

32nd SPREP MEETING SIDE EVENTS REQUEST FORM

Wednesday 3rd September 2025, SPREP

1. Title of the Side Event

Launch of the Emma Luke Earth Observation Centre at SPREP

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

The Emma Luke Earth Observation (EO) Centre at SPREP will serve as a regional hub for environmental monitoring and geospatial innovation, offering a suite of services to support evidence-based policymaking and sustainable development. The Centre is strategically positioned within SPREP to complement existing regional initiatives, bridge data gaps, and foster collaboration between governments, academia, civil society, and international partners.

The Centre is named in honour of Emma Luke, a passionate advocate for environmental conservation and geospatial innovation in the Pacific. Her contributions to the field of earth observation have paved the way for improved data accessibility and decision-making for Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs).

The EO Centre is envisioned as a centre of excellence, a place where knowledge is created, shared, and applied. It will empower Pacific Island geospatial practitioners with enhance skills in satellite data interpretation, remote sensing, and spatial analysis, while promoting the use of open-source tools and locally relevant solutions.

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

- a. Government of Samoa
 - i. MNRE
 - ii. Planning and Urban Management Agency (PUMA) Ministry of Works Transport and Infrastructure (MWTI)
 - iii. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF)
- b. High level delegates/Rep from SPREP member countries
- c. Emma Luke Foundation Trust
- d. Geoscience Australia
- e. Diplomatic Corp
 - i. Australian High Commission
 - ii. NZ High Commission
 - iii. Embassy of the United States
 - iv. Embassy of Japan
 - v. Embassy of the People's Republic of China
- f. Partners
 - i. FAO Sub-regional office
 - ii. UNEP Sub-regional office
 - iii. University of the South Pacific (USP)
 - iv. Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)
 - v. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
 - vi. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

- g. Samoa Conservation Society
- h. Pacific GIS Remote Sensing Council (PGRSC)
- i. Samoa GISRS User Group
- j. Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa (SROS)

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

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5. Name of SPREP Programme/Department

Environmental Governance

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