

SPREP PARTNERSHIP DIALOGUE

“SPREP@30: Strengthening our Partnerships for a resilient Blue Pacific”.

Monday 4 September 2023 from 9am to 5pm

Taumeasina Island Resort, Apia, SAMOA

Background:

As part of our 30th Anniversary and recognising the key role our Partners play in the life and work of SPREP, we are convening this first Partnership Dialogue in the margins of the SPREP Meeting. One of the strengths of SPREP is its network of partners and our ability to convene, coordinate and mobilise to address member and regional priorities.

The SPREP Partnership Dialogue is not a formal part of the SPREP Meeting and is intended as a forum where Partners who are non-members of SPREP can engage with SPREP Members on issues related to SPREP’s mandate, strategic plan and programmes.

SPREP’s Strategic Plan articulates our vision for “A resilient Pacific environment sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures.” SPREP’s principal concern and a strategic focus is climate change where SPREP has a key leadership, convening and coordination role. SPREP has three other strategic foci: Ecosystem and biodiversity Protection; Waste Management and Pollution Control; and Environmental Governance. The ocean is a crosscutting theme across SPREP’s four strategic foci.

As a CROP Agency and as endorsed by the Third Executive Board, SPREP has a key role in the implementation of the 2050 Blue Pacific Strategy. There are two thematic areas where SPREP has a lead role: - i) Climate Change and Disasters and ii) Oceans and Natural Environment. We want to ensure our partnerships are strengthened to help us to fulfill our prescribed role.

Objective:

To bring together SPREP Members, Secretariat and Partners to share information and discuss opportunities for strategic engagement, collaboration, cooperation, and partnership. It is also an opportunity for those partners and donors who do not have a formal engagement during the SPREP Officials Meeting to dialogue with SPREP Members.

Expected Outcome:

- (i) Greater understanding of what and how partners could engage and contribute to SPREP’s strategic priorities including agreement on roles and responsibilities.
- (ii) Identify gaps and redundancy in SPREP’s partnership network.
- (iii) Discuss and recommend partnership modalities and work arrangements to strengthen implementation arrangements.

Proposed approach:

We see our Partners as those who significantly contribute, engage, and cooperate with SPREP, those with whom we share political, development, scientific and technical interests, and those whose area of expertise complements ours.

For the purposes of the Dialogue, we have divided partners into three broad categories:

- 1) Donor Partners
- 2) Scientific, Technical and Research Partners
- 3) Implementation Partners

Arrangements:

- The Dialogue will be organised and facilitated by the Secretariat – both content and logistics.
- The Secretariat have identified prospective speakers for each session (prospective speakers identified here), we will approach and work with them to develop session content.
- A SPREP Circular invite will be sent to Members and Partners providing information on the Partners Dialogue.

Draft Provisional Programme

1. Opening
 2. Session 1 - focus on Donor Partners
 3. Session 2 - focus on Technical, Scientific, and Research Partners
 4. Session 3 - focus on Implementation Partners
 5. Session 4 - focus on New Areas of Partnership - Philanthropies and Faith based Organisations
 6. Wrap up and Closing
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