

29th SPREP Meeting: 'A Resilient Blue Pacific'

Apia, Samoa
3-6 September 2019

Environment Ministers' High Level Talanoa
(Friday 6th September: 9:00am – 3:00pm)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 16: Environment Ministers' High Level Talanoa: 'A Resilient Blue Pacific'

16.1 - Panel 1: Climate Change

16.2 - Panel 2: Ocean

16.3 - Panel 3: Marine Pollution and Seabed Mining

Each panel will be moderated by a Minister. The Samoa Deputy Prime Minister as Chair of the Environment Ministers' High Level Talanoa will make introductory remarks and moderate Panel 1 on Climate Change. At the conclusion of the Ministerial Talanoa the Samoa Deputy Prime Minister as Chair will provide the overall summary of the three panels.

Master of Ceremony: Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP

- Welcome
- Opening with a short prayer
- Introductory remarks
- Introduction of the Chair the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa.

Panel 1: Climate Change (9:00am to 10:30am)

1. **Formal introductions and Keynote Address: Honourable Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa** - Chair and Moderator of Panel 1: Climate Change.

At conclusion of Keynote Address the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa (Chair) will introduce the Guest speaker.

2. **Guest speaker: Ambassador Thomson, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean.** Setting the scene and discussing the 2020 UN Oceans Conference reporting on ocean action and commitments.

Honourable Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa (Chair) to moderate session

3. **Honourable Minister of Tuvalu:** Implications of the 1.5 degrees report.
4. **Honourable Minister of Republic of Marshall Islands:** Increasing emissions ambition through NDCs
5. **Honourable Minister of Fiji:** COP25 expectations and outcomes

Each panellist to speak for 10 minutes, followed by a brief period of discussion and responses.

6. **Honourable Minister of France:** To lead the response on the Panel 1 discussions
7. **Honourable Minister of Nauru:** To provide a response

8. **Honourable Minister of Niue:** To provide a response
9. **Honourable representative of American Samoa:** To provide a response

Session Break (10:30am to 10:45am) Morning tea

Panel 2: Oceans (10:45am to 12:15pm)

1. **Honourable Minister of Australia - Moderator of Panel 2: Oceans**
2. **Honourable Minister of Vanuatu:** Need for a coherent regional and national action to address single use plastics
3. **Honourable Minister of Cook Islands:** Marae Moana
4. **Honourable Minister of Palau:** Building resilience of marine ecosystems as part of effective climate action
5. **Honourable Minister of New Zealand:** Building resilience to impacts of Ocean Acidification

Each panellist to speak for 10 minutes, followed by a brief period of discussion and responses.

6. **Honourable Minister of the United Kingdom:** To lead the response to Panel 2 discussions
7. **Honourable Minister of New Caledonia:** To provide a response
8. **Honourable Minister of Tokelau:** To provide a response
9. **Honourable Minister of Kiribati:** To provide a response
10. **Honourable representative of the United States:** To provide a response

Session Break (12:15pm to 1:15pm) Official photograph followed by Ministerial lunch

Panel 3: Marine Pollution and Seabed Mining (1:15pm to 2:45pm) 90 minutes

1. **Honourable Minister of Solomon Islands - Moderator of Panel 3: Marine Pollution and Seabed Mining**
2. **Guest speaker** Major Projects Foundation to provide an overview of the impact of World War II polluting wrecks in the Pacific.
3. **Honourable Minister of Tonga:** Seabed Mining
4. **Honourable Minister of Papua New Guinea:** Seabed Mining
5. **Honourable Minister of French Polynesia:** Marine Pollution and Seabed Mining
6. **Honourable Secretary of the Federated States of Micronesia:** World War II wrecks and their impact on the environment

Each panellist to speak for 10 minutes, followed by a brief period of discussion and responses.

7. **Honourable representative of Wallis and Futuna:** To lead on the response to Panel 3 discussions
8. **Honourable representative of Guam:** To provide a response
9. **Honourable representative of the Northern Marianas:** To provide a response

Environment Ministers' High Level Talanoa Summary: Honourable Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa (Chair)

Agenda Item 17: Adoption of the Environment Ministers' High Level Talanoa Communique

Agenda Item 18: Adoption of the 29th SPREP Meeting Outcomes

Agenda Item 19: Close