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

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