

31st SPREP MEETING (31SM) of Officials and associated meetings 04 – 08 September 2023

Information Note and Guide for Meeting Delegates



1. Meeting Dates and Venue

- i. Partnership Dialogue, 4th September 2023
- ii. 31st SPREP Meeting (31SM) of Officials, 5th – 7th September 2023
- iii. Environment Ministers High Level Talanoa 8th September 2023.

The 31st SPREP Meeting and associated meeting will be held at the:

Taumeasina Island Resort

Taumeasina Island

Beach Road

Apia, Samoa

Phone +685 61000

Email: Info@taumeasinainislandresortsamoa.com

Website: <https://www.taumeasinainislandresortsamoa.com>

2. Entry Requirements & Passport

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Visitors to Samoa can apply for a 90-day Visitor Permit on arrival using the arrival card. Travellers must have:

- a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the intended stay
- confirmed onward tickets (Return Ticket)
- visas for the next country of destination (if required)
- sufficient funds to support themselves (while in Samoa)
- confirmed residential contact address

More information [HERE](#)

Pre-Departure requirements for Entering Samoa [HERE](#)

3. Airport Transport Arrangements

Delegates are advised to arrange their own airport transfer. Public transport is available by taxi or shuttle service if arranged in advance with your accommodation provider.

4. Communication and Foreign Exchange

Outside the Arrivals area at Faleolo International Airport, there are two booths of Samoa's main mobile service providers: Digicel and Vodafone. Both offer SIM and data services, and you are encouraged to purchase these at the airport for convenience.

There is a Bank of South Pacific and Western Union - Number 1 Currency counter inside the arrivals terminal for foreign exchange as well as outside the terminal including ANZ Bank and various ATM's.

Taumeasina Island Resort also has a Bank of South Pacific ATM located in the main lobby area.

5. Currency

Samoa currency is Tala (SAT). All major currencies are generally accepted in main banks and foreign exchange counters.

The current exchange rate is approximately USD 1 ≈ SAT 2.63, subject to fluctuation. Credit/debit cards are accepted by all major hotels, big restaurants, and some super-markets.

6. Registration

There will be a registration table located in the glass area before entering the Main Conference Venue. Delegates will receive identification badges at the time of registration; please wear these badges throughout the duration of the meeting/s for security and catering purposes.

7. Working Papers and Provision Agenda

All working papers for the 31st SPREP Meeting of Officials, and associated meetings, including the provisional agenda are available on the SPREP website <https://www.sprep.org/31st-sprep-meeting-2023> The meeting papers are in English and French in accordance with the SPREP Meeting Rules of Procedures.

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8. Translation and interpreting services

OnCall Company which has been contracted by the Secretariat will be providing interpretation and translation services.

9. Official Language

The official languages of the SPREP Meeting are English and French. Thus, simultaneous interpretation into English and French will be provided.

10. Dress Code

As usual, formal business/Pacific attire is expected for this meeting.

11. Accommodation

Meeting participants are responsible for organising their own accommodation in Apia. Below is the accommodation package offered by Taumeasina Island Resort for the 31st SPREP Meeting and associated meetings:

| Rooms | No. occupants | WST |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Ocean View King | 2 adults – king bed | 380.00 |
| Ocean View double | 4 adults – 2 double beds | 380.00 |
| Deluxe Ocean view king | 2 adults – 1 king bed | 380.00 |
| Deluxe Ocean View double | 4 adults – 2 double beds | 380.00 |
| 2 bedroom Villas | 2 adults per room – king size beds | 860.00 |
| 3 bedroom Villas | 2 adults per room – king size beds | 1,200.00 |

If you are interested in the Taumeasina Island Resort package, please email your request for a reservation directly to Latoya on email group@taumeasinainlandresortsamoa.com and must quote SPREP 31st Meeting (31SM).

You may also visit the Samoa Tourism website <https://www.samoa.travel/plan-book/samoa-accommodation/> for other accommodation options in Apia.

We have also put together a list of accommodation options and contact details to assist.

As advised in past SPREP Circulars, you are highly encouraged to make reservations and secure accommodation and flights as soon as possible as August and September are busy months in Apia.

12. Health and Safety

Please bring a face mask as a precautionary measure.

It is recommended that you apply a risk-based approach to your health and safety as you would at home, by not leaving valuables unattended, and investing in both travel insurance and a basic travel first aid kit. In the unlikely event of an emergency in Samoa please call 911.

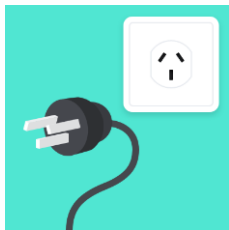
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13. Additional information about Samoa

Should this be your first-time visiting Samoa and you'd like to learn more, please refer to the Samoa Tourism Authority website which has a wealth of information <https://www.samoa.travel/>

14. Electricity voltage and adaptor

For Samoa the associated plug type is I, which is the plug that has three flat pins in a triangular pattern. Samoa operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz. See below.



15. Climate and weather

Samoa's climate and weather is warm and humid throughout the year. The temperature in September is usually between 24 to 30 degrees Celsius.

16. Local transportation

Taxi is the best way to commute between your hotel and the meeting venue. The hotel can arrange this for you and advise on the taxi fare.

17. Further Information

For further information relating to the logistics of the SPREP Meeting, please contact Maraea S. Pogi on email: maraeap@sprep.org, Apiseta Eti on email: apiseta@sprep.org and Rosanna Galuvao on rosannag@sprep.org.

For information on Meeting Working Papers, Agenda, and other non-logistical matters, please contact Ms. Easter Chu Shing, Deputy Director General easterc@sprep.org

The SPREP Office Number is +685 21929 should you wish to call the office.

The Secretariat looks forward to your participation at the 31 SPREP Meeting and associated meetings.

Safe travel to Apia.



31st SPREP MEETING OF OFFICIALS

4 - 7 September 2023, Apia, Samoa

ACCOMODATION LISTING

| | <u>Name of Property</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Phone</u> | <u>Email</u> | <u>Website</u> |
|----|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Lava Hotel | Sogi | 685 8445282 | reservations@lavahotel.ws | www.lavahotel.ws |
| 2 | Tanoa Tusitala Hotel | Sogi | 685 21122 | tusitala@tanoahotels.com | www.tanoahotels.com |
| 3 | Taumeasina Island Resort | Moataa, Apia | 685 61000 | group@taumeasinainlandresortsamoa.com | www.taumeasinainlandresortsamoa.com |
| 4 | Amanaki Hotel | Sogi | 685 27889 | contact@amanakihotel.com | www.amanakihotel.com |
| 5 | Hotel Millenia | Sogi | 685 28284 / 28286 / 31848 | info@hotelmillenciasamoa.com | www.hotelmillenciasamoa.com |
| 6 | Insel Fehmarn Hotel | Moto'otua | 685 23301 | reservations@insselfehmarn.ws | www.insselfehmarnsamoa.com |
| 7 | Le Alaimoana Hotel | Matautu-Uta | 685 20219 / 20392 | myroom@alaimoana.ws / hotel.lealaimoana@gmail.com | www.alaimoana.ws |
| 8 | Le Manumea Hotel | Vailima | 685 27740 / 27755 | manumea@ipasifika.net | https://www.lemanumeahotel.com/ |
| 9 | Orator Hotel | Tanumapua | 685 29136 / 29137 | reservations@oratorhotel.com / info@oratorhotel.com / | |
| 10 | Tausee Seaview Hotel & Restaurant | Tausee | 685 7770195 / 7298999 / 7753999 | tangchengsamoaatour@gmail.com | https://tauseseseaviewhotel.com/ |
| 11 | Alec's Hotel | Motootua | 685 28303 | admin@alecshomeaway.com | https://alecshotel.com/ |
| 12 | Amau Apartments | Savalalo | 685 33210 / 22615 | chanmow@ipasifika.net | - |

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| 13 | Hotel Elisa | Sogi | 685 21116 / 31205 / 84 31205 | reservations@hotelelisa.ws / contact@hotelelisa.ws | www.hotelelisa.ws |
| 14 | Lynn's Getaway | Motootua | 685 20272 | lynn@lynnsgetaway.com | https://lynnsgetaway.com/ |
| 15 | MKR Serviced Apartments | Savalalo | 685 26667 / 26399 | mkrservice@samoaoonline.ws / lewell@ipasifika.net | - |
| 16 | Moatoga Hotel | Fugalei | 685 7790532 / 27001 / 24064 | reservation@suaccommodation.com / suaccommodation@gmail.com | - |
| 17 | Samoa Holiday Hotel | Alamagoto | 685 28016 / 28017 | samoaholiday@lesamoa.net | |
| 18 | Samoa Tradition Resort | Ululoloa | 685 25699 / 8441989 | book@traditionresort.com | https://www.traditionresort.com/ |
| 19 | Samoana Boutique Hotel | Matautu-Uta | 685 31000 / 28460 | bookings@samoahotel.com info@samoahotel.com | https://www.samoanahotel.com/en/ |
| 20 | Tivoli Aparthotel | Malifa | 685 29939 | reservations@tivoliaparthotel.com / admin@hnh Samoa.com | https://www.tivoliaparthotelsamoa.com/en/ |
| 21 | Traveller's Point Hotel | Malifa | 685 33001 | stay@travellerspointhotel.com / bookings@travellerspointhotel.net | - |
| 22 | Vaea Hotel | Togafu'afu'a | 685 22714 | info@vaeahotel.com / bookings@vaeahotel.com | |
| 23 | Talofa Inn | Saleufi | 685 25755 | info@talofainn.com | - |
| 24 | The Samoan Outrigger Hotel | Moto'otua | 685 20042 / 30072/ 40024 | outrigger@samoa.ws | - |
| 25 | The White House Hotel | Fugalei, | 685 7741881 | tahanaburgess@gmail.com / lyannmax@gmail.com | - |
| 26 | Ulalei Lodge | Vaiala | 685 29913 | booking@ulaleilodgesamoa.com | - |
| 27 | Eden's Edge | Togafu'afu'a | 685 26202 / 26203 | edensedgesamoa@gmail.com | - |
| 28 | Aniva's Place | Moto'otua | 685 20501 / 7770500 / 23431 | stay@anivasplace.com | http://www.anivasplace.com/ |
| 29 | Taumesina Hideaway | Taumeasina | 685 7589255/7747905/7 622212 / 30114 | taumesina.hideaway@gmail.com | - |
| 30 | Le-Ric Housing Motel | Vaitele Uta - Ifilele St | 685 20260 | lerichousings@gmail.com | |
| 31 | Vaiala Beach Cottages | Vaiala | 685 22202 / 20714 | info@vaialabeach.com / conitr@gmail.com | - |