

32nd SPREP MEETING SIDE EVENTS

1 - 5 September 2025, Sheraton Samoa

1. Title of the Side Event

Traditional Knowledge, Policy, People: Integrating NbS and Traditional Knowledge for Pacific Futures

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

Pacific Island communities have long relied on traditional knowledge systems to understand, predict, and respond to environmental changes. These systems, rooted in generations of observation and lived experience, offer valuable insights into sustainable resource management, seasonal forecasting, and community resilience.

Through shared stories, practical examples, and collaborative dialogue, we will explore how Indigenous knowledge systems and forward-looking approaches can work together to build resilient, adaptive, and culturally grounded responses to climate change

In the face of accelerating climate change, there is growing recognition of the need to integrate Traditional/Indigenous knowledge with modern climate adaptation strategies. Nature-based Solutions (NbS) offer a promising pathway, aligning ecological restoration with cultural values and community-led stewardship. By blending policy dialogue with cultural perspectives, this side event positions Pacific voices and experiences at the forefront of global conversations on climate resilience. It will not only share early insights from ongoing NbS policy integration but also inspire new ways of thinking about environmental stewardship. This side event will explore the intersection of Traditional knowledge, climate science and policy innovation, showcasing how Pacific Island countries are integrating NbS into national frameworks through inclusive, culturally grounded approaches and climate and early warning services.

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

Vanuatu, Samoa

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

SPREP, Siosinamele Lui (COSPPac) Utulei Lui (PPIN)

5. Format

PPIN Project

Format: Presentation - slides

Aim:

- Strengthened recognition of traditional knowledge in climate policy.
- Shared lessons from NbS integration processes.
- New partnerships or commitments for regional collaboration.
- A call to action for culturally grounded climate adaptation and Nature-based Solution

Key Messages

- Traditional Knowledge Systems and Environmental Stewardship
- Nature-based Solutions in Pacific Policy Frameworks
- Community-Led Adaptation and Co-Design Processes
- Bridging Traditional Governance and Institutional Decision-Making
- Regional Collaboration for Climate Resilience