

Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion at COP28

CALL FOR SIDE EVENT APPLICATIONS

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In the spirit of Pacific Partnership, Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia with SPREP and One CROP is hosting a Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion at COP28 for which a significant number of Pacific-focused side events will be showcased.

We are now calling for applications that will close by 5 pm, 17 September 2023 CEST, through this link: [COP28 Pavilion Side Event Application](#) that will highlight our Pacific Islands and their climate change stories of innovation, leadership, solutions, and challenges.

The Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion at COP28 will host various events, predominantly initiated by Pacific Island stakeholders including those from Pacific Island governments, private sector and CROP agencies as well as the Governments of Aotearoa New Zealand, and Australia, 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 Stocktake of the Paris Agreement
- Loss and damage

Pacific Climate Ambition

- Climate ambition
- 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
- Gender equity and social inclusion (youth, gender equality, people with disabilities, indigenous peoples)
- Protecting and sustaining our ocean
- Pacific Islands voices, culture, and traditions

What you need to know:

- Event times will begin at 10am each day with the last event at 5pm
- Each event slot will be 45 minutes allowing you time to set up in advance and clear out before the next event.
- Each event will start on the hour
- Catering services will not be coordinated by the Pavilion management team, however contact details of caterers will be provided to you for you to facilitate. Please note at this stage we are still awaiting further information on this from the Pavilion organisers
- It will be your responsibility to ensure those presenting at your side event physically, have accreditation to enter the venue.
- 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 will be possible.
- Should you wish to show a film, have PowerPoint presentations or request a hybrid event - it will be your responsibility to provide these to us in a USB device the day before the event or notify us of this.
- 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.

Our Blue Wave principles

As stewards of the world's largest ocean, the Pacific Pavilion will be a single-use plastic free space that encourages and empowers as very little waste as possible. Approximately 80% of all ocean plastic comes from land-based sources. In the spirit of ocean conservation, the following will take place:

- Very minimal paper distribution at the Pavilion – please use digital innovation
- No single-use plastics permitted for catering
- 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.

Applicants will be informed by 5 October 2023. Should you experience any challenges with using the online application form, please email cop28@sprep.org.



The Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion at COP28 is a Pacific partnership with Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia managed by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

