

## SPREP Environment Ministers and High-Level Representatives Talanoa Communiqué 2023

We, the 31<sup>st</sup> SPREP Meeting Environment Ministers and High-Level Representatives of American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, France, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tokelau, Tuvalu, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna, meeting in Apia, Samoa on 8 September 2023

**Endorse** the outcomes of the 31<sup>st</sup> SPREP Meeting.

**Embrace** our diversity and recognise that while we are one Pacific, we have different contexts and priorities, in particular atoll States.

We, the Ministers and High-Level Representatives commit to mobilise individually and collectively our efforts on the following:

- 1) **Implement** the 2050 Blue Pacific Strategy
  - 2) **Support** implementation of the 30x30 Target according to the Global Biodiversity Framework objectives and support efforts to access financial resources and consider joining the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People.
  - 3) **Sign and ratify or accede** to the UN BBNJ Treaty as soon as possible.
  - 4) **Play** a proactive role in the current negotiations on the Global Plastic Treaty to be finalised by 2024 and consider joining the High Ambition Coalition to end plastic pollution by 2040.
  - 5) **Bring** concrete actions as identified in the Blue Pacific Strategy to UNOC 3, organised by France and Costa Rica in 2025.
  - 6) **Seize** every international opportunity to amplify our One Pacific Voice at the UNFCCC 28, the Global Nature Positive Summit and the Third UN Ocean Conference to ensure the world listens.
  - 7) **Consider** joining the High Ambition Coalition for Climate Change.
  - 8) Pacific Island Countries **agreed** to continue to work together with Australia to advocate for the joint bid to host COP 31.
  - 9) **Urge** all countries, multilateral development banks, international financial institutions, philanthropic organisations, the private sector and all stakeholders to significantly increase the financial resources mobilised for Small Island Developing States.
  - 10) **Acknowledge** and welcome the offer by New Caledonia to host the 11<sup>th</sup> Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas.
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