

Thirty Second SPREP Meeting of Officials

Sheraton Aggie Greys Hotel & Bungalows
2-4 September 2025
Apia, Samoa

“Sustaining our Pacific Environment in Harmony with our Cultures”

Agenda Item 9.1.1: Pacific Climate Change Roundtable Outcomes

Purpose:

1. To inform SPREP Members of the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable outcomes.
2. Requests SPREP Members to consider the recommendations of the roundtable, attached as Att.1, submitted on behalf of SPREP’s membership and its National Climate Change Focal Points.
3. SPREP seeks the endorsement of the roundtable’s recommendations by the SPREP Membership.

Background:

4. The Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) was established in 2000 by the Secretariat to coordinate regional support, exchange of experiences, good practices and lessons learned. In 2005 the regional response to the impacts of climate change was, approved by Pacific island leaders, guided by the regional Pacific Islands Framework Convention on Climate Change 2006 – 2015.
5. In 2017 the PCCR concluded its final meeting as it transitioned towards the next regional strategy for climate change and disaster risk management, The Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) 2017 – 2030, an integrated approach to jointly coordinate the priorities from the two communities.
6. Consequently, the PCCR was replaced by the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) and its PRP Taskforce. Despite endeavours by the region to mainstream the climate change and disaster regional priorities it proved challenging due in part to incompatibility with established governance arrangements, processes and communities of practice.
7. Therefore in 2023 at the 31st SPREP Meeting, the membership called for the reconvening of the PCCR in 2024 with the aim to establish once more a coordinating body to bring together the climate change constituency to focus on the advancement of countries adaptation, and mitigation priorities with support towards access to the climate financing mechanism.
8. In 2024 SPREP reconvened the PCCR focusing on the climate change focal points developing governance arrangements for the roundtable. The outcomes of the PCCR were forwarded to the Fourth SPREP Executive Board Meeting (2024). The Board endorsed the recommended outcomes and adopted its recommendations as the Terms of Reference for the PCCR.

9. In 2025 the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable was convened in Samoa from the 13 – 15 August, preceded by the Regional Loss and Damage Dialogue that was held on the 11 – 12 August.

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10. The PCCR considered technical features under adaptation, mitigation, loss and damage, and climate financing. The roundtable was attended by representatives from American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, United Kingdom, and Vanuatu.
11. In attendance from the development partners were the Governments of Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the Green Climate Fund (GCF).
12. Pursuant to the PCCR's terms of reference the Secretariat presents on behalf of the roundtable membership the outcomes from the roundtable for the consideration of the SPREP membership.
13. The Secretariat requests the SPREP membership to consider endorsement of the recommended outcomes. Please refer to WP 9.1.1/Att.1.

Recommendations:

14. The SPREP membership is invited to:
 - 1) **Note** the outcomes of the PCCR;
 - 2) **Endorse** the recommendations;
 - 3) **Endorse** the timing of the next PCCR to be held in 2027; and
 - 4) **Acknowledge** with appreciation the financial support from the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand.
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