

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

1 - 5 September 2025, Sheraton Samoa Aggie Grey's Hotel and Bungalows

**1. Title of the Side Event**

The Moana Taka Partnership

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

The Pacific region is grappling with increasing challenges in waste management, particularly concerning the disposal of used oil, e-waste, and other hazardous materials. The lack of proper disposal infrastructure poses significant risks to marine ecosystems, public health, and local economies. The Moana Taka Partnership is a collaborative initiative aimed at addressing these challenges by providing a sustainable and cost-effective solution for the return of waste from participating Pacific Island countries and territories to recycling facilities.

The Moana Taka Partnership helps alleviate the burden of waste disposal on islands in the Pacific by utilising Swire Shipping vessels to fill empty Swire Shipping containers (both the shipping and containers are provided pro bono) with waste to transport to other countries with proper waste disposal facilities, ensuring that waste products from oil to plastics and aerosols, are properly recycled and processed.

The side event will launch a dedicated web portal to centralize, automate, and streamline the end to end MTP workflow. This new online platform will streamline the application process for the Moana Taka Partnership by digitizing forms, improving communication between applicants, SPREP, and Swire Shipping, and maintaining a complete audit trail. This will lead to increased efficiency and a reduction in manual errors.

Post website launch, there will be open discussion with key partners from government, industry, and environmental organizations. The discussion will highlight the successes and challenges of the Moana Taka Partnership since its inception, including its role in diverting hazardous waste from landfills and the environment, and promoting a circular economy within the Pacific.

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

Open to all participants

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

Mohammed Asid Zullah – Pollution Adviser

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

Waste Management and Pollution Control – Pacific Ocean Litter Project

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