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Pacific National Meteorological and  
Hydrological Directors  
Pacific Meteorological Council Community  
National Disaster Managers  
**TO:** Council of Regional Organisations of the  
Pacific (CROPs)  
Climate Change Focal Points

**DATE:** 22 July 2021

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**SUBJECT:** **Invitation to HydroMet Pacific Talanoa and Exhibition Event on Technology and Innovation:  
Blended Platforms – Pacific Climate Change Centre and Virtual (via Zoom)  
1.00-4.00pm Samoa Time (00.00-0.300 UTC)  
11-12 August 2021**

Dear Directors and Partners,

I am delighted to invite you to the **HydroMet Pacific Talanoa and Exhibition Event**, that will include the display and dialogue around the latest **Technology and Innovation** in hydrology and meteorology.

This special event will be co-hosted and co-organized by Varysian, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Varysian as some of the meteorological directors and partners would recall, hosted a private sector exhibition at the Fifth Pacific Meteorological Council meeting in Samoa in 2019 whereby many of the private companies collaborated and displayed technology and equipment used by National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs). Thus, in the spirit of commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Year of the Pacific Meteorological Council, Varysian together with SPREP and WMO will be hosting and organizing a virtual Talanoa and exhibition event focusing on the five thematic areas of the Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy 2017-2026 namely to *improve weather services, disaster risk reduction, improved climate and hydrological services, integrated observing and communication systems, and coordinated support for NMHSs and Pacific Meteorological Services.*

The aim of the Talanoa (dialogue) on technology and innovation is to provide a platform for the hydromet and private sector communities to have constructive conversations around resilience, hydromet infrastructure, improving data, developing partnership, working with stakeholders, and understanding key



development needs for technology and innovation around the five (5) key thematic areas as forementioned.

The Talanoa and exhibition event targets diverse audiences including representatives from the private sector, NMHSs, Pacific regional organisations, public sector including agriculture, national disaster management, fisheries, water supply, energy, and infrastructure.

To register please click on the following link to provide your details no later than **Monday 9 August 2021** <https://www.varysian.com/hydrometpac-registration> or for more information please contact the [PacMetDesk@sprep.org](mailto:PacMetDesk@sprep.org) email. Samoa-based participants are welcome to join us at the SPREP campus at Vailima on the day of the event (11-12 August 2021).

We look forward to hosting you in-person and virtually.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kosi Latu".

Kosi Latu  
**Director General**

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