

SPREP PARTNERSHIP DIALOGUE

“Resilient Futures: Mobilising Resources for Climate and Environment in a Shifting Donor Landscape”.Monday 1st September, 2025

Sheraton – Aggie Grey’s Hotel, Apia, SAMOA

Background:

Pacific Island countries and territories stand at the frontline of the climate and biodiversity crises, with the impacts of global shifts (geopolitical, economic, and environmental); amplifying already existing vulnerabilities. In this context, the imperative to strengthen partnerships, diversify funding sources, and adopt innovative approaches to resource mobilisation has never been more urgent.

Building on the success of the inaugural SPREP Partners’ Dialogue held in 2023 during the 30th SPREP Meeting, this year’s Dialogue provides an opportunity to deepen strategic engagement between SPREP and its partners (both donors and technical partners). While the 2023 Dialogue focused on advancing the implementation of SPREP’s current Strategic Plan (2017–2026), the 2025 Dialogue will look beyond 2026, providing a platform to co-design forward-looking partnerships and solutions that align with current and emerging regional priorities and global commitments. These include the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and the Paris Agreement.

Objectives:

- (i) Inform SPREP’s strategic planning and programming by promoting integrated programmatic approaches informed by partner insights and investment priorities.
- (ii) Explore current and emerging challenges in mobilising resources for SPREP’s priority areas of work.
- (iii) Showcase opportunities to enhance partnerships; leveraging science, innovation and technology and mainstreaming people centred approaches in particular gender, youth and traditional knowledge.

Expected Outcomes:

- Strengthened understanding of partner priorities and challenges
- Clearer alignment between SPREP’s approach to integrated programming and donor interests
- Identification of strategic opportunities for co-investment and joint initiatives
- Enhanced visibility of SPREP as a partner of choice, and regional leader in environment and climate services

Partnerships Context:

SPREP recognises its Partners as those who contribute meaningfully to the achievement of SPREP’s mandate and strategic priorities, through the provision of financial resources; technical expertise; scientific and policy support; and collaborative implementation. These are institutions and stakeholders with whom SPREP shares political, development, environmental, and technical interests, and whose capabilities complement and enhance our regional efforts.

In line with SPREP's Partnerships Engagement and Resource Mobilisation Strategy (PERMS), the Dialogue recognises the *supply side of partnerships*: those who bring value and capabilities in response to SPREP's articulated needs and country-driven demands (*demand side*). For the purposes of the SPREP Partners' Dialogue, partners will be broadly grouped into the following two categories:

1. **Financial Partners** – including bilateral and multilateral donors, international financial institutions, and philanthropic organisations that provide funding and investment aligned with SPREP's strategic and programmatic priorities.
2. **Technical Partners** – including scientific institutions, research organisations, implementing agencies, and other entities that bring non-financial resources (and may leverage financing), such as knowledge, innovation, tools, and human capacity in support of SPREP-led and country-owned initiatives.

Proposed Structure – Partners' Dialogue

Morning Session: Thematic Panels (Plenary)

Three moderated panels will explore different dimensions of the resource mobilisation landscape:

1. **Strategic Alignment for a Resilient Blue Pacific: Partner Insights for SPREP's Next Strategic Plan**
Focus: explore how partners can help shape SPREP's strategic direction by aligning priorities and opportunities with the Climate Change & Disasters and Ocean & Environment themes of the 2050 Strategy.
2. **Changing Financial Landscape: Bridging Gaps in Climate and Environment Finance and Harnessing Innovative Finance**
Focus: Understanding and aligning the changing donor landscape and donor modalities with national needs, access barriers, evolving expectations and exploring new and innovative finance (risk sharing instruments, climate/blue bonds etc)
3. **Means of Implementation: Mainstreaming People Centred Approaches into Partnerships for the Future**
Focus: Emerging technologies and non-traditional partnership opportunities to enhance programming by embedding gender, youth, and traditional knowledge into more inclusive and innovative approaches.

Afternoon Session: World Café – Mobilising Resources for Integrated Action

Each World Café station will represent one of SPREP's key programme priority areas:

- (i) Climate Change,
- (ii) Biodiversity and Conservation,
- (iii) Waste Management and Pollution, and
- (iv) Environmental Governance - Oceans.

These thematic stations will provide a space for partners and donors to offer targeted feedback on investment potential, co-financing opportunities, and alignment with existing or emerging programming.

Importantly, the World Café will also enable more in-depth discussions to unpack the three cross-cutting themes explored in the morning's panels:

- Strategic Direction – insights to inform SPREP's next Strategic Plan;
- Changing Financial Landscape – implications for accessing and coordinating environment and climate finance; and
- Means of Implementation – with a focus on mainstreaming gender, youth, and traditional knowledge while leveraging innovation and emerging technologies.

Additional elements of the official programme

1. **Side Events** – three parallel sponsored side events during the Partners' Dialogue lunch, which will highlight effective partnerships including launching of milestone partnerships for SPREP in 2025.
2. **Signing of key partnerships** – a number of key partnership agreements will be formalised during the Partners' Dialogue. These are detailed in the official programme below.