

Environment Ministers' High Level Talanoa

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda Item 16: Environment Ministers' High Level Talanoa: 'A Resilient Blue Pacific'

16.1 - Panel 1: Climate Change

16.2 - Panel 2: Ocean

16.3 - Panel 3: Marine Pollution and Seabed Mining

Each panel will be moderated by a Minister. The Samoa Deputy Prime Minister as Chair of the Environment Ministers' High Level Talanoa will make introductory remarks and moderate Panel 1 on Climate Change. At the conclusion of the Ministerial Talanoa the Samoa Deputy Prime Minister as Chair will provide the overall summary of the three panels.

Master of Ceremony: Kosi Latu, Director General of SPREP

- Welcome
- Opening with a short prayer
- Introductory remarks
- Introduction of the Chair the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa.

Panel 1: Climate Change (9:00am to 10:30am)

- 1. Formal introductions and Keynote Address: Honourable Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa**
- Chair and Moderator of Panel 1: Climate Change.

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

- 2. Guest speaker: Ambassador Thomson, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean.** Setting the scene and discussing the 2020 UN Oceans Conference reporting on ocean action and commitments.

Honourable Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa (Chair) to moderate session

- 3.** His Excellency the President of Nauru: The case for the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Climate and Security
- 4. Honourable Minister of Tuvalu:** Implications of the 1.5 degrees report.
- 5. Honourable Minister of Republic of Marshall Islands:** Increasing emissions ambition through NDCs
- 6. Honourable Minister of Fiji:** COP25 expectations and outcomes

Each panellist to speak for 10 minutes, followed by a brief period of discussion and responses.

- 7. Honourable Minister of France:** To lead the response on the Panel 1 discussions
- 8. Honourable Minister of Niue:** To provide a response
- 9. Honourable representative of American Samoa:** To provide a response

Session Break (10:30am to 10:45am) Morning tea

Panel 2: Oceans (10:45am to 12:15pm)

1. **Honourable Minister of Australia** - Moderator of Panel 2: Oceans
2. **Honourable Minister of Vanuatu**: Need for a coherent regional and national action to address single use plastics
3. **Honourable Minister of Cook Islands**: Marae Moana
4. **Honourable Minister of Palau**: Building resilience of marine ecosystems as part of effective climate action
5. **Honourable Minister of New Zealand**: Building resilience to impacts of Ocean Acidification

Each panellist to speak for 10 minutes, followed by a brief period of discussion and responses.

6. **Honourable Minister of the United Kingdom**: To lead the response to Panel 2 discussions
7. **Honourable Minister of New Caledonia**: To provide a response
8. **Honourable Minister of Tokelau**: To provide a response
9. **Honourable Minister of Kiribati**: To provide a response
10. **Honourable representative of the United States**: To provide a response

Session Break (12:15pm to 1:15pm) Official photograph followed by Ministerial lunch

Panel 3: Marine Pollution and Seabed Mining (1:15pm to 2:45pm) 90 minutes

1. **Honourable Minister of Solomon Islands** - Moderator of Panel 3: Marine Pollution and Seabed Mining
2. **Guest speaker** Major Projects Foundation to provide an overview of the impact of World War II polluting wrecks in the Pacific.
3. **Honourable Minister of Tonga**: Seabed Mining
4. **Honourable Minister of Papua New Guinea**: Seabed Mining
5. **Honourable Minister of French Polynesia**: Marine Pollution and Seabed Mining
6. **Honourable Secretary of the Federated States of Micronesia**: World War II wrecks and their impact on the environment

Each panellist to speak for 10 minutes, followed by a brief period of discussion and responses.

7. **Honourable representative of Wallis and Futuna**: To lead on the response to Panel 3 discussions
8. **Honourable representative of Guam**: To provide a response
9. **Honourable representative of the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas**: To provide a response

Environment Ministers' High Level Talanoa Summary: Honourable Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa (Chair)

Agenda Item 17: Adoption of the Environment Ministers' High Level Talanoa Communiqué

Agenda Item 18: Adoption of the 29th SPREP Meeting Outcomes

Agenda Item 19: Close