

## **SETTING UP OF A RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION IN VANUATU**

During a recent visit to Vanuatu by SPREP Samoa discussions were held with representatives from the private sector about the possibility of forming a Recycling and Waste Management Association. A formal meeting between VCCI members and SPREP has been requested to be facilitated on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 3pm at VCCI conference room.

SPREP has been tasked, under the Japan Technical Cooperation Project on Promotion of Regional Initiatives on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries (JPRISM II), to promote the setting up of such organisations in the Pacific. The primary purpose of a Recycling and Waste Management Association is to strengthen the capacity of recycling operations as well as supporting and promoting good practices and initiatives already utilized by the Private Sector.

Initiatives used by the private sector on 'the 3Rs' (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) are difficult to find funding for. For this reason, JPRISM with the support of SPREP is exploring ways to make such assistance available to the private sector easier, and to promote and support their good 3R initiatives.

Benefits extend past just the members but benefit also the environment and people of countries dedicated to 'the 3Rs'. Similar Associations have already been established in Samoa and the Solomon Islands.

SPREP Samoa look forward to your attendance at the Setting up of a Recycling and Waste Management Association consultation meeting on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 3pm at VCCI Conference Room.

To register your interest you can email VCCI Reception [reception@vcci.com.vu](mailto:reception@vcci.com.vu) or call 27543 or 7123967 to confirm your attendance.