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## UNSG COMMENDS FIJI'S LEADERSHIP ON CLIMATE

In May, Fiji hosted the historical visit by the UN Secretary General (UNSG), H.E. António Guterres, signaling a compelling message for global action on climate change. During his visit, he engaged with different sectors through the talanoa session with women, interactive dialogue session with youths on climate change, sail on the Uto Ni Yalo- discovering the Oceans issues and to see first-hand impacts of climate change. UNSG Guterres visit to Fiji and the Pacific is to amplify the voice of the Pacific and to call on the International community to provide "concrete and realistic plans to enhance their nationally determined contributions by 2020, in line with reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 45 percent over the next decade, and to net zero emissions by 2050."

"We need to recognize that for the moment we are not winning this battle, we are not on track and we absolutely need stronger political will to be able to reverse this trend and to be able to rescue our planet. And nowhere better in the Pacific we feel the moral obligation to do so to rally the whole international community for this objective and to thank the people and governments of the Pacific for the extraordinary

examples they are providing to all of us." "It's essential for that to be possible, we reach carbon neutrality by 2050 and this requires transformational effort in energy, in industry, in agriculture, mobility and in the oceans and enormous commitment in finance in order to provide the support for developing countries, in case of the Pacific, showing their leadership in mitigation, in reducing emission, adopting renewable energy, for instance, but they are also in the front line of dramatic impact of climate change and require huge investments in adaption that the international communities need to support," UNSG Guterres said. UNSG Guterres commended Fiji's leadership at the global arena in championing climate change mitigation and oceans conservation. "Fijian leadership has been extremely important element in making sure that we are able to rally the international community in protecting our oceans and win the climate change battle.



Right: United Nations Secretary General (UNSG), H.E. António Guterres shares a light moment with the Hon. Prime Minister, Voreqe Bainimarama at the bilateral meeting.

"As the Secretary General of UN, I have many battles but I have no doubt to say that as a grandfather, this is also the battle of my life. And it is absolutely important that we mobilise the international community to make sure that at the end of the century temperatures will not rise above 1.5 degrees to what they were when this process started." He said his visit to Fiji has also been a visit of gratitude, to express appreciation to the Fijian people and the Fijian government for its contribution in important areas of United Nations system like peacekeeping and international cooperation."

## FIJI PREPARES FOR THE UNSG SUMMIT



Left: UNSG H.E. António Guterres plants a tree with H.E. President Jioji Konrote at Borron House. Right: United Nations Secretary General, H.E. António Guterres with the Minister for Fisheries Semi Korolavesau during the sail on Uto Ni Yalo.

In preparation for the UNSG's Climate Summit in September, progressive steps are underway at the national level. Fiji's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Satyendra Prasad says that the UNSG's H.E. António Guterres visit to Fiji, Tuvalu and Vanuatu has given a firsthand account of the challenges Pacific Island states encounter in terms of climate change. "Fiji is ahead of the curve in preparing for the Summit and is committed to 2050 zero carbon economy and the best scenario is to have zero carbon by 2040. Fiji's thinking about a green shipping policy

where we can move some of the larger interisland shipping and transportation onto electric shipping. Fiji has also committed to increasing its marine protected areas in a very sensible way in which, we will be able to help regenerate our marine resources and create opportunities for coastal communities to ensure that they have secure livelihoods," Ambassador Prasad said.

At the practical level, Fiji's initiative on planting 4 million trees in 4 years is symbolic of Fiji's commitment to help fight climate change. "In so many areas Fiji is preparing very well for the UNSG climate summit. The UNSG through his visit has seen the actions we have taken to address climate change. The UNSG will be going into the climate summit, calling on the world leaders to step up and show what small Island States with limited resources can do to fight climate change. "And those larger countries have to live to their bargains, they're part of the global compact that we're all together in this battle to protect the planet and as such everyone has an obligation and responsibility towards addressing climate change." Ambassador Prasad stated that the UNSG's visit to Fiji has created the momentum for the UNSG climate summit to make a call to the world leaders that a lot more has to be done.



## VUVALE PARTNERSHIP TO BOOST RELATIONS BETWEEN FIJI AND AUSTRALIA



*Right: Minister for Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security, Hon. Inia Seruiratu warmly welcomes the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women, Senator Marise Payne at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs headquarters in Suva.*

The Vuvale Partnership agreement will boost Australia - Fiji relations to greater heights underpinned by close people-to-people links. The Partnership agreement aims to encourage further interest in the areas of economic development and trade, defence and security, good governance and inclusive societies, regional and international issues of mutual importance including peacekeeping, climate change and human rights. During her visit to Fiji from 3-5 June, Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs and Women, Senator Marise Payne met with Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs to progressively pursue the Fiji - Australia Vuvale Partnership and regionally through Australia's Pacific set-up program, that places the Pacific at the center of Australia's foreign policy. Minister Seruiratu thanked Minister Payne for Australia's continuous support in the development of various sectors of the Fijian economy. He also discussed areas of great value to the livelihood of Fijians including travel visas and new initiatives announced by Australia including its church partnership and infrastructure development facility for the Pacific.

Going forward, Minister Seruiratu reaffirmed Fiji's commitment to enhance bilateral relations with Australia through the finalization of the Vuvale Partnership,

scheduled to be signed later this year between the Hon. Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and the recently re-elected Australian Prime Minister, Hon. Scott Morrison. He also commended the signing of the Pacific Labour Scheme, which opens up the Australian labour market for Fijians to work for up to 3 years in Australia and positively contribute to lifting the standards and Minister Seruiratu stated that the upcoming Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting in Suva this month is an opportunity for the region to consolidate partnership in the areas of climate change, oceans conservation in the buildup to the UNSG Climate Summit and the Oceans COP in Chile in December.

Minister Payne was honored to visit Fiji and acknowledged Fiji's global leadership and further noted that the COP 23 Presidency was pivotal in raising the profile of the Pacific ultimately leading to the UN Secretary General's visit to the region in May. She also reaffirmed Australia's commitment to support Fiji's leadership in climate change, disaster resilience and oceans biodiversity. Minister Payne expressed Australia's support in the development of the Blackrock Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Camp in Nadi, a state of the art regional training facility for peacekeepers and police officers.

## FIJI COMMITS TO INCREASE VISIBILITY AT UNHRC

Fiji's leadership in advancing and protecting human rights has received major international recognition at the United Nations, as the first Pacific Island Nation to have been elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), the world's foremost body in protecting and promoting human rights. Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Ambassador Nazhat Shameem Khan, Vice-President of the Human Rights Council Bureau says that Fiji's work at UNHRC is significant in terms of generating positive impacts in the lives of Fijian communities. Ambassador Khan said that one of the important areas is the incorporation of civil and political rights interwoven with economic and sociocultural rights, ensuring Fiji's commitment to advancing human rights. "We have been moderating in a number of events but our focus is always to incorporate climate change in human rights, displacement and human rights, gender empowerment and integrating gender in all of the work of the Geneva Mission and of course advance the rights of women and children. These are our specific priorities and we will be working very hard with the UN system in ensuring that the voice of Fiji and Pacific island is heard." "Fiji's membership is for 3 years, an extraordinary effort for a Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) to become a member of the Council, partly an issue of capacity and the fact that it's only recently that Fiji have opened a Mission in Geneva. In terms of Fiji's Vice Presidency on the UN Human Rights Council Bureau, Ambassador Khan says that this is of significance given that Vice Presidents have influence in the development and organisation of the UNHRC. Ambassador Khan also said that Fiji has made progressive developments in terms of the implementation of all rights.

"One is of course through legislations passed in parliament which are intended to implement rights and one very good example of that is the Rights of Persons living with Disabilities Act, which is intended to implement the rights in the Convention of the Rights of Persons living with Disabilities (CRPD). Another important part of this implementation journey is to work with the institutions on the ground in





Right: Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Ambassador Nazhat Shameem Khan with the Hon. Prime Minister, Voreqe Bainimarama at the High Level Segment of the 40th Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland.

Fiji to ensure that they know about the work we do in Geneva and that there is coherence not only in Geneva but in New York because we have to remember the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly in New York also deals exclusively with human rights issues. "Further, implementing human rights through the Human Rights and Antidiscrimination Commission (HRADC) ensures that they have access to information in articles on human rights, and to treaty body recommendations. This then reflects on the work that they do with the people on the ground. We work with all the Ministries to ensure that we always ground ourselves on the expectations of International Human Rights laws and values," Ambassador Khan elaborated. She said that while great progress had already been made by Fiji, implementing human rights domestically and internationally, was always work in progress.



## FIJI - JAPAN REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS

A meeting between the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security, Inia Seruiratu and Mr Kentaro Sonoura, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan, recently concluded in Suva, with the expectation to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries.

Special Advisor, Mr Sonoura led a 17 member delegation during his first official visit in an effort to broaden platforms for deeper engagement with Fiji.

Minister Seruiratu acknowledged Japan's continuous partnership mainly in infrastructure projects and rehabilitation programs. Fiji-Japan, pledged to cooperate on climate change mitigation leading to the UNSG's climate summit in September and COP 25 in Chile.

Fiji congratulated Japan for hosting the 2019 Rugby World Cup and 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympic.

There is interest on both sides to expand trade, investment and tourism with the resumption of direct flights between Nadi and Narita. Japan's assistance with the Maritime Safety and Security equipment to the Fiji Police Force to enhance their capabilities in search and rescue efforts during and after disasters was also commended. Fiji-Japan established diplomatic relations 49 years ago and it continues to grow.



Right: Minister for Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security, Inia Seruiratu presented a token of appreciation to Mr Kentaro Sonoura, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan during his official visit to Fiji.



Minister for Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security, Inia Seruiratu (third from right) while meeting Ms Seo Young Kyo (first from right) and the Korean National Assembly delegation at Ministry of Foreign Affairs Headquarters in Suva.

The Secretary of House Steering Committee of the Republic of Korea National Assembly, Ms. Seo Young Kyo, was in Fiji to meet with the Fijian Parliament and senior government

## MINISTER SERUIRATU MET WITH THE KOREAN DELEGATION



officials to strengthen collaboration as part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji and the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea in 2017.

The MOU enables the sharing of information using parliamentary best practices including exchange tours between the two institutions.

Ms Kyo described the visit as beneficial and reaffirmed Korea's commitment to enhancing bilateral relations and friendship with Fiji.

During a bilateral meeting with the Korean National Assembly delegation, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security, Inia Seruiratu commended the Government of the Republic of Korea for the provision of Official Development Assistance projects particularly in agriculture, fisheries, health, sports and education.

# PSIDS PARTNERSHIP ON CLIMATE ACTION

The partnership between Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) is essential in the Pacific's concerted efforts towards strengthening climate change mitigation. This message was highlighted by the Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Major General (Ret'd) Ioane Naivalurua whilst opening the PSIDS Senior Officials Meeting held at the margins of the 3rd Climate Action for Pacific Partnership (CAPP) in May. "Great narratives needs to be said about our spirit of partnership displayed amongst our PSIDS countries and reflected through our collective representation at various multilateral forums. The most recent highlight being the negotiations at the Inter-Governmental Conference on Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) in which, PSIDs collective engagement was acknowledged by various parties at the recently concluded second Conference. "Let's chart a way forward to help the PSIDS group go further and beyond what is necessary, to create new frontiers, break



*Front row second from left: Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs Major General (Ret'd) Ioane Naivalurua with the participants of the PSIDS Senior Officials Meeting held at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) Office in Suva.*

barriers, rise up and step out in how we convince the world of the urgency of climate action to combat climate change. It is through this commitment to a strong strategy and effective collaboration can we reap the benefits of an effective engagement with the United Nations Secretary General's Climate Summit in September, realizing the aims of the Blue COP 25 in Santiago, and towards the effective launch of the Paris Agreement, come 2020," PS Naivalurua said.

## FIJIAN FALLEN HEROES RECOGNISED AT THE UNITED NATIONS



**F**allen Fijian peacekeeping heroes were recognized during the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers commemoration in New York. The UN presents Dag Hammarskjöld Medals to Troop and Police contributing countries. These medals recognizes the 119 United Nations peacekeepers, military, police and civilians who lost their lives between 2017 and 2018. The UN Dag Hammarskjöld medal is named after the second Secretary General of the United Nations who tragically died in a plane crash in 1961.



*Second from the right: Ambassador Prasad received the Dag Hammarskjöld medals by the United Nations Secretary General (UNSG), H.E António Guterres, on behalf of the families of the fallen heroes.*

Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Satyendra Prasad received the Dag Hammarskjöld medals on behalf of the families of the late Sergeant Savenaca Bulivakacegu, Staff Sergeant Penieli Racolo and Warrant Officer Class 2 Semiti Korovavala.

These Fijian Peacekeepers died, whilst serving with the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) in Syria, between 2015 and 2017.

Fiji and the UN have expressed sincere appreciation and gratitude to the families of the fallen heroes for their sacrifices and service to the most noblest of UN

goals – securing and maintaining peace. More than 15,000 Fijians have served in conflict areas in; Africa, Asia, Balkans and the Middle East in the last 40 years.

Today, more than 400 Fijian peacekeepers are serving in South Sudan, Darfur, Iraq, Golan Heights, South Lebanon and the Sinai. Fiji also supports the UN Secretary General's Peace Reforms and Action for Peace to enhance the global peacekeeping goals. Fiji also continues to excel in its commitment to increase the number of women peacekeepers in its deployments to support and achieve the UNSG's Gender Parity targets.



## DIPLOMAT INSPIRES TEAM MOFA



*(Pictured in the middle) Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs Major General (Ret'd) Ioane Naivalurua with UN Special Envoy on Oceans, Ambassador Peter Thomson and MOFA staff at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs headquarters.*

Building expertise through motivational learning is one of the strategies undertaken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) to empower young budding diplomats. This enables the MOFA staff to get the opportunity to meet with highly profiled diplomats and draw on their experiences and get firsthand information on diplomacy. Whilst speaking to the MOFA staff, Former Diplomat and UN Special Envoy on Oceans, Ambassador Peter Thomson, spoke about his experiences of being a diplomat. He also elaborated on the importance of the work carried out by Fiji's diplomats in advancing Fiji's interests abroad and emphasised on the important role the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has as being Fiji's window to the world. Ambassador Thomson also spoke on the importance of Fiji's leadership in championing climate change and oceans conservation at the global level.



Mr Pauliasi Tokasaya

Being a diplomat requires one to not only have the essential competencies but also enduring determination and passion to keep their country's interest at heart. This is the message conveyed by one of the highly recognised diplomats within the MOFA family, Mr Pauliasi Tokasaya who served at Fiji's Mission in Indonesia since it opened in 2011. He is back in country serving as, the Principal Foreign Service Officer within the Ministry's Policy Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit.

## LEARNING THE ART OF DIPLOMACY

Mr Tokasaya's humble and respectful personality and the wealth of knowledge he has on foreign service is symbolic of his leadership skills, which he has built through his diplomatic career. Upon completion of his tertiary education at the University of the South Pacific, he joined the education sector as a secondary school teacher in the province of Tailevu for 8 years. Mr Tokasaya applied for a scholarship to accomplish a Masters Degree in Indonesia, which was the beginning of a new chapter in his life.

During his time in Indonesia, he learnt to speak the Indonesian language (bahasa) and he became well acquainted with the culture and its people. Mr Tokasaya says he has been honoured to represent Fiji in Indonesia and working in the mission has been one of the best experiences. It's about advancing Fiji's interests, globally, through nurturing positive cooperation with countries like Indonesia and the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

He said that Fiji Mission in Indonesia worked collaboratively on the exchange of skills and capacity building programs, on creating opportunities in Small

Medium Enterprises (SME's), for the empowerment of women, youths and communities in Fiji. He says being a diplomat comes with enriching experience, challenges and great responsibilities to uphold the patriotic values and to always honor the nation's identity and prestige. It's also about advocating universal values of peace and unity by being appreciative of the unique cultures and traditions. "It's interesting to be sent out to the missions to serve as a diplomat, you get to have the exposure and appreciate the new cultures and build friendship.

Whilst at the Missions, it becomes your mission to build Fiji's relations with the global communities and to explore and capitalize on the opportunities for development, which will generate positive impacts in the livelihoods of the communities back here in Fiji," Mr Tokasaya said.

Having made his mark in the foot prints of diplomacy, Mr Tokasaya who hails originally from Nayau in Lau is a great inspiration among his work colleagues and all those who aspire to become Fijian diplomat. He dedicates his achievements to the support of his wife and his two children.

# MINISTRY'S QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE



*Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs Major General (Ret'd) Ioane Naivalurua with Lawrence McGrath, Commissioner at the Public Service Commission of Fiji with the graduates of Q4E practitioners at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs aspires to achieve excellence in service. This aspiration has been heightened with the quest for excellence initiatives which, has been coordinated under the leadership of the Ministry's Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Major General (Ret'd) Ioane Naivalurua.

Through the Quest for Excellence (Q4E) initiative, the Ministry has undertaken a review of its overall services, adopted strategies to enhance its systems processes to become Q4E practitioners. Upon completion of a series of training, staff were equipped with analytical and data mapping skills which enabled the Ministry to streamline its major systems and processes. During the presentation of certificates to the MOFA staff, PS Naivalurua congratulated them for their achievement and reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment towards building, "A Stronger, Safer and Prosperous Fiji through Excellence in Foreign Service." "It's about our ability to stand together as Team MOFA and collectively moving forward together in unity. My thoughts on excellence is that it's based on two key components, one is the heart to do the work and the art of getting the work done, that's the key to quest for excellence to service, the two must work together. It's about having the competency and the heart to do the work to the best of our abilities. Our success is measured by our collective effort as Team MOFA," he said.

PS Naivalurua also spoke on the 11 pillars of excellence which are as follows: "Always Value Excellence, Not to settle for average, Pay attention to detail, Remain committed to what really matters, Display integrity and sound ethics, Show genuine respect for others, Go the second mile, Demonstrate consistency, Never stop improving, Give 100 percent and Make excellence a lifestyle." PS Naivalurua also thanked Mr Meli Nacuva, a business improvement specialist, who has facilitated the Q4E practitioners trainings and awareness sessions for team MOFA. This initiative has not only benefited the Ministry but it has actually enabled Q4E practitioners to excel in their career by acquiring certification by the international bodies.

The Q4E practitioners have thanked the leaders in the Ministry for providing them with this opportunity to build their skills which will benefit them for their lifetime.

The MOFA staff who have undergone the Q4E training through an expression of interest process, and who have been recognized as the Q4E practitioners are as follows:

Pauliasi Tokasaya, Barbara Biuvakaloloma, Joseva Levu, Lusiana Ratumaikoro, Miriama Rogo, Paula Biu, Ravai Antonio, Shamal Bali, Rohit Prasad, Sera Racule, Sherleen Lal, Emali Soderberg, Roshika Ram.

## CUSTOMERS IMPRESSED WITH MOFA'S CUSTOMER CARE

In an effort to strive for service excellence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has installed a customer feedback form to gauge the level of customer satisfaction from the general public. The electronic form enables the customers to provide instant feedback with just a tip of a button.

Mr Matai Qimaiqimai of the Federated States of Micronesia Embassy who had the opportunity to use MOFA's customer feedback system describes it as incredibly impressive. Mr Qimaiqimai said that having such a feedback mechanism emphasises on the importance of listening to the customers and he thanked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for its excellent customer service.

Similarly, Ms Sisilia Tamani Koula, a teacher by profession, said that MOFA is the first government agency to register her feedback as the customer. "Having customer feedback system is a great platform to enhance the government services and reach out to the general public." To complement, the Ministry's commitment to customer care, the MOFA team recently had the opportunity to participate in the customer care training.



*Top: Mr Matai Qimaiqimai of the Federated States of Micronesia Embassy while registering his feedback on MOFA customer feedback form.  
Bottom: Ms Sisilia Tamani Koula, a school teacher, while filling in the customer survey forms at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs headquarters.*



# CHILDREN EMPOWERED INTO STRATEGIC CAREER PLANNING

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs commitment to service excellence has culminated into empowerment opportunities for the 21 children and siblings of the MOFA staff. The children have been equipped with skills to map their own strategic career planning through a workshop organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During the workshop, the participants had the opportunity to acquire skills on drafting their educational and career plans for the next 5 years. Whilst opening the workshop, MOFA's Deputy Secretary Policy Mr Esala Nayasi, spoke on the importance of leadership, entrepreneurial skills and values of perseverance in accomplishing the academic goals and career aspirations. The participants of the workshop described the sessions as interactive and empowering. The Ministry's Quest for Excellence Team, assisted the children in developing their own strategic



Minister for Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security, Inia Seruiratu with Mr Mark Halabe, business entrepreneur, with the participants of the strategic career planning workshop held at the MOFA headquarters.

career plans in consultation with their parents, the team also provides further guidance to the children in terms of their progress. This workshop reflects on the MOFA's recognition as a government agency that strives to achieve excellence at all levels. The Ministry also embarked on a change process aligned to the Fiji Business Excellence (FBEA) Framework. The process has been inclusive and consultative which, has consolidated into development of

the FBEA Workplan. As an outcome, about fifteen processes have been mapped, a learning depository and score cards have been developed, Standard Operating Procedures and system enhancement policies were also reviewed and developed. In addition, the Ministry is aspiring to be a 'Happy Workplace' by strengthening the personal and social excellence. This is done through the activities and programs that promote the empowerment of the staff.

## MISSION ENGAGES IN DIASPORA OUTREACH



Mr Vueti May, First Secretary for Fiji Mission and Robyn Mani, Second Secretary for Fiji Mission, with the Fijian diaspora and Pacific communities in Zurich, Geneva.

Fiji's Mission in Geneva recently organised diaspora outreach event with the Fijian community in Zurich, Switzerland. This was the first of such engagements in Zurich and a similar outreach program has also been hosted in Geneva. The outreach activity provided an excellent opportunity for the Fiji Mission in Geneva to update its diaspora database and create more awareness on the roles and services provided by the Fiji Mission in Geneva.

As a result of this engagement in Zurich, a follow-up diaspora engagement is planned to take place in Geneva at the end of August 2019 and the Mission will continue to engage and mobilize Pacific communities in Geneva in the lead-up to the planned event proposed for August. Both the diaspora outreach engagements are part of the Fiji Mission's strategic priority to conduct public diplomacy through diaspora engagements and this is reflected in the Mission's business plan.

## MINISTRY LAUNCHES OHS POLICY



Members of OHS Committee during the official launch of the OHS Policy at the MOFA headquarters in Suva.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has taken the onus to put in place an OHS Policy, which was officially launched in April this year. This coincided with the World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2019, theme 'Safety and Health and the Future of Work.'

The Ministry established an OHS Committee that regularly conducts OHS awareness programmes for the MOFA staff. The OHS Policy ensures that all appropriate actions are taken to promote a healthy and safe work culture at MOFA. The Policy was developed through a consultative process and it is a living document that will be reviewed periodically.

In addition to awareness programmes, the Committee also caters for regular health checkup in combating the Non-Communicable Diseases and promoting healthy lifestyle. The OHS Committee also liaises with National Fire Authority and relevant agencies to conduct fire, earthquake and tsunami drills.



# GALLERY



Ministry of Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff while singing the traditional farewell song "Isa Lei" to the United Nations Secretary General (UNSG), H.E Antonio Guterres.



(seated in the middle): Minister for Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security Hon. Inia Seruiratu with the staff at the Fiji Embassy in Brussels



Fiji's Permanent Representative of Fiji to the United Nations in New York, Ambassador Satyendra Prasad while attending the Open Debate on, "Women, Peace and Security."



The staff of Ministry of Foreign Affairs with Mr Viliame Waqalaivi, a seasoned senior Fiji Business Excellence Awards (FBEA) Evaluator



Speaker of the Fiji Parliament, His Excellency Ratu Epeli Nailatikau with the Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs Major General (Ret'd) Ioane Naivalurua and the staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the motivational speaking session on diplomacy.



Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff while attending the Funeral Service held during the passing away of its former Director Asia, Mr Simone Rokolaqa



Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs Major General (Ret'd) Ioane Naivalurua while chairing the Interagency Committee Meeting on the UNSG visit to Fiji in May this year.



Ministry of Staff while taking the productivity pledge that has been adopted as part of the Ministry's quest for excellence in services.  
"We strive to be the world class, focus on the future, be open to others, take care of our health and feel good. Yes!"



(Pictured on right) Permanent Representative of Fiji to the UN, Geneva Ambassador Nazhat Shameem Khan with the members of Fiji delegation while representing Fiji at the 108th International Labour Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.



High Commissioner of Fiji to Australia, Mr Luke Daunivalu and Australian Foreign Minister, Marise Payne at the signing ceremony for the Pacific Labour Scheme MOU in Canberra



Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs Major General (Ret'd) Ioane Naivalurua with the Team MOFA during the farewell of its staff Mr Jiko Rasqosoqo who has been appointed as the Official Secretary to the Office of the President.



Staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and itaukei Affairs while participating in the sports as part of the Wednesday wellness program.

