

**31st SPREP MEETING: ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS' HIGH-LEVEL TALANOA
'SPREP at 30: Sustainable, Transformative and Resilient for a Blue Pacific'
8th September 2023**

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 1. 9.00am - Call to order:** Chair of the 31st SPREP Meeting, Hon. Ampelosa Manoa Tehulu, Minister for Public Utilities and Environment, Tuvalu
- 2. 9.05am to 9.15am - Devotion and Prayer:** Reverend Nu'uausala Siaosi Siutaia, Apia Protestant Church
- 3. 9.15am to 9.30am - Welcome Address:** Hon. Toeolesulusulu Cedric Schuster, Minister of Natural Resources & Environment, Samoa
- 4. 9.30am to 10.00am - Setting the Scene:**
 - Global Scene Setting - Dechen Tsering, Regional Director and Representative, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Environment Programme
 - Regional Scene Setting - Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General of SPREP
- 5. 10.00am to 10.30am - Morning tea and group photo**
- 6. 10.30am to 12.00pm - Panel 1: Climate Change and Biodiversity conservation**
 - **Australia – “Pacific Engagement in Joint Bid for COP 31”**
Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP
Minister for the Environment and Water
 - **Nauru – “Higher Ground Initiative”**
Honourable Rennier Gadabu
Minister for Climate Change & National Resilience
 - **Palau – “Leadership of PSIDS across the MEAs”**
Honourable Gustav Aitaro
Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment
 - **Vanuatu – “Loss and Damage”**
Honourable Ralph Regenvanu
Minister of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology and Geo-Hazards, Energy, Environment and Disaster Management
 - **New Zealand – “Invasive Species and the Global Biodiversity Framework”**
His Excellency Dr. Trevor Matheson

New Zealand High Commissioner

- **Discussion**

7. 12.00pm to 1.30pm - Lunch

8. 1.30pm to 3.00pm - Panel 2: Ocean governance and plastic pollution

- **Niue – “Niue Ocean Wide (NOW) Initiative” & Gender**
Hon. Mona Ainuu
Minister
Ministry of Natural Resources, Government of Niue
- **Marshall Islands – “Waste Management Issues for Atoll States”**
(TBC)
- **France – “UNOC3 Pacific engagement opportunities”**
His Excellency Mr. Fournier Pierre
Special Envoy
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France
- **“Plastics INC Higher Ambition Coalition”**
(TBC)
- **Solomon Islands – “Greening the Pacific Games”**
Dr. Melchior Mataka
Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and
Meteorology
- **Discussion**

9. 3.00pm to 4.00pm - Afternoon tea and bilateral meetings

10. 4.00pm to 4.10pm - Environment High-Level Talanoa Summary: Chair’s Summary

**11. 4.10pm to 4.20pm - Adoption of the Environment Ministers’ High-Level Talanoa
Communique**

12. 4.20pm to 4.30pm - Adoption by acclamation of the 31st SPREP Meeting Outcomes

**13. Official close of the Environment Ministers High level Talanoa and 31st SPREP
Meeting: Dinner to be hosted by the Government of Samoa.**