

Agenda Item 8.1: Update on preparations for UNFCCC COP31 and the Outcomes from COP30**Purpose:**

1. To inform SPREP Members of UNFCCC COP30 outcomes for Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS) Parties at the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) meeting in Belém, Brazil, from 10-21 November 2025.
2. To inform SPREP Members of the current state of preparations being carried out by SPREP and the One CROP to support PSIDS Parties at the Thirty-first Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP31) in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9-20 November 2026.

Background:

3. SPREP's Climate Change Resilience Programme provides technical, coordination and advice to PSIDS Parties to the UNFCCC through its leadership of the One CROP (SPREP, PIFS, SPC, FFA, and USP) to implement the Pacific Voyage Plan.
4. Preparations for COP30 was the result of a year-long collaborative effort supporting all PSIDS, undertaken in partnership with Climate Analytics and the One CROP. Activities commenced with a regional virtual Post-COP29 review and analysis meeting, followed by a regional virtual Pre-Bonn Intersessional Preparation meeting. In addition, SPREP convened eight virtual in-depth analysis sessions to equip negotiators with the knowledge and insights required for effective participation and preparation at COP30.
5. An annual key milestone in the lead-up to COP30 was the in-person PSIDS Preparatory Meeting for COP30 (PSIDS Pre-COP) which was held in Samoa in partnership with Climate Analytics, and the One CROP. The meeting culminated in the endorsement of a coordinated PSIDS COP30 negotiations strategy, supported by the development of a suite of preparatory tools, including briefings on the 12 thematic priority areas, the COP30 Compass, and a communications strategy for the region.

Outcomes of COP30:

6. SPREP takes the opportunity to convey its appreciation to the Governments of Australia and New Zealand for their continued financial support to Pacific Member countries through SPREP to enable the region to amplify its voice through the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion. The pavilion provides the platform for members to demonstrate and share its challenges and the climate action taken by countries and communities to bolster their resilience.

7. SPREP also acknowledges the Government of New Zealand for its support for the Pacific Delegation Office. The office provides a dedicated space for the Pacific to coordinate as a region, convene bilateral meetings and hold national delegation meetings during the COP.
8. Substantial support was provided to the 14 PSIDS throughout COP30 to strengthen coordination and engagement across the negotiations. This included regular briefings for lead negotiators, PSIDS coordinators, officials and ministers, support for thematic group coordination, policy assistance to the Pacific Political Champions, and dedicated support to the PSIDS Chair. Targeted briefing materials were prepared on request to inform interventions and provide updates on the status of key thematic issues.
9. Provisional support included the development of a COP30 Strategy, 12 technical briefs for each thematic priority, the PSIDS Compass to assist new members on delegations navigate the UNFCCC process, briefings and talking points tailored for the Pacific Champions, Ministers and Heads of Delegations.
10. The Pacific Delegation Office played a critical role in supporting PSIDS coordination at COP30, hosting 70 meetings and serving more than 890 users from the 10-21 November 2025. As the primary coordination hub for Pacific delegations, it facilitated a broad range of negotiations, policy, and high-level engagement activities, while also providing a dedicated workspace for delegates and a venue for engagement with partners, donors, media, and youth representatives.
11. The Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion began operations from the 10-20 November 2025. It provided a central platform for Pacific storytelling, advocacy, and engagement at COP30. Through 68 Pacific-led events and the participations of 373 panellists, the Pavilion highlighted regional climate leadership and fostered dialogue with global stakeholders. Managed by SPREP, the Pavilion attracted strong participation throughout the conference and remained a highly visible and influential Pacific hub despite temporary disruptions caused by safety related incidents at the venue.
12. Efforts to amplify Pacific voices at COP30 centred on both Pacific-led events and the negotiators themselves. Through a comprehensive communications programme, SPREP delivered 94 news, multimedia, and social media products that showcased Pacific leadership, priorities, and perspectives. Featuring representatives from the Pacific region and reaching more than one million people through social media channels, these communication outcomes amplified Pacific voices which continue to significantly strengthen the visibility and influence of the Pacific at the COP.
13. COP30 underscored the fragility of political consensus at a time when global emissions remain high and geopolitical tensions are intensifying in a multipolar world. The sense of political strain was reinforced by failures in parallel multilateral processes during the year, in the midst of all of this, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in 2025 reaffirmed the Paris Agreement's temperature goal, and the legal duty of States to cooperate in taking action on climate change.

14. Marked by major logistical issues around accommodation and travel, particularly for vulnerable countries, the Conference also faced operational disruptions from severe weather, including flooding around the venue, as well as a fire during the second week that interrupted negotiations and events. Several protests took place, including by Indigenous peoples from Brazil, with at least one protest resulting in a violent altercation with the UN Security. This challenging context formed the backdrop for two weeks of intense negotiations.
15. The Brazilian Presidency positioned COP30 as an implementation focused COP, placing strong emphasis on accelerating climate action and delivery of existing commitments. Despite significant difference among Parties on a range of proposed agenda items, intensive consultations facilitated agreement on a package addressing responses to a synthesis report on the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Biennial Transparency Reports (BTRs), Climate Finance, and unilateral trade measures, while also advancing discussions on other priority issues.
16. Negotiations remained challenging throughout the conference, leading to Ministerial level consultations that secured consensus on a broader package of decisions, resulting in the Global Mutirão decision which reinforced the importance of science-based action guided by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as the authoritative source of climate science, with acknowledgement of the rapidly shrinking global carbon budget.
17. COP30 represented a pivotal moment ten years after the Paris Agreement, providing an opportunity to reflect on progress made and the actions still required. While global efforts have reduced projected warming outcomes, the pace of emissions reductions remains inadequate to meet the 1.5-degree Celsius limit. Further efforts will be required to draw attention to ongoing challenges related to ambition, implementation, and the increasingly complex geopolitical landscape.
18. SPREP worked closely the Government of Australia and PIFS in preparation for COP30/COP31, as the joint Secretariat for the Pacific Senior Officials Taskforce (PSOT). Regular meetings were convened for Pacific Climate Change Ministers' and senior officials' which strengthened regional coordination, advanced Pacific priorities, and informed the region's collective engagement throughout the COP31 process.
19. COP30 confirmed the arrangements for COP31, with Türkiye confirmed as the host of the conference, including the World Leaders' Summit, and Australia confirmed as President of the Negotiations from the close of COP30 through to the conclusion of COP31. COP30 also confirmed that a Pre-COP meeting would be held in a Pacific island country, supported by the Government of Australia and jointly led by Australia and the Pacific. Türkiye was assigned responsibility for the operational delivery of COP31, including the COP31 Action Agenda, while Australia was entrusted with leading the intersessional negotiations process and guiding the negotiations agenda throughout the COP31 Presidency.

Update on the preparations for COP31:

20. SPREP has commenced preparations for COP31, building on the successful coordination and support provided to PSIDS at COP30.

21. SPREP continues to work closely with the Government of Australia, PIFS, One CROP, and Pacific Members in preparation for COP31 to implement the COP31 Pacific Partnership Policy Framework. Throughout 2026, SPREP has provided technical support to multiple Pacific Senior Officials Taskforce (PSOT) meetings and has led the coordination and logistical arrangements as well as provided technical support for the COP31 Pacific Climate Change Ministers' Talanoa held in March and July 2026.
22. In partnership with Climate Analytics and the One CROP, SPREP has already convened a regional post-COP30 review and analysis meeting, followed by a regional preparation meeting for the 2026 Bonn Climate Change Conference (SB64). These meetings enabled Pacific negotiators to reflect on key outcomes, identify priorities, and coordinate regional positions ahead of COP31.
23. SPREP with support of One CROP, will continue to provide comprehensive technical and coordination support to PSIDS in the lead-up to COP31, including regional preparatory meetings, thematic technical briefings, negotiation support, and targeted briefing materials for Ministers, Heads of Delegation, Pacific Political Champions, and negotiators.
24. SPREP partnered with Climate Youth Negotiators Academy with the financial support of the United Kingdom and Government of Australia to build negotiations capacity for (nominated) Pacific Youth in May 2026.
25. The circular for the PSIDS Pre-COP31, held prior to the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 was sent to focal points for nominations in June 2026.
26. Planning is underway for the delivery of the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion and the Pacific Delegation Office at COP31. Expressions of Interest for both spaces have been submitted through the COP31 application process.
27. The call for side events hosted at the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion was sent to focal points and partners through circular in June 2026.
28. SPREP will continue to implement a comprehensive communications programme to amplify Pacific voices at COP31 through strategic media engagement, digital communications, and promotion of Pacific-led events and climate action.

Recommendation:

29. The Executive Board Meeting is invited to:
 - 1) **Note** the outcomes of PSIDS engagement in COP30; and
 - 2) **Note** the progress of preparations by SPREP and One CROP in the lead up to and at the UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye.
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