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COVERAGE OF THE WEEK OF EVENTS OF THE THIRTY SECOND MEETING OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME



Calendar of events 2025

Partnership Dialogue

1 September 2025

Thirty second SPREP Meeting of Officials

2, 3, 4 September

18th Noumea Convention Conference of the Parties

5 September

13th Waigani Convention Conference of the Parties

5 September

Bula vinaka,

Congratulations to our SPREP Membership and partners as we have closed our thirty-second SPREP Meeting of Officials in Samoa. We thank all who were involved in our endeavour that spanned a Partnership Dialogue, Meeting of Officials and the Waigani and Noumea Convention COP Meetings. Hosted in the beautiful Samoa as the backdrop, our week of Meetings heralded our journey ahead, and shone a light on the joint work undertaken with our Members and partners.

On a personal note I am honoured by the confidence and regard of our members in allowing me to lead SPREP for another term. We at the Secretariat look forward to this continued voyage with you.

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SPREP-hosted Emma Luke Regional Earth Observation Centre launched in Samoa

The legacy of a regional geospatial pioneer, who actively advocated for Earth Observation, environmental conservation, and climate resilience will live on to make a difference in the lives of Pacific communities, with the launch of the Emma Luke Regional Earth Observation Centre (ELEOC) in Vailima, Samoa. Housed at the headquarters of SPREP, the ELEOC honours the memory of the late Ms Emma Luke, who championed the role of Pacific countries in leading earth observation conversations and interventions for the Pacific.

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As Chair of Thirty second SPREP Meeting of Officials, Vanuatu looks to advance Pacific environment priorities with urgency and ambition

Vanuatu has assumed the chairpersonship of the Thirty Second Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Meeting of Officials currently underway in Apia, Samoa. Mr David Gibson, Director General of Vanuatu's Ministry of Climate Change, takes over from Ms Billie Selby, Chair of SPREP's Fourth Executive Board Meeting.

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Pacific climate advocacy highlighted at Thirty Second SPREP Meeting

Officials attending the Thirty Second SPREP Meeting today reflected on their journey on the “fight of our lives”, the fight against climate change, during a side event held on the third and final day in Apia.

A big part of that journey has been the strategic efforts that have been undertaken by the SPREP, its Member countries, and partners to amplify the Pacific’s voice, especially during the UNFCCC COPs.

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All Sea Turtles in the Pacific Threatened with Extinction, Report Reveals

Alarm bells were ringing as the 32nd SPREP Meeting came to an end, with the shocking revelation that all sea turtles in the Pacific are threatened with extinction. This major analysis of the risk of extinction to sea turtles in Oceania was conducted by SPREP through the Pacific European Union Marine Partnership (PEUMP) By-catch and Integrated Ecosystems Management (BIEM) Pacific Project.

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SPREP collaborates with Pasifika Communities University on faith-based initiatives and Pacific approaches to sustainable development

The Pacific’s journey towards a more resilient Blue Pacific environment has taken key step forward with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SPREP and the Pasifika Communities University (PCU). The MOU was signed on Wednesday between SPREP Director General, Mr Sefanaia Nawadra, and PCU Vice Chancellor, Rev. Dr. Upolu Luma Vaai, on the margins of the 32nd SPREP Meeting of Officials.

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Guidelines for Greening Events: How the Pacific is Leading Sustainable Event Innovation

In the Pacific, from bustling conferences to thrilling sporting competitions, organisers are increasingly embracing sustainability as a core principle, not just a checkbox. The urgency is clear. Plastic pollution, poor waste management, and rising carbon emissions threaten the very environments that make the Pacific so unique. With every challenge comes opportunity. Events, regardless of size or type, offer a powerful platform to inspire change and model responsible behaviour for thousands of attendees.

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Strengthening the Noumea Convention to protect the Pacific's natural resources and environment

The SPREP, members and partners continue to collaborate to strengthen the Noumea Convention as the major multilateral umbrella agreement in the Pacific region for the protection of natural resources and the environment. At the convening of the 18th COP Meeting to the Noumea Convention in Apia, the Chair of the Meeting, Mr Bryan Star, Director of Nauru's DEMA, said the gathering in Samoa is a critical opportunity to strengthen the Noumea Convention to assist Pacific communities at the forefront of the impacts of the triple planetary crises.

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SPREP and UNDP join forces to enhance environment work

A new chapter has started in the story of cooperation between the Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the two entities on 1 September at Sheraton Samoa in Apia on the margins of SPREP's Partnership Dialogue.

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Parties to the Waigani Convention Convene Thirteenth Conference of the Parties

The Thirteenth Meeting of the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region, otherwise known as the Waigani Convention, convened this morning in Apia.

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Transformative partnership between Pacific Disability Forum and SPREP ensures no one is left behind

The Partnership Dialogue ended on high notes with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Pacific Disability Forum (PDF) and the Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

The MOU was a result of recommendations from the Seventh Session of the Pacific Meteorological Council Meeting (PMC-7), which was held in Vanuatu in 2024.

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SPREP strengthens partnerships for a resilient Blue Pacific

The critical importance of partnerships and collaboration to address the impacts of the triple planetary crises has been brought to the fore at the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Second Partnership Dialogue in Apia.

Guided by the theme: "Resilient Futures: Mobilising Resources for Climate and Environment in a Shifting Donor Landscape", the Dialogue held at the Sheraton Samoa Aggie Grey's Hotel kick-started the week of the thirty second SPREP Meeting of Officials (SM32), with over 120 partners in attendance representing SPREP Members, global and regional development partners including multilateral and bilateral donors; technical and implementing agencies.

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Earth Sciences and SPREP formalise partnership for Pacific Climate and Environmental Resilience

Earth Sciences New Zealand and the SPREP signed a MOU, marking a significant milestone in their decades-long collaboration on environmental science and resilience in the Pacific. This first formal agreement between the two organisations establishes a framework for deeper cooperation in climate science and resilience, ecosystem protection, environmental monitoring, and integration of Indigenous knowledge in natural resource management—all areas central to the region's priorities and future under Pacific Island Forum Leaders' 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

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Thirty-second SPREP Meeting of Officials advances efforts towards a more resilient and prosperous blue Pacific

The Thirty second SPREP Meeting of Officials has closed. Held at Sheraton Samoa Aggie Grey's Hotel, SPREP member countries, partners, donors and stakeholders, have been engaged in deep discussions about strategic issues pertaining to SPREP and its work to ensure a resilient Pacific environment.

The Thirty second SPREP Meeting of Officials takes place at a critical juncture in the Pacific's environmental journey.

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