

## **Science Academic partake in Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF) Conference**

Several staff of the School of Science and Technology (SoST) took part in the “Pacific Islands Development Forum Leaders’ Summit and Conference 2019” from July 29-30, 2019 held at the Pullman Nadi Bay Resort and Spa Fiji.

The staff were involved in rapporteur services and Dean, SoST, Professor Anirudh Singh chaired the plenary session on “Leveraging Innovations from the Global South to Support Island Resilience”.

The Summit was attended by Fijian Prime Minister, Honourable Frank Bainimarama and high level delegates from the Pacific Region, including President of Nauru and Prime Minister of Tuvalu.

The objective of the conference was to deliberate and provide policy guidance for PIDF to pursue the function of regional platform for South-South cooperation, with a focus on partnership and innovation.

University’s participation in such events aligns closely with the Environmental and Social Responsibility of the University Strategic Plan 2017-2021. It is also a means of effectively networking and putting the University of Fiji on the map as a regional hub for Climate Change and Sustainability issues

Ms. Priyatma Singh from Department of Science said that it was also a great opportunity to meet with high level country representatives and discuss future research collaboration in matters concerning climate change and sustainable development.

The chairmanship for PIDF was handed from the previous chair, Solomon Islands, to the new Chair, Fiji.