



**10th February, 2017** Training on the removal and replacement of Asbestos-Contaminated Construction Material (ACM) in selected sites in Tonga was held at the Tanoa Dateline International Hotel here in Nuku'alofa this morning. Training on the removal and replacement of Asbestos-Contaminated Construction Material (ACM) in selected sites in Tonga was held at the Tanoa Dateline International Hotel here in Nuku'alofa this morning.

The training was facilitated by Mr Kyriakos Chomatas and Mr Giannis Kondylis of Polyeco S.A, who are on contract with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to help carry out the removal and replacement of ACMs in Tonga.

The contractors are working with the Ministry of Meteorology, Information, Energy, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC).

Attending the training were workers of local company Cabella, who will be working on the removal and replacement of ACMs at the identified sites.

One of the major site will be the Prince Wellington Ngu Hospital in Neiafu, Vava'u.

# Asbestos Removal Training for Locals

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Asbestos Removal Training for Locals was held at the Municipal Government Office, Suva, on Friday, 10 February 2017. The training was conducted by the Environmental Health Officers, Environmental Health Department, Suva. The training was attended by 15 participants, including 10 local government employees and 5 other staff members. The training covered the basics of asbestos removal, including identification, assessment, and removal procedures. The training was held in a room with a white tablecloth and a water bottle on the table.