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SPREP Partner Organisations

SUBJECT: **NEW DEADLINE: Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion Call for Side Event Applications at the UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye from 9 to 20 November 2026: Due by 14 August 2026 (Samoa time)**

Dear SPREP Members and Partners,

Further to Circular 26/51 I am pleased to advise that we have extended the deadline for side event applications for the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion, **now due by 14 August 2026**. The application form is available online through this link: **[COP31 Pavilion Side Event Application](#)**

In the spirit of Pacific Partnership, the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion with the generous funding support of New Zealand and Australia, aims to host a significant number of Pacific focussed side events that will be showcased at the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion. We are now calling for side event applications that will close on **14 August 2026 (Samoa Time)** that will highlight our Pacific Islands and their climate change stories of innovation, leadership, solutions and challenges.

All applications will be reviewed by a Working Group, and you will be notified of your application outcome by 10 August 2026. It must be noted that funding to attend side events at the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion will be at your own cost.

The Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion at COP31 will host various events, predominantly initiated by Pacific Island stakeholders including those from Pacific Island governments, private sector and the Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific as well as the New Zealand, and Australian Government, and other partners. The following themes will be taken into consideration in the assessment of applications:

Building a resilient Pacific for a resilient world:

- Adaptation
- Agriculture
- Article 6 - markets and environmental integrity
- Capacity building and technology
- Climate finance
- Global Implementation Accelerator
- Loss and damage

Pacific Climate Ambition:

- Achieving the 1.5 Temperature goal including the Belem Mission to 1.5
- Boosting the clean energy transition
- Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement
- Just transition

- Periodic review, research and systematic observation
- Transparency in meeting the national climate targets and actions.

The overarching priority areas that must be mainstreamed into the above are:

- Ambitious climate action and commitments for the 1.5-degree Celsius temperature goal
- Pacific islands voices, culture and tradition
- Climate science and traditional knowledge
- Elevating the opportunity to deliver a landmark COP31 which amplifies Pacific voices, leadership and regional innovation
- Gender equity and social inclusion (youth, gender equality, people with disabilities, indigenous peoples)
- Protecting and sustaining our ocean – elevating the Ocean-Climate Nexus
- Our recognition of our status as the Special Circumstances of the Least Developed Countries and Small Islands Developing States.

Our Blue Wave principles

As stewards of the world's largest ocean, the Pacific Pavilion will be a single-use plastic-free space designed to minimise waste and promote environmentally responsible practices. Approximately 80% of all ocean plastic comes from land-based sources. In the spirit of ocean conservation, the following will take place:

- We will not be distributing any paper content, what you bring in as part of your side event **MUST** be removed from the pavilion space including stickers.
- Please use digital innovation. No single-use plastics permitted.
- A waste audit will be conducted at the end of each day for the Pavilion. If waste is left behind after each side event the waste audit results will be linked to your event.

What you need to know:

- Event times will begin at 10am each day with the last event at 5pm
- Each event slot will be 50 minutes (maximum) allowing you time to set up in advance and clear out before the next event.
- Each event will start on the hour.
- Catering will only be permitted for evening events.
- It will be your responsibility to ensure those presenting in person at your side event, have accreditation to enter the Blue Zone.
- There will be no hybrid (i.e. virtual) participation of side events.
- The Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion is not funding participation to attend or hold side events at COP31.
- While we will share the details of the Pacific Pavilion side event schedule it will be your responsibility to promote your event.
- Live streaming of your panel presentations is still to be confirmed based upon further information from the COP31 Pavilion organisers.
- Should you wish to show a film or have a PowerPoint presentation - it will be your responsibility to provide these to us in a USB device the day before the event or notify us of this in advance.

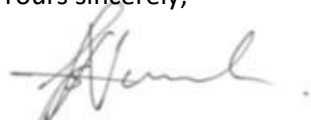
- It will be your responsibility to notify us at least four days in advance should you wish to cancel your event, this is to ensure opportunities become available for others.

Noting the new deadline, the Secretariat will endeavour to advise applicants by **28 August 2026**, the outcome to enable participants to prepare ahead of COP 31. At this time a Moana Blue Pacific Side Events Guide will also be shared with you.

Should you experience any challenges with using the online application form, please send an email to **cop31@sprep.org** with details of the issue and our team will guide you through alternative means of making an application. The call for side events will close by the new date of **14 August 2026 (Samoa time)**.

The Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion will be at COP31 from 9 November to 20 November 2026 in Antalya, Türkiye. The call for side event applications from Members and Partners, upholds the spirit of Pacific Partnership - ensuring the presence and voice of the Pacific is amplified at this important global platform.

Yours sincerely,



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