

First Executive Board Meeting

Apia, Samoa
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AGENDA ITEM 10.3.1: *Clean Pacific Roundtable*

Purpose:

1. To seek endorsement of the Report and Outcome Statement of the 2nd Clean Pacific Roundtable recently held to progress towards a *Pollution-free Pacific*.

Background:

2. The *Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2025* (Cleaner Pacific 2025) endorsed during the 26th SPREP meeting in Apia, Samoa, envisioned a “cleaner Pacific environment” through the implementation of practical and sustainable solutions for the prevention and management of waste and pollution in the region.
3. Cleaner Pacific 2025 seeks to promote regional and national cooperation, among others, through the conduct of the Clean Pacific Roundtable. The Roundtable is also envisioned to effectively monitor and report progress of the Cleaner Pacific 2025.
4. The Inaugural Clean Pacific Roundtable was successfully held in 2016 in Suva through the financial support of JICA and EU. The Roundtable attracted a total of 96 representatives from SPREP's Member countries, donors, development partners, private sector, academic institutions and other relevant CROP agencies. An outcome statement was endorsed by the 27th SPREP Meeting in Niue.
5. The 2nd Clean Pacific Roundtable, bearing the theme *Pathways to a Pollution-Free Pacific*, and associated events were held again in Suva, Fiji from the 20th to the 22nd August 2018. This was again organised by SPREP and JPRISM2 in partnership with JICA, EU and PIFS. The Roundtable attracted more participation across the sector.
6. To optimize resources in bringing country representatives to a regional meeting, the 2½ day Roundtable was succeeded by a number of associated events which include: a) Information and Consultation Workshop on the Regional Waste Monitoring System, b) the EDF11 PacWaste Plus Project inception workshop, c) the JPRISM2 Steering Committee Meeting, and) the Marine Plastics and Microplastics Data Collection Training.

7. From the six sessions conducted during the Roundtable which included a) coordinated actions to combat marine debris, b) responding to disaster wastes, c) enhancing proper management of hazardous wastes, d) regional coordination in recycling, e) boosting eco-tourism through proper waste management, and f) further enhancement of regional capacity in waste management, there were valuable discussions around the table which strongly reflected the stakeholders' views on sustaining proper management of waste and pollution.
8. In the same meeting, the governance of future conduct of the Roundtable was established and Technical Working Groups were re-created to assist in assessing practical solutions to existing and emerging waste and pollution issues.
9. The highlights of the discussions were captured in a Meeting Report and Outcome Statements endorsed by the participants at the Roundtable (attached).

Recommendations:

10. The Executive Board is invited to:

- **endorse** the Report and Outcome Statement of the 2nd Clean Pacific Roundtable.

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