



*Greetings from the*  
**SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES COMMITTEE**

Despite the challenges of the year 2021, the University has made remarkable efforts to develop its Sustainability Plan and launch its new website. The main challenge of fulfilling the plan starts now, requiring commitment and resilience from our students and staff.

The strengthening of natural disasters and changes in climatic conditions continue to serve us as a reminder of our obligations and the awareness that must be displayed in our actions.

Each of the Colleges, Divisions and Departments is provided key responsibilities under the Sustainability Plan, monitored every quarter. By this time, you all must have incorporated the Sustainability Plan in your respective work plans, which must be accomplished for the year 2022. Sustainability needs to be engraved within each individual to ensure that they are impacting the outputs of the University and making a difference in their personal lives.

Data and records are critical to any institution or nation. It provides an indication of performance and provides the path of opportunities. FNU will require the timely collection of data, which will assist in benchmarking and achieving recognition. Sustainability Champions and Section Heads will need to coordinate data collection within each College and Division.

Our thoughts are with the people of Tonga, after massive impacts of the volcanic eruption in Tonga to their livelihoods, marine life that have harmed many people's food sources, especially those who rely on marine biodiversity for their livelihood. Other Pacific Island countries, including Fiji, have been affected by the tsunami and polluted air.

Human or tectonic activity has impacted our ecosystem, and if we help nature, nature will provide us with the necessary resources that future generations will benefit from. The past two years have not been favourable due to the immense impact on our economies and the people. However, we must not compromise our goal on Social, Economic and Environmental Sustainability.

The committee wishes everyone a successful year and reminds everyone to exercise safe covid-19 practices and follow the guidelines, as good health and wellbeing are critical for survival. Also, please keep our Tongan colleagues in your thoughts and prayers for a swift recovery.

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