

**30TH SPREP MEETING and ASSOCIATED MEETINGS**

**2 – 10 September 2021**

**Environment Ministers’ High-Level Talanoa**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**Agenda Item: Environment Ministers’ High-Level Talanoa:**

**‘Accelerating Actions for a Resilient Blue Pacific’**

Apia, Samoa

10 September 2021

* **Panel 1: Ocean and Climate Change**
* **Panel 2: Ocean and Pollution**
* **Panel 3: Ocean and Deep-Sea Mining**

*Each panel will be moderated by a Minister. The* ***Tokelau Minister of Environment****, as Chair of the Environment Ministers’ High Level Talanoa will make introductory remarks and moderate* ***Panel 1: Ocean and Climate Change****. At the conclusion of the Ministerial Talanoa the Minister as Chair will provide the overall summary of the three panels.*

***Master of Ceremony:*** *Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP*

1. Welcome
2. Opening with a short prayer from the Honourable Minister (tbc)
3. Introductory remarks
4. Introduction of the Chair the Honourable. Minister of Tokelau
5. Setting the scene
6. Presentation by Stuart Chape (Acting Deputy Director General of Strategic Policy & Technical Programmes & Director of Island and Ocean Ecosystems) – Regional State of Environment and Conservation Report
7. Formal introductions and Keynote Address: Honourable Minister of Tokelau - Chair and Moderator of Panel 1: Ocean and Climate Change.

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

1. Guest speaker: [*Dr Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and Assistant Director-General of UNESCO*] (tbc)
2. **Panel 1: Ocean and Climate Change**

* **Honourable Minister of Tokelau (Chair) to moderate session**
* **Honourable Minister of Marshall Islands**
* **Honourable Minister of New Zealand**
* **Honourable Minister of Palau**
* **Honourable Minister of Wallis and Futuna**

*Each panelist to speak for 10 minutes, followed by a brief discussion and responses. Each respondent to speak for 6 minutes.*

* **Honourable Minister of Kiribati: To provide a response**
* **Honourable Minister of French Polynesia: To provide a response**
* **Honourable Minister of Solomon Islands: To provide a response**
* **High-Level Representative of the United States of America: To provide a response**

1. *Session Break (15 minutes)*
2. **Panel 2: Ocean and Pollution** **-**

* **Honourable Minister of Federated States of Micronesia - Moderator of Panel 2**
* **Honourable Minister of New Caledonia**
* **Honourable Minister of Samoa**
* **Honourable Minister of Australia**

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* **High-Level Representative of America Samoa to provide a response**
* **Honourable Minister of Niue to provide a response**
* **Honourable Minister of United Kingdom to provide a response**
* **High-Level Representative of Northern Mariana Islands to provide a response**
* **High-Level Representative of Guam to provide a response**

1. **Draft Declaration on Plastics**
2. *Session Break (15 minutes) - Official virtual photograph*
3. **Panel 3**: **Ocean – Deep Sea Mining**

* **Honourable Minister of France - Moderator of Panel 3**
* **Honourable Minister of Papua New Guinea**
* **Honourable Minister of Fiji**
* **Honourable Minister of Nauru**

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* **Honourable Minister of Cook Islands to provide a response**
* **Honourable Minister of Tuvalu to provide a response**
* **Honourable Minister of Vanuatu to provide a response**
* **Honourable Minister of Tonga to provide a response**

1. **Youth Representative:** Responding to the Ministers High-Level Talanoa
2. **Environment Ministers’ High-Level Talanoa Summary**: Honourable Minister of Tokelau (Chair)
3. **Adoption of the Environment Ministers’ High-Level Talanoa Communique**
4. **Adoption by acclamation of the 30th SPREP Meeting Outcomes**
5. **Official close of the 30th SPREP Meeting**

1. **Pacific Island Environment Leadership Awards** (45 minutes)
2. The Honourable Minister of New Caledonia, as the host of the 10th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas will announce the winners for each category accompanied by trophies on display, and special presentation showcasing the winners.

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