

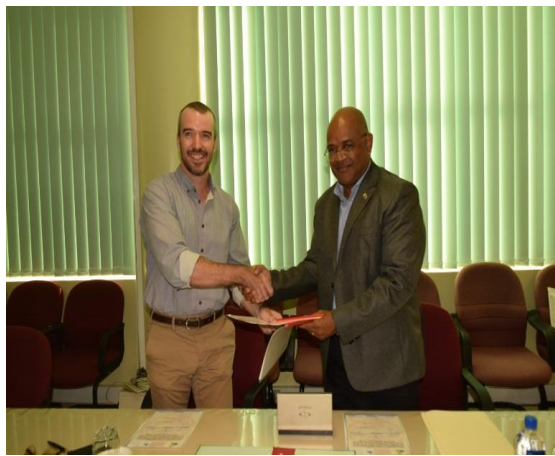
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Press Release

Signing of MOU between MLMR and SPC



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(Director Geoscience Energy and Maritime Dr.
Andrew Jones and Permanent Secretary for MLMR
Mr. Malakai Finau)*

Fiji Government through the Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources Department and the Pacific Community (SPC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Continuous Operating Reference Station (CORS) today at the MLMR headquarters.

Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources Permanent Secretary Mr. Malakai Finau acknowledged the contribution by SPC towards the upgrade of the CORS station and our geodetic datum.

“This will allow the Ministry and the Fiji Government to also link to the international standards as we know our current geodetic datum needs updating and this will provide opportunities to upgrade and also to improve the spatial infrastructure.” Mr. Finau said.

“The Government of Fiji has allocated about \$1.4 million towards this project.” Finau stated.

Director Geoscience Energy and Maritime, Dr Andrew Jones says the signing of MOU is a reflection of partnership strengthening between the Ministry and SPC.

Dr. Jones says this is a small step in terms of taking this forward into a broader network.

“This datum will help Fiji into the future as it will be easier to locate areas through maps using these networks. It also helps in berthing ships in the harbour; automate harvesting of crops and almost everything in our economy is based around the spatial data provided by these networks which means increased accuracy and it means increased outcome for the people of Fiji.

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