Samoa Tourism Development Workshop
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“Building capacity in MEA implementation and the role of the Noumea Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)”.

![Image of a tropical island with turquoise water and blue sky]
What is the ACP MEA 3 Programme

- Joint partnership- EU, ACP, UNEP, FAO, SPREP
- Focus is on building capacity to support African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States to meet their obligations as Parties to multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).
- Mainstream and implement MEAs related to biodiversity and chemicals and waste (CITES, CMS, CBD, BRS, Minamata, Waigani and Noumea Conventions).
- Strengthen Regional Seas Conventions in the ACP States e.g., the Noumea Convention for the Pacific region, Cartagena Convention for the Caribbean region.
- 2 components: SPREP and Noumea
Support by the ACP MEA 3 to EIA Capacity Building

SPREP Component:

- Regional Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) Guidelines to support the integration and application of SEA as a tool for mainstreaming environment in sector planning processes.
- Negotiations to build capacity to strengthen engagement at MEA COP meetings.
- EIA processes/laws/policies for law enforcement on the transboundary movement of waste under MEAs e.g., Waigani, Minamata, BRS
- Regional EIA guidelines for economic development sectors such as mining, forestry and others to support EIA obligations under relevant MEAs incl guidance on waste management from these sectors.

Noumea Component:

- Implement the regional EIA coastal tourism guidelines through the delivery of trainings for stakeholders within the tourism sector.
- Develop environment standards for end of pipe and receiving environment.
- Develop regional environment auditing guidelines specifically for coastal tourism development.
- Develop and implement regional EIA Guidance Notes for dredging, land reclamation and other coastal engineering activities.
NOUMEA CONVENTION

- Also known as the Convention for the Protection of Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region (1986): [www.sprep.org/convention-secretariat/noumea-convention](http://www.sprep.org/convention-secretariat/noumea-convention)

- A comprehensive umbrella agreement for the protection, management and development of the marine and coastal environment of the South Pacific Region
- Two (2) Protocols: (i) Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the South Pacific Region by Dumping; (ii) Protocol concerning cooperation in combating pollution emergencies in the South Pacific Region
- Twelve (12) Pacific Island Countries are Parties to the Convention.
- Conference of the Parties (COP) meetings take place every 2 years to review implementation of the Convention.
- SPREP is the Secretariat of the Noumea Convention
Scope of the Noumea Convention
What does Noumea Convention have to do with EIA?

Article 16(1)(2) of the Noumea Convention deals specifically with Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):

Art. 16(1):
❖ Develop and maintain technical guidelines and legislation
❖ Emphasise environmental and social factors
❖ To facilitate balanced development of their natural resources
❖ Plan major projects which might affect the marine environment
❖ To prevent or minimise harmful impacts on the Convention Area

Art. 16(2):
❖ Assess the potential effects of such projects on the marine environment
What does Noumea Convention have to do with EIA?

Articles 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14 require Parties to take all appropriate measures:

**Art. 7 – Pollution from Land-Based sources:**
- To prevent, reduce and control pollution in the Convention Area caused by coastal disposal or by discharges emanating from rivers, estuaries, coastal establishments, outfall structures or any sources in their territory.

**Art. 8 – Pollution from Seabed Activities:**
- To prevent, reduce and control pollution in the Convention Area resulting directly or indirectly from exploration and exploitation of the seabed and subsoil.

**Art. 13 – Mining and coastal erosion**
- To prevent, reduce and control environmental damage in the Convention Area, specifically coastal erosion caused by coastal engineering, mining activities, sand removal, land reclamation and dredging.
How does the Noumea Convention apply to you?

Multilateral Environment Agreements
NOUMEA CONVENTION (CBD, CITES, CMS, BRS, Minamata, Waigani Conventions)

National Plans

Sector Plan

Corporate Plan

Annual Management Plan

Individual Performance Plan
Fa’afetai Tele Lava!
Vinaka vakalevu!
Thank You!