



2018 Year in Review and Plans for 2019

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2018: Highlights

For LeA International, 2018 may be considered the transformational year. In addition to the increased demand for our core service area - the provision of climate policy advice primarily to the Government of Tokelau - LeA's transforming into the climate research area, specifically in governance of geoengineering with an emphasis on Solar Geoengineering (also known as Solar Radiation Modification [Management] (SRM)).

Increased recognition of our work internationally also occurred in 2018. LeA was invited to a number of high level dialogues and conferences, including: the 2nd Pacific Climate Change Conference, 21-23 February; the visit by French President Macron to New Caledonia for the High-Level Dialogue on Biodiversity and Climate Change, May*; "Rising Tide" Conference, hosted by the Breakthrough Institute, San Francisco, USA, June; Fourth Asia Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, July*; the Environmental Dispute Resolution and Small States Conference, hosted by Queen Mary University of London and Wilmer Hale, September; the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC) COP24, Katowice, Poland, December*; and, Wilton Park Pacific Leaders post COP24/Navigating Pacific Futures High Level Dialogue, Wilton House Park, UK, December*. [NOTE: Activities with * occurred directly as Climate Advisor to the Government of Tokelau.]

In March, Lefale was part of the New Zealand Pacific Reset Mission to Samoa, Niue, Tonga and Cook Islands, led by Hon. Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Winston Peters.

2019: Key Events

January: LeA invited to be part of Oxford University led 4-year Research programme on Negative Emissions Technologies (NETSGAINED). LeA invited to undertake the development of the Tokelau National Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Plan.

February: Lefale becomes a Senior Fellow at Breakthrough Institute, San Francisco, CA USA.

March: Lefale will participate in a Fellow Residency at Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Centre for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University Solar Geoengineering Research Program, Cambridge, MA, USA.

April: Mission with the staff of Government of Tokelau Ministry of Climate, Oceans and Resilience (MiCORE) to Tokelau as part of the Tokelau Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Plan (TDR3) and progress on LivC Implementation.

June: Review of the Government of Tokelau Living with Change (LivC) Strategy.

July: Launch of the Tokelau Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Plan.

August: Lefale invited as climate policy advisor for the SRMI Solar Geoengineering training course, Banff, Canada.

September: Pacific Islands Forum, Funafuti, Tuvalu.

December: UNFCCC COP25, Santiago, Chile.