

OUR ENVIRONMENT OUR HERITAGE

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WEEK

5th - 8th NOV 2008

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN COMMEMORATING THIS YEAR'S ENVIRONMENT WEEK

What is the purpose of the National Environment Week?

As part of the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment's (MNRE) programme on public awareness, the National Environment Week has been an on-going annual event since the 1990s. Thus every year the Ministry commemorates Environment Week with a series of activities organized to focus attention on the environment, improve community awareness on environmental issues and foster public participation in natural resource management and sustainable development.

The variety of events organized for the week include presentations, public consultations, work displays from the different Divisions and stakeholders, and a trial demonstration of the second tsunami early warning system on Wednesday 5th after its official opening.

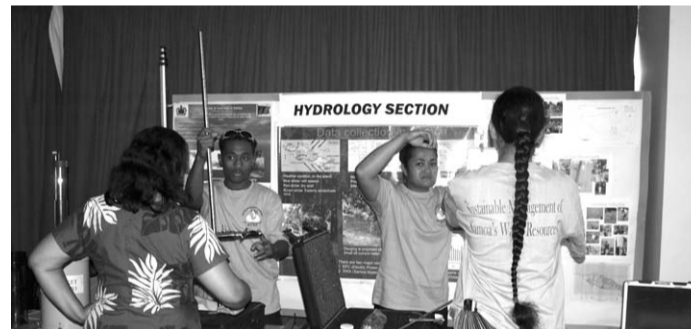
The National Environment Forum on Friday 7th November at the PSC Conference Room presented topics by various presenters on a number of important issues that would be of great interest to the general public and stakeholders. Presenters were invited to share knowledge and develop a better understanding on some of the environmental concerns to Samoa. The Open Awareness Day on Thursday 6th November invited the public to attend and view displays put up by different divisions of the Ministry. It was also an important opportunity by the Ministry to showcase and inform the public of their services.

The official opening was held at the Development Bank Building Conference Room - Level 6 on Wednesday 5th November followed by a series of events as outlined below.

Wednesday 5th Nov - DBS building - Level 6 - @ 9:00am Official Opening

Welcome: Tu'u'u Dr. Ieti Taule'alo (CEO - MNRE)
Opening Prayer: Rev. Ioane Petaia (EFKS - Vaoala)
Keynote Address: Hon. Faumuina Tiatia Liuga (Minister of Natural Resources & Environment)

- Presentation (mobile communication)
- DAC meeting
- 2nd Tsunami Drill



Friday 7th Nov - PSC Conference Room - Govt building - Level 2 @ 9.00 am - 5.00 pm National Environment Forum

- 1. The Sustainable Management of Customary Lands in Samoa - Lessons from other Pacific Islands**
Tu'u'u Dr Ieti Taule'alo & Leota Laki Sio
- 2. Facing climate variability and change with Indigenous Environmental Knowledge**
Darren N.T King, Apanui Skipper & Pene Lefale
- 3. The Biblical Christian Worldview, Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development in the Two Samoas and Other Pacific Islands**
Dr. Nacanieli Tuivavalagi & Filifilia Tuivavalagi
- 4. Fetaia'i i Gafa - We Shall Meet in Our Children**
Saumaeafe Dr. Vanya Taule'alo
- 5. Biomass Gasification - options for Samoa**
Dr. Hitofumi Abe
- 6. Integrating Climate Change Risks into the Agriculture and Health Sectors in Samoa**
Dr. Steve Brown, Dr. Stanley Dean, Peseta Frank Fong, Mulipola Ausetalia Titimaea & Anne Rasmussen
- 7. Energy Efficiency - the most cost effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and energy costs**
Mataia Uaine Silailai & Sala Josephine Stowers

- 8. Effective data management for water resources monitoring**
Suluimalo Amataga, Michael Wrathall & Lameko Asora
- 9. Butterfly Conservation in Samoa - diversity, concerns and possible action**
Eric Edwards, Faleafaga Toni Tipamaa & Dr. Hitofumi Abe
- 10. Improving Land Security in Samoa**
Vitaoa Peleipu Fuatai, Elisapeta Leato Fenumiai & Filisita Ikenasio Heather
- 11. Marine Invaders in Samoa - a challenge to the country's Marine Biodiversity**
Malama Siamomua-Momoemausu, Posa A. Skelton, Juney Ward, Isamaeli Asotasi, Pulea Ifopo & Lilian Penaia
- 12. Combating land degradation in Samoa through the Sustainable Land Management Project**
Patea Malo Setefano

Side-Events - Launching

1. Coral Reef booklet
2. Environment Resource Education Guide for Years 7 - 10
3. Water Resources documentary
4. Sand mining documentary
5. Awareness Strategy & Action Plan for National Parks and Reserves

Saturday 8th Nov - Tree Planting - Vailele - Head of States Residence @ 7:00am - 8:30am

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Closing Prayer: Rev. Iupeli. Ieremia (EFKS - Fagalii)
Keynote Address: Hon. Faumuina Tiatia Liuga (Minister of Natural Resources & Environment)

- Presentation of National Environment Awards 2008
Individual Category - *Faafetai Sagapolutele*
Group Category - *Pacific Recycling Company*
- Tree Planting



Thursday 6th Nov - DBS building - Level 6 / 5 / 3 - @ 9:00am Open Awareness Day

DBS Level 3

-Land Management/ Technical Services

DBS Level 5

-Environment & Conservation
(Marine Conservation / Forestry)

DBS Level 6:1

-Water Resources

DBS Level 6:2

-Climate Change Mitigation/Adaptation Display



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