

## 32<sup>nd</sup> SPREP MEETING SIDE EVENTS REQUEST FORM

1 - 5 September 2025, Sheraton Samoa

### 1. Title of the Side Event

Highlighting SPREP's newly established Climate Science and Information (CSI) Program, upcoming Weather Ready Pacific Radar Installation Plans, the Memorandum of Understanding with the Pacific Disability Forum, and the MOU signing with Earth Sciences New Zealand.

### 2. Brief Description (What the side event is about)

#### i. CSI Establishment & WRP Radar Plan (45mins)

The side event will focus on the establishment of SPREP's new department, *Climate Science and Information (CSI)*, and the importance of investing in Early Warning systems in the Pacific region to address climate change impacts specifically. One of the key investments under the Weather Ready Pacific Programme (WRP) is the establishment of the regional radar network including the review of the Tonga Radar and installation plans for weather radars in Samoa and the Solomon Islands. The VanKIRAP project under the GCF, SPREP is also investing on a Radar for Vanuatu.

The proposed format is to begin with a presentation introducing the new CSI department and its mandates and responsibilities, followed by an update on WRP activities, highlighting both completed work and future plans. In particular the Pacific Regional Radar Network. UNEP will also be invited to provide inputs from the GCF CIS-Pac5 investments on Radars in Tuvalu, Niue, Cook Islands, Palau and Marshal Islands

#### ii. Highlighting the significance of establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Pacific Disability Forum and SPREP (10mins)

Madam Sainimili Tawake, Chief Executive Officer of the Pacific Disability Forum, will highlight the importance of establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Pacific Disability Forum and SPREP.

This MOU is firmly grounded in the principles and commitments outlined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), ensuring that the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities remain a core focus across all joint initiatives.

This MoU will be signed in the afternoon at the main plenary.

#### ii. MOU Signing with Earth Sciences New Zealand (5mins)

The main objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Earth Sciences New Zealand and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) are:

- To provide a framework for co-operation between SPREP and Earth Sciences New Zealand for empowering the delivery of regional programmes of common interest such as the Weather Ready Pacific Program.
- Within this framework, the Parties will consult and collaborate on activities they identify as requiring implementation.

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

Open to all Partners and Members attending the 32<sup>nd</sup> SPREP Meeting

**4. Name and contact of the lead Organiser(s)**

Salesa Nihmei/Ofa Faanunu

**5. Name of SPREP Programme/Department**

Climate Science and Information (CSI)

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