The work of Niue Met Service aligns with the Niue National Strategic Plan and the Pacific Island Meteorological service.

Niue MET service extended its focus in engaging with the communities, whilst still maintaining its important weather and climate services. Taking weather and climate information to a community level is important to gauge the exposure of our people who are the end users of our products.

### **Education, Training and Public Awareness at the national level**

National Workshop 1: Climate, Oceans and Tides – March 2018 led by SPC

National Workshop 1: Climate Science Workshop – April 2018 led by Phillip

National Workshop 3: Climate Traditional Knowledge – June 2018 led by Siosina

Community Workshop: Building a Weather Ready Community 2018

### **Regional and International Training supported through various regional organisations for staff.**

#### **Specific Community Awareness programs and consultations**

- Men and Women Talent Quest focussing on Climate Traditional Knowledge
- World Meteorological Day Awareness: Cloud Photo Competition, Poster Competition and Radio Quiz
- Fortnightly Radio Program
- Development of a Facebook Page for social media community
- Careers Program at Niue High School
- National Show Day and World Food Day
- YES (Youth Employed Scheme) Program where Students attached Attachment over the school holiday

- Launching of Poster of Meteorology Terminologies, Wind Classification and Meteorology Glossary
- Inception workshop for the Community Based Early Warning System (CBEWS) and collaboration with the Niue and Boys Brigade.
- Recruitment of 5 new workers in which most are trainees. The new Niue MET organisation structure was also endorsed by the Niue Public Service Commission.
- Upgrade of the Automatic Weather Station to Istar.
- Upgrade of the High Rate Information Transmission
- Installation of the Lightning System.
- Acknowledge ongoing support by SPREP and SPC during the transition period of COSSPAC and that the work under this program is ongoing.
- I acknowledge all the support from all other partners/donors from across the region in supporting Niue in the last few years.
- Niue looks forward to continue working with COSPPAC Australia, Fiji Met Service, NZ Met Service, NIWA, SPREP, SPC, NOAA, UNEP, UNDP, WMO & WMO CREWS and other great partners on the new and upcoming programs and projects.