

31st SPREP MEETING OF OFFICIALS

5, 6, and 7 September 2023, Apia, Samoa

Agenda item 5.3: Outcomes of the SPREP Partnership Dialogue

Purpose of paper:

1. To report on the outcomes of the SPREP Partnership Dialogue and seek endorsement of Members for the Partnership Dialogue to be convened as a key event at every SPREP Meeting.

Background:

2. One of the strengths of SPREP is its network of partners and its ability to convene, coordinate and mobilise support to address member and regional priorities. As part of the SPREP 30th Anniversary and recognising the key role Partners play in the life and work of SPREP, the Secretariat is convening the first Partners Dialogue in the margins of the SPREP Meeting.
3. 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.
4. SPREP's Strategic Plan articulates SPREP's 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.
5. 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.

6. The SPREP Partnership Dialogue is a forum that brings 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.

Recommendation:

7. The Meeting is invited to:
 - 1) **Note** the outcomes of the SPREP Partnership Dialogue and **endorse** the Dialogue as an ongoing forum to be held at every full SPREP Membership meeting preceding the Officials Meeting.

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