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SUBJECT: Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion Call for Side Event Applications at the UNFCCC COP28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates: **Deadline 17 September, 2023**

Dear SPREP Members and Partners,

In the spirit of Pacific Partnership, Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Australia with SPREP and One CROP are hosting a Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion for which a significant number of Pacific focused side events will be showcased. We are now calling for applications which will close by **5pm CEST 17 September 2023**, through this link: [COP28 Pavilion Side Event Application](#) that will highlight our Pacific Islands and their climate change stories of innovation, leadership, solutions and challenges.

The Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion at COP28 will host various events, predominantly initiated by Pacific Island stakeholders including those from Pacific Island governments, private sector and CROP agencies as well as the Aotearoa, New Zealand government, the Australian Government and other partners.

The following themes will be taken into consideration in the assessment of applications:

Building a resilient Pacific for a resilient world

- Adaptation
- Agriculture
- Article 6 - markets and environmental integrity
- Capacity building and technology
- Climate finance
- Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement
- Loss and damage

Pacific Climate Ambition

- Climate ambition
- Just transition
- Periodic review, research and systematic observation
- Transparency in meeting the national climate targets and actions.

The overarching priority areas that must be mainstreamed into the above are:

- Ambitious climate action and commitments for the 1.5-degree Celsius temperature goal
- Gender equity and social inclusion (youth, gender equality, people with disabilities, indigenous peoples)
- Protecting and sustaining our ocean
- Pacific islands voices, culture and traditions

What you need to know:

- Event times will begin at 10am each day with the last event at 5pm.
- Each event slot will be 45 minutes allowing you time to set up in advance and clear out before the next event.
- Each event will start on the hour.
- Catering services will not be coordinated by the Pavilion management team, however contact details of caterers will be provided to you for you to facilitate. Please note at this stage we are still awaiting further information on this from the COP28 organisers.
- It will be your responsibility to ensure those presenting at your side event physically, have accreditation to enter the venue.
- While we will share the details of the Pacific Pavilion side event schedule it will be your responsibility to promote your event.
- Live streaming of your panel presentations will be possible.
- Should you wish to show a film, have PowerPoint presentations or request a hybrid event - it will be your responsibility to provide these to us in a USB device the day before the event or notify us of this.
- It will be your responsibility to notify us at least four days in advance should you wish to cancel your event, this is to ensure opportunities become available for others.

Our Blue Wave principles

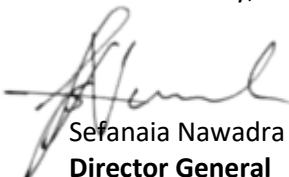
As stewards of the world's largest ocean, the Pacific Pavilion will be a single-use plastic free space that encourages very little waste as possible. Approximately 80% of all ocean plastic comes from land-based sources. In the spirit of ocean conservation, the following will take place:

- Very minimal paper distribution at the Pavilion – please use digital innovation No single-use plastics permitted for catering.
- A waste audit will be conducted at the end of each day for the Pavilion. If waste is left behind after each side event the waste audit results will be linked to your event.

The Secretariat will work to advise applicants by 5 October 2023 the outcome to enable participants to prepare ahead of COP 28. At this time a Moana Blue Pacific Side Events Guide will also be shared with you. Should you experience any challenges with using the online application form, please send an email to cop28@sprep.org with details of the issue and our team will guide you through alternative means of making an application. **The call for side events will close by 5pm CEST 17 September 2023.**

The Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion at COP28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 30 November to 12 December 2023 and the call for side event applications from Members and Partners, is to ensure the spirit of Pacific Partnership continues and the presence and voice of the Pacific is amplified in this important global platform.

Yours sincerely,



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