

32nd SPREP MEETING SIDE EVENT

Guidelines for Greening Events

Thursday 4th September (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)

Harbor View Room 1 , Sheraton Samoa Aggie Grey's Hotel and Bungalows

1. Brief Description

Hosting events in the Pacific presents both opportunities and challenges for sustainability. With increasing concerns over plastic pollution, waste management, and carbon emissions, event organisers have a responsibility to minimise the environmental impact of events.

Greening events of any size and type such as meetings and conferences, and sporting competitions provide strategic opportunities to motivate and reinforce behaviour change among large numbers of people. Planning and implementing practical sustainability steps and strategies is fundamental, and the Pacific has benefitted directly from the application of effective plans and strategies such as those used at the 2019 and 2023 Pacific Games in Samoa and Solomon Islands, respectively.

At the side event, a panel discussion led by technical experts from the environment, sports, tourism, government, industry, and community sectors will deliberate about incorporating sustainable practices throughout the event planning, organisation, and execution phases from conception to completion, to ultimately minimise negative environmental impacts and maximise positive social contributions. Key themes of the discussion will be sustainability, social responsibility, collaboration, innovation, best practises and impact.

The Australian Government funded Pacific Ocean Litter Project being implemented by SPREP is developing the 'Guide for Greening Events'. The draft guide will be presented at the event as part of the validation process to finalise the tool before it's published.

2. Partners (Partners or Members who will be involved in the side event)

- Environmental Management - Technical Consultant (Ulu Bismark Crawley)
- Government/Regulator Authority – Fiji Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
- Sports Administration – Oceania National Olympic Committee (Nynette Sass)
- Sustainable Tourism – Pacific Tourism Organisation (Christina Gale)
- Community – Poutasi Development (Tuatagaloa Joe Annadale)

3. Agenda

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Time	Item	Speaker	Allocated Time
12:15-12:18	Introduction and overview		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and introduction 	SPREP (POLP)	3m
12:18-12:32	Sustainability Focus - Greening events aim to reduce the negative environmental impacts associated with events, plastic pollution, waste management, and carbon emissions.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic framework and practical operational guidelines 	Environmental Management Consultant - Ulu Bismark Crawley	7m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental leadership – enabling policies, strategies and plans. 	Fiji Ministry of Environment and Climate Change	7m
12:32-12:46	Lifecycle Approach - Event greening considers the entire event lifecycle, from initial planning to post-event activities, ensuring that sustainability is integrated into every stage		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports event planning and delivery in the Pacific. 	Oceania National Olympic Committees – Nynette Sass	7m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phasing out single use plastics in the tourism industry. 	Pacific Tourism Organisation – Christina Gale	7m
12:46-1:03	Social Responsibility - Greening also involves considering the social impact of the event, such as supporting local businesses and promoting community engagement.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fostering environmental stewardship through community engagement and social responsibility 	Poutasi Development Trust – Tuatagaloa Joe Annadale	7m
1:03-1:30	Q&A and closing		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions and answers 		10m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing 		2m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Networking 		15m



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Panelists:

- Environmental Management
- Sports Administration
- Sustainable Tourism
- Government/Regulatory Authority
- Business
- Community

Event Details:



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5.00pm - 6.30pm



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