

SPREP PARTNERSHIP DIALOGUE

“SPREP@30: Strengthening our Partnerships for a resilient Blue Pacific”.

Monday 4th September 2023 from 9am to 5pm

Taumeasina Island Resort, Apia, SAMOA

Background

As part of our 30th Anniversary and recognising the key role our Partners play in the life and work of SPREP, we are convening this first Partnership Dialogue in the margins of the SPREP Meeting. One of the strengths of SPREP is its network of partners and our ability to convene, coordinate and mobilise to address member and regional priorities.

The SPREP Partnership Dialogue is not a formal part of the SPREP Meeting and is intended as a forum where Partners who are non-members of SPREP can engage with SPREP Members on issues related to SPREP’s mandate, strategic plan, and programmes.

SPREP’s Strategic Plan articulates our vision for “A resilient Pacific environment sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures.” SPREP’s principal concern and a strategic focus is climate change where SPREP has a key leadership, convening and coordination role. SPREP has three other strategic foci: Ecosystem and biodiversity Protection; Waste Management and Pollution Control; and Environmental Governance. The ocean is a crosscutting theme across SPREP’s four strategic foci.

As a CROP Agency and as endorsed by the Third Executive Board, SPREP has a key role in the implementation of the 2050 Blue Pacific Strategy. There are two thematic areas where SPREP has a lead role: - i) Climate Change and Disasters and ii) Oceans and Natural Environment. We want to ensure our partnerships are strengthened to help us to fulfill our prescribed role.

Objective

To bring together SPREP Members, Secretariat and Partners to share information and discuss opportunities for strategic engagement, collaboration, cooperation, and partnership. It is also an opportunity for those partners and donors who do not have a formal engagement during the SPREP Officials Meeting to dialogue with SPREP Members.

Expected Outcome

- (i) Greater understanding of what and how partners could engage and contribute to SPREP’s strategic priorities including agreement on roles and responsibilities.
- (ii) Identify gaps and redundancy in SPREP’s partnership network.
- (iii) Discuss and recommend partnership modalities and work arrangements to strengthen implementation arrangements.

The main outcomes of the Dialogue will be presented to the 31 SPREP Meeting of Officials under the Agenda item 5.3

Proposed approach

We see our Partners as those who significantly contribute, engage, and cooperate with SPREP, those with who we share political, development, scientific and technical interests, and those whose area of expertise complements ours.

For the purposes of the Dialogue, we have divided partners into four broad categories:

- 1) Donor Partners
- 2) Scientific, Technical and Research Partners
- 3) Implementation Partners
- 4) Philanthropies, Faith-based Organisations, and Multilateral Financing Institutions

Arrangements

- The Dialogue will be organised and facilitated by the Secretariat – both content and logistics.
- Invitations have been sent to speakers for each session. The speakers will share their perspectives as part of a panel discussion. The Secretariat will liaise with the panellists on the arrangements for the panel discussion.

Draft Programme Outline

Time	Session	Description	Facilitator	Speakers
9:00am 9:30am	Session 1	Welcome/Prayer Opening Remarks: Background and Context <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SPREP Strategic Plan 2017 – 2026 – highlights of key outcomes and strategic priorities for the next three years 	Secretariat	Sefanaia Nawadra, SPREP Director General
9:30am 11:00am	Session 2	Focus: Donor Partners	Secretariat <i>Climate Change Resilience Programme</i>	1) European Union 2) New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade 3) Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade 4) Japan International Cooperation Agency 5) Agence Française de Développement
11:00am 11:15am	BREAK			
11:15am 1:00pm	Session 3	Focus: Technical, Scientific, and Research Partners	Secretariat <i>Waste Management and Pollution Control Programme</i>	1) Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation 2) Research Institute for Development, or Institut de Recherche pour le Développement 3) University of Newcastle
1:00pm 2:00pm	LUNCH			
2:00pm 3:30pm	Session 4	Focus: Implementation Partners	Secretariat <i>Islands and Ocean Ecosystems Programme</i>	1) Birdlife International 2) Secretariat of the Pacific Community 3) Samoa Chamber of Commerce 4) United Nations
3:30pm 4:30pm	Session 5	Focus: New Areas of Partnerships –Philanthropies, Faith based Organisations and Multilateral Financing Institutions	Secretariat <i>Environmental Monitoring and Governance</i>	1) Global Institute for Sustainability & Innovation 2) Pacific Conferences of Churches 3) World Bank 4) Global Environment Facility
4:30pm 4:45pm	BREAK			
4:45pm 5:00pm	Session 6	Wrap up and closing	Secretariat <i>Executive</i>	SPREP Director General