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AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening

1. The Fifth Executive Board Meeting was held in person from 12 to 13 August 2026.
2. Present at the meeting were representatives from Australia for the Metropolitan Members, Cook Islands for the Polynesian Members, Fiji for the Melanesian Members, France for French-speaking Members, and the United Kingdom, Walls and Futuna and Vanuatu as Troika Members. Apologies from the Federated States of Micronesia representing Micronesia for not attending the meeting due to technological and logistical challenges encountered.
3. The full list of participants is attached as Annex 1.
4. The Meeting opened with a prayer by Reverend Dr Wesley Taotua.
5. The official opening ceremony was held on 12 August 2026. The welcome remarks from the Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Mr Sefanaia Nawadra are attached as Annex 2.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Chair and Vice Chair

6. The Terms of Reference of the Executive Board Meeting states that the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be selected from the Troika as the current and incoming Chair respectively of the Meeting.
7. Vanuatu as the outgoing Chair expressed gratitude towards the SPREP Membership and the Secretariat for its support to the Troika, and welcomed Wallis and Futuna as the incoming Chair.
8. Wallis and Futuna commended the outgoing Chair and the Director General and the Secretariat, further welcoming all to the meeting.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Confirmed** the Representative of Wallis and Futuna as Chair.
2. **Confirmed** the Representative of Vanuatu as Vice-Chair.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Adoption of Agenda and Working Procedures

9. The Revised Provisional Agenda and Hours of Work were presented for consideration.
10. Australia and France expressed appreciation towards Vanuatu for its role as outgoing Chair and acknowledged Wallis and Futuna in its role as incoming Chair, further acknowledging the Secretariat for its work.
11. The Director General confirmed discussion on the Agreement on Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) will be addressed in Agenda Item 8.3, and an update on the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution will be presented in Agenda Item 9.3 in response to a request from France.
12. In response to a query from Australia, it was further clarified by the Director General that the discussion on the BBNJ will be an update provided from the Secretariat noting it will be open to the floor for further discussion from the Membership.
13. The Chair proposed to move the Closed Agenda Item 6.6 to be the last agenda for the day before the meeting adjourned.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Considered** and **adopted** the Provisional Agenda.
2. **Agreed** on hours of work.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Action Taken on Matters Arising from the 32nd SPREP Meeting

14. The Secretariat reported on actions taken against the decisions and directives from the Thirty-second SPREP Meeting held from the 2–4 September 2025, noting these will be further discussed in relevant agenda items of the meeting with details provided in working paper *WP 4/Ann.1*

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** actions taken against the decisions and directives of the 32nd SPREP Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5.1: Presentation of the Annual Report for 2025 and Director General's Overview of Progress since the 32nd SPREP Meeting

15. The Director General provided the Executive Board Meeting with an overview report of progress since the Thirty-second SPREP Meeting.

16. Cook Islands, Fiji and the United Kingdom commended Wallis and Futuna as incoming Chair and acknowledge Vanuatu as the incoming Chair.

17. Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, France, United Kingdom, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna expressed gratitude to the Secretariat for its hard work and achievements made.

18. Fiji further expressed further appreciation to the Secretariat for its support to Fiji as Chair of the Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS) and acknowledged its role in managing the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion commending the work of the Pavilion and the Pacific Delegation Office in supporting the amplification of Pacific voices and providing a meeting space for PSIDS. Fiji noted its appreciation towards the Secretariat for its continued collaboration in preparations towards pre-COP31 and will continue to seek further assistance from the Secretariat in its areas of technical and communications expertise.

19. United Kingdom emphasised its confidence in the Secretariat indicating the one-off core funding provided in recognition of this and the hope to provide further contributions in the future. The United Kingdom also noted the excellent work of SPREP in the Pacific, and support for Pacific Islands in global meetings to help increase Pacific visibility and engagement.

20. France commended the support provided through the Secretariat to French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna through activities such as the Weather Ready Pacific, and the KIWA Initiative further noting the support of France through the European Union which makes up 12% of the financial contribution to the Secretariat. France stressed its support to the Secretariat in the Review of the Regional Architecture commending the notable level of efficiency of the Secretariat.

21. Vanuatu especially highlighted the support provided by the Secretariat as Vanuatu hosted the inaugural Pacific Innovation Forum on Climate and Environment (PIFCE) in 2026, the first event of its kind that will happen every two years with the first two events to be hosted in Vanuatu and then across the Pacific Islands region thereafter.

22. Australia confirmed it stands firm with the Secretariat as partners in the Pacific commending its work to address the Triple Planetary Crisis further welcoming the new Director of the Strategic Planning Partnerships and Resource Mobilisation, and all other recruitments in the past 12 months.

23. Cook Islands expressed its gratitude for the Secretariat staff and the role staff play in achieving these outcomes, further commending Vanuatu as host of the PIFCE2026 and the opportunities this event provides the Pacific.

24. The Director General recommended the Secretariat work with Wallis and Futuna to provide further information and guidance on the El Nino phenomenon and how best it can prepare in response to a request from Wallis and Futuna on this.

25. In response to France commending the Secretariat on its supporting role during the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice in 2025, the Director General emphasised the issue of oceans is significant to the Secretariat given its formation through the Regional Seas Programme. The Secretariat led Pacific coordination during the first two UNOC events but is now performing an assisting role to the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC) based in Palau stressing that the Secretariat continues to support OPOC.

26. Replying to a query from Cook Islands and Fiji, the Director General noted the financial impact of the withdrawal from United States as a Member of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme is low noting that the membership contribution from two of the US Territories have been in arrears for several years. It was further noted the withdrawal of United States as a Member impacts the US-Pacific territories that benefit from the Secretariats' work and hopes to continue ongoing support where possible. The Director General sought guidance from the membership in progressing discussions with United States going forward highlighting the best possible approach may need to be done at a political level noting it continues to work with United States agencies such as the US Coast Guard and the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** the report.

AGENDA ITEM 5.2: Performance Implementation Plan (PIP4): Progress Towards Achieving Strategic Outcomes and High-Level Summary Report

27. The Secretariat presented on the progress towards achieving PIP4 2024-2025 strategic outcomes and the implementation of the 2024-2025 Work Programme and Budget; and an update on Country and Territory Strategic Partnerships Frameworks (CTSPF)

28. Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, and Wallis and Futuna commended the Secretariat for its work and progress made.

29. Australia acknowledged the achievements of the Secretariat in the areas of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion noting the impact of this work nationally and through implemented projects further welcoming other partners to support the ongoing progression of this. The Secretariat acknowledged the Women in Lead initiative in partnership with the Pacific Community (SPC) which funded the recruitment of a Gender Adviser for two years ending in May 2026.

30. Fiji sought a holistic overview of the achieved and, yet-to-be achieved indicators seeking clarification as to the challenges faced in achieving these. The Secretariat clarified some of these are due to long-term activities requiring longer intervals for completion, collaboration and availability of Members to implement the activities, and/or funding limitations which require exploring other options. The Secretariat further elaborated the unfunded portions of the budget presented contribute to these challenges noting that the Country and Territory Strategic Partnership Framework's (CSPF) can assist with prioritising activities and mobilising available resources.

31. The Director General outlined the shortlisting and processing of applicants to the University of Newcastle (UoN) Doctorate Programme opportunities are led by the UoN in response to clarification from Fiji as to how these are selected and awarded. The Director General further noted that when there are no applicants to these, the Secretariat then proposes for SPREP staff to apply. The Director General highlighted a former PhD candidate through this programme that undertook work in the National University of Samoa supervised by the Secretariat and is now employed by the Secretariat.

32. The Secretariat confirmed the Country and Territory Strategic Partnership Framework's (CTSPF) are designed to be flexible to suit national priorities ensuring alignment between national and regional priorities further noting the reviews underway of the Naoero and Palau CTSPF's with adjustments made to accommodate emerging priorities and needs. This was in response to a query from Wallis and Futuna requesting support to align its CTSPF through to 2028 and beyond allowing for stronger alignment between national and regional priorities as well as engagement with the Secretariat.

33. Fiji sought clarification on other support provided by the Secretariat to Members in climate change work for which the Director General confirmed the Secretariat also assists develop project concepts and proposals as well as facilitates workshops and writeshops in collaboration with Members.

34. The Director General further confirmed the Secretariat organises itself as an Accredited Entity (AE) for the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Adaptation Fund (AF) accessing funds nationally or regionally noting while it is a Secretariat, when it acts as an AE there can be a conflict of interest in its role as Secretariat. When this occurs, it ensures there is a clear division between how the Secretariat operates as an Implementing Agency for its membership versus as an AE to the GCF or AF. The Secretariat is now in process of becoming an AE to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) noting the clear delineation of its role must be in place.

35. Australia acknowledged the Secretariat for its work in recycling infrastructure and improved waste management for which the Director General stressed these builds upon initiatives in place such as the Moana Taka Partnership. The Director General further noted the Secretariat is working with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to continue further initiatives that recognise the special circumstances of the Pacific Small Islands Developing States in terms of economies of scale that will work within the context of the PSIDS and function well for the region.

36. In response to a proposal from Cook Islands to prioritise the Secretariats work activities, the Director General sought guidance from the Meeting as to how it can best do this noting it currently does so through the Performance Implementation Plans every two years, the Biennial Work Programmes and Budget, the CTSPFs and the Governance Meetings in place yet there is a growing request for support from Members which the Secretariat tries to accommodate within its resources both financially and staff-wise.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** the PIP4 2024–2025 High-level Summary Report including progress in achieving strategic outcomes and the implementation of the 2024–2025 Work Programme and Budget.
2. **Noted** the update on CTSPFs and encourage those Members yet to commence the CTSPF process to liaise with the Secretariat on plans to take this important work forward.

AGENDA ITEM 6.1: Audited Accounts for 2025

37. In accordance with Financial Regulation 27(e) the Secretariat presented its Audited Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 December 202, prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards and advised the auditors had provided an unqualified opinion of the Secretariats financial statements for 2025.

38. France and the United Kingdom commended the Secretariat on its strong financial position.

39. The Secretariat confirmed it has worked with financial institutions in Samoa to ensure competitive negotiating opportunities for all transactions as a risk management strategy to mitigate the loss through foreign exchange exposure in a query from France.

40. The Secretariat further noted the loss of over USD 400,000 attributed to the completion of three Euro currency denominated projects, namely the European Union (EU) projects – Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Building (PACRES) and the Pacific Territories Regional Project for Sustainable Ecosystem Management (PROTEGE) while the Agence Francaise de Developpmement (AFD) funded Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific 1 (SWAP1) project with final project reporting in Euro realising therefore the overall foreign exchange impact which is a loss in USD equivalency. This situation confirms the ongoing challenges with project and financial reporting in currencies outside of the United States Dollar which is the functional currency for SPREP, however the Secretariat is working with key donor partners on future projects to continue to push for its preference to hold funding agreements where possible in USD to mitigate foreign exchange impact on reporting, as well as maintaining close negotiating relationships with its banking institutions to help best mitigate and manage overall foreign exchange exposure for all its transactions, both in terms of payments and fundings received. The success is evident in overall general operations noting a gain of approximately USD 67,000 but after accounting for the foreign exchange impact on reporting of approximately USD 473,000 for the above three projects, resulted in the overall net foreign exchange loss reported in 2025 of USD 406,299.

41. United Kingdom commented on the Secretariat plans to mitigate potential loss from donor partners due to impacts from the global fuel crisis.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Reviewed** and **adopted** the audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for 2025.

AGENDA ITEM 6.2: Audit Committee Report for 2025

42. The Audit Committee Report on work over the past 12 months was presented to the Meeting by the Secretariat.

43. In response to a query from France on the long-term financial sustainability and opportunity to access the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and Adaptation Fund (AF), the Secretariat confirmed it is an Accredited Entity to both for which the programme fees are a significant revenue for the Secretariat and is also exploring Global Environment Facility Accreditation. The Secretariat further confirmed the 15% programme management fee endorsed by the SPREP Meeting has helped negotiations with bilateral partners increase fees including cost recovery mechanisms are part of the Secretariat's revenue stream.

44. The Secretariat highlighted that Recommendation 3 refers to the importance of early settlement of outstanding member contributions and encouraged further dialogue and collaboration for payment to be made. The Secretariat further confirmed that Recommendation 4 refers to the Secretariat exploring other accreditation funding opportunities to leverage the current support from the GCF and AF.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** and **approved** the Audit Committee Report for the period 1 August 2025 to 3 July 2026.
2. **Welcomed** the continued support of Members, development partners, and donors.
3. **Encouraged** timely settlement of Member contributions and continued collaboration between Members and the Secretariat to support SPREP's mandate and long-term sustainability.
4. **Encouraged** the Secretariat to continue leveraging its accreditation status and strategic partnerships to enhance resource mobilisation and project opportunities.
5. **Supported** the continued strengthening of the Internal Audit function, including capacity-building, staffing resources, and digital capability.
6. **Noted** the importance of continued focus on enterprise risk management, organisational resilience, and emerging risks.
7. **Recorded** its appreciation to the Director General, Senior Leadership Team, staff, and the Audit Committee for their contributions during the reporting period.
8. **Noted** the succession arrangements for the Audit Committee Chair and, should a successor not be appointed by 31 December 2026, **approved** the continuation of the current Chair on an interim basis until a successor is appointed.

AGENDA ITEM 6.3: Report on Membership Contribution

45. In accordance with Financial Regulation 14, the Secretariat reporting to the meeting on the status of Member's contributions as of 31 December 2025 as well as a brief update on the status of membership contributions.

46. In response to a query from Cook Islands and Fiji as to the work undertaken to recover the outstanding membership fees and the exploration of initiatives to incentivise payment, the Secretariat confirmed there have been continued high-level discussions noting these are a longstanding agenda item for the SPREP Governance Meetings.

47. The Cook Islands further noted all Members are in challenging financial positions however are committed to make their payments noting the return-on-investment from the work of the Secretariat.

48. The United Kingdom stressed it will continue to make its payments and encourages all Members to do so to be fair to all Members further encouraging consideration of incentives for payment.

49. The Director General further explained the different situations of the outstanding membership contributions, whereby the US Territories of the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and Guam view these as voluntary payments as did the United States. The Director General elaborated that the relationship with CNMI has been inactive with numerous attempts from the Secretariat to rebuild this with very little success. The Secretariat has also worked with the University of Guam (UoG) as its Focal Point and while Guam had met its financial obligations in the past, its current situation no longer allows this. While dialogue has been held between the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Guam, payment of these outstanding contributions has not been resolved. In working with Papua New Guinea to make its outstanding membership payments, the Secretariat has made attempts to meet with the relevant people to ensure payment is made noting numerous visits and meetings have been made to PNG and its technical, and financial, agencies. The Director General further outlined that in the past PNG has addressed its outstanding contributions through large one-off payments.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Considered** the report and addressed the issue of outstanding member contributions;
2. **Committed** itself collectively and individually to paying current and outstanding contributions in full in 2026.

AGENDA ITEM 6.4: Review of the updated Terms of Reference for the Executive Board and Membership arrangements

50. The Secretariat presented options on the rotational membership of the Executive Board as part of the ongoing review of the Executive Board Terms of Reference (TOR). The Secretariat is in the process of revising the Executive Board TOR for consideration by Members at the 33rd SPREP Meeting (2027) based upon experiences from Members during the 32nd SPREP Meeting in 2025, and sought the advice of Members on the rotational membership to be included.

51. The Director General proposed a third option of dividing the Polynesia constituency in two which was supported by France, Wallis and Futuna and Vanuatu.

52. The Cook Islands proposed a fourth option whereby the priorities of Polynesia could be discussed through a huddle beforehand, and wherein there is an overlap of French Polynesia in both the Frenchspeaking group, and the Polynesia group, that they be considered as the representative for both.

53. Australia noted if Option 1 is considered to refine options ahead of the SPREP Meeting of Officials stressing the agreed-upon option should work for Polynesia while ensuring it aligns with the original intent of an Executive Board as a cost-effective governance mechanism.

54. The Director General confirmed there are four constituencies those being Polynesia, Micronesia, Melanesia, and Metropolitan Members with French-speaking countries a consideration only when none is represented in any of the sub-grouping. Supported by Vanuatu, the Director General further requested approval to work with the Troika to explore options to put before the 33rd SPREP Meeting of Officials.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Considered** the proposed changes to the rotational arrangements recommended by Troika and provided guidance to Troika and the Secretariat to continue the work of reviewing the Executive Board Terms of Reference to be presented to the 33rd SPREP Meeting in 2027.

AGENDA ITEM 6.5: Draft SPREP Strategic Plan 2027–2036

55. An update on the SPREP strategic planning process was presented by the Secretariat as well as the zero draft Strategic Plan 2027–2036 for Members' consideration.

56. Australia, the Cook Islands, Fiji and France expressed appreciation towards the Secretariat for its hard work to complete the Strategic Plan.

57. The Cook Islands emphasised the importance of more detailed review of lessons learnt from the current 10-year Strategic Plan as these will be valuable in guiding the decisions of the Working Group and informing implementation of the new Strategy. Cook Islands further highlighted the importance of reviewing supporting SPREP strategies and frameworks aligned with the Strategic Plan to gauge what remains fit-for-purpose.

58. France stressed support for next steps in finalising the Strategic Plan and indicated it would submit a nomination to join the Members Working Group.

59. France and United Kingdom requested the incoming Strategic Plan be aligned with global and regional frameworks such as the BBNJ, the 30x30 target under the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Cleaner Pacific Strategy as well as the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and Multilateral Environment Agreements.

60. The Secretariat thanked France for its interest in joining the Members Working Group.

61. Australia and the United Kingdom supported the Cook Islands in proposing the Secretariat prioritises its work, highlighting this will be critical for Strategic Plan implementation. Australia also noted the relevance of the Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning Framework for guiding Strategic Plan implementation. The Secretariat confirmed a strengthened MERL Framework will be developed, which will encompass a mid-term review.

62. The United Kingdom noted its nomination to be part of the Members Working Group.

63. Fiji commended the focus of the Strategic Plan on the three Rio Conventions, and the Triple Planetary Crisis. Fiji queried the process for updating the Strategic Plan, including through a midterm review, noting that emerging issues arise. The Director General confirmed review and update mechanisms including the mid-term review and the Performance Implementation Plans that are developed every two years. The Secretariat further noted that Member-specific CTSPFs play an instrumental role in this review process.

64. The Chair reflected that environmental transformation often comes through many small actions and advised the membership to reflect on lessons learnt and the Secretariat to ensure actions undertaken with projects are realistic and relevant to the needs of all Members.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** the zero draft Strategic Plan 2027–2036; and
2. **Endorsed** next steps for the finalisation of SPREP Strategic Plan 2027-2036; and
3. **Encouraged** Members to join the Members Working Group.

AGENDA ITEM 6.6: SPREP Director General's Performance Assessment and Contract Renewal (Closed Session)

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** and **endorsed** the review completed by the Troika of the DG's PDP for the period September 2025 - August 2026.
2. **Invited** all Members through a circular to propose relevant and appropriate specific targets they wish to be included in the DG's next PDP by the 30 September 2026.
3. **Approved** inclusion of a 360 degree feedback as part of the next PDP Review.
4. **Considered** the proposed amendment of the DG's contract term from four plus two to four plus four and recommended to be presented to the 33rd SPREP Meeting in 2027.

AGENDA ITEM 7.1: Implementing the Pacific Leaders Agenda Update on the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent implementation

65. The Secretariat presented an update on the Pacific Leaders Agenda including on the 2050 Strategy implementation, review of the regional architecture, Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific strategic priorities and regional Initiatives and Small Island States priorities for SPREP.

66. Australia and the Cook Islands thanked the Chair, welcomed the agenda item and acknowledged the progress reported against the work for Small Island States (SIS).

67. The Cook Islands supported the recommendations noting it is encouraged by work on the SIS priorities highlighting the value of further discussions on lessons learnt with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) that is also mainstreaming SIS priorities over the next ten years. The Director General acknowledged this confirming it will take regional processes into consideration as it develops its Strategic Plan noting it has different definitions of SIS in comparison to other members of the Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific (CROP). The Secretariat has existing processes for addressing priorities of SIS Members in relation to this definition.

68. The Director General noted the Secretariat is in a much more favourable position this year in terms of its future in comparison to last year, in response to a query from Australia on the possible implications of the findings of the Review of the Regional Architecture (RRA).

69. Australia acknowledged the update of progress against the RRA and commended the encouraged Troika to remain engaged in this process and its implications to the Secretariat.

70. The Director General further expressed appreciation for the engagement of Troika as a governance mechanism, and its growing role in the implementation of the 2050 Strategy and RAA.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** the progress on the 2050 Strategy implementation;
2. **Noted** the progress on the Pacific Small Island States reporting;
3. **Noted** and discussed the update on the Review of the Regional Architecture and the Report of the Review Committee that will be presented to and **considered** by the 55th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in Palau; and
4. **Requested** the SPREP Troika and the Director General work closely together on any issues concerning the Review of the Regional Architecture.

AGENDA ITEM 7.2: Consideration of SPREP Accreditation as a Global Environment Facility (GEF) Implementing Agency

71. The Secretariat informed the Meeting of the recent 71st Global Environment Facility (GEF) Council Meeting decision on Agency Expansion under GEF-9.

72. Australia, Fiji, France and Vanuatu commended the Secretariat on its work to progress this noting the positive impact this will have for its membership. France highlighted the rigorous funding requirements of the GEF and Vanuatu noted it is encouraged by the opportunities this will present in supporting Vanuatu to implement its biodiversity work.

73. In response to a query from Australia on the role of the Secretariat as an Implementation Partner and, or an Executing Agency, the Secretariat confirmed it has, and will continue to consider lessons learnt noting its long relationship with the Global Environment Facility. The function of the Secretariat will need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis going forward, noting there may be instances whereby Members request the Secretariat to play both roles.

74. The Director General further highlighted it has revisited this opportunity for GEF Accreditation noting funding support was received from GEF to strengthen its infrastructure in the past to enable the Secretariat to become an Implementing Agency however chose not to progress this until now.

75. The Director General further confirmed the Secretariat has strengthened governance structures and processes to manage funds and assist, as well as a membership that can play an executing role nationally. The Secretariat will make clear to GEF that by becoming an Implementing Agency it will not forgo its role as an Executing Agency and when needed to undertake both roles these will be compartmentalised.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** the GEF Council decision on Agency Expansion under GEF-9;
2. **Supported** the Secretariat's efforts to undertake the necessary institutional readiness and resource mobilisation activities to progress accreditation; and
3. **Endorsed** the Secretariat pursuing accreditation as a GEF Agency under the **approved** Agency Expansion Procedure.

AGENDA ITEM 8.1: Update on preparations for COP31

76. The Secretariat presented on the UNFCCC COP30 outcomes for Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS) Parties at the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) meeting that was held in Belém, Brazil, from 10-21 November 2025.

77. France and United Kingdom commended the Secretariat on its work on preparations for COP31 further confirming its support to the Pacific for stronger commitments to achieve the Paris Agreement.

78. The Secretariat welcomed the intervention from France in agreement of the importance of science in climate change and the UNFCCC process, the access of most vulnerable countries to climate finance, and calls for stronger greenhouse gas emissions reductions stating the COP30 outcomes were sufficient. France further supports the communications and publications of work that will empower achieving the Paris Agreement.

79. The Director General commended the support from Australia and the partnership between Australia and the Pacific further expressing appreciation to the Australia Minister for Climate Change and Energy Hon Chris Bowen highlighting the special care and consideration he has undertaken in solidifying a strong relationship and partnership with the Pacific leaders and Ministers.

80. France expressed appreciation for the inclusion of French speaking parties in the Australia-Pacific COP31 preparatory meetings noting while they are Parties to the UNFCCC through France that continues to work with the French Territories of the Pacific.

81. Fiji presented an update on preparations to the meeting noting the pre-COP31 will be held from 5–8 October 2026 with the Sheraton in Denarau being the venue for the Leaders and the Sofitel and Crown Plaza for the Pacific Bula Village concept holding side events, bilaterals and breakout sessions with 4 October will be a special inter-faith session open to all to attend led by the Pacific Council of Churches. The programme and agenda is confirmed with preparation work starting through the Pacific Senior Officials Taskforce, Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu. Invitations have been extended to 46 leaders awaiting confirmation with 68 countries earmarked to be invited.

82. Fiji further outlined a Stakeholder Engagement Programme is publicly released with the call for Expressions of Interest extended to host side events at pre-COP, this closes on 14 August for which a Stakeholder Engagement working group has been established to finalise the proposals. The first sitting of this WG is 19 August with further deliberations on 20 August to finalise the list of interested individuals. Internally within Fiji there are clear demarcations across the different working teams to help facilitate a successful pre-COP31 events.

83. The Secretariat confirmed a dedicated and passionate team from Climate Change Resilience and across the whole organisation has been at the core to ensure its work continues with the support and guidance of the Director General and Pacific Ministers, Fiji as Chair of Pacific Small Islands Develop-ing States, Australia and New Zealand in response to a query from United Kingdom as to how the work is progressing behind the scenes. Further support has been provided from Australia to recruit additional support staff for the COP31 work.

84. The Secretariat noted the partnerships to ensure a successful pre-COP31 event include a partnership with Pasifika TV to bring a Pacific media team to the event to ensure media content for the Pacific and beyond through its network of over 30 Pacific Islands broadcast stations.

85. Australia expressed both it and New Zealand are pleased to support the Pacific in preparation for the pre-COP31 and COP31. Australia works in partnership with the Secretariat, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, One-CROP, and the Pacific Islands noting its role and responsibilities with Türkiye in complementing this support.

86. Australia, Fiji and the Secretariat confirmed 40 leaders have been invited to participate in the Leaders Summit in Tuvalu, with logistics in the process of being finalised noting programmes will be planned both in Tuvalu, and Fiji concurrently. Further information on this will be shared in due course, in response to a query from Fance seeking further details.

87. The Director General noted the Secretariat ensures it compartmentalises its support towards Pacific Small Islands Developing States in the UNFCCC negotiations process, and the work for the Australia-Pacific COP31 partnership.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** the outcomes of PSIDS engagement in COP30; and
2. **Noted** the progress of preparations by SPREP and One CROP in the lead up to and at the UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye.

AGENDA ITEM 8.2: Update on preparations for CBD COP17

88. The Secretariat presented an update on the preparations for the CBD COP17.

89. Australia, France and New Zealand through its representative, expressed appreciation to the Secretariat in its preparatory work with the Pacific towards CBD COP17.

90. In response to a query from France as to the CBD priorities of importance to the Pacific, the Secretariat confirmed while the key ones are access to finance and support for implementation the National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plans (NBSAP) of the Pacific, the full range of priority issues are being finalised following the Seventh Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-7) and 28th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to the CBD held from 27 July to 1 August and will be communicated to Pacific Small Islands developing States upon confirmation.

91. Australia, France and New Zealand through its representative, further expressed its commitment to support the Pacific in achieving a consensus in the CBD COP17 negotiations with France further welcoming the activities to ensure coherence and synergies across the Rio Conventions and Australia further noting regional action in achieving the Global Biodiversity Framework through the coming launch of the Second Edition of the Pacific State of Environment and Conservation in the Pacific Regional Report.

92. The Director General noted following the delay of implementation of the GBF due to COVID-17, realignment is now in process ensuring the Pacific regional actions are in line with the GBF further highlighting the PSIDS process in the CBD space started with the CBD COP15 in Montreal under Samoa as the PSIDS Chair, then the CBD COP16 under Tuvalu as PSIDS Chair and now for CBD COP17 under Fiji as PSIDS Chair.

93. The Director General also sought support from the Membership to request membership contributions to the CBD Secretariat are tagged to work and activities to support the Pacific Islands Parties to the CBD.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** the progress in preparation of the CBD COP17, including the 11th Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation to be held in Noumea, New Caledonia 7–11 September 2026 and the Pacific Regional CBD COP17 workshop to be held in Fiji, 21–25 September 2026.
2. **Encouraged** members to engage actively in CBD COP17 preparatory processes, Pacific preCOP, intersessional meetings, and COP17 negotiations.

AGENDA ITEM 8.3: Update on the outcomes of UNEA-7

94. The Secretariat informed the Meeting of the outcomes of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA7) which was convened 8–12 December 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya.

95. The Secretariat also provided an update on the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution including in the Marine Environment, outlining the INC Chair's strategy and the PSIDS coordination mechanism with Fiji currently serving as PSIDS Chair and the recruitment of a dedicated INC coordinator further expressing appreciation towards Australia for its funding support.

96. France stated it recently published an Expression of Interest through its national research agency to consolidate knowledge on traditional uses of deep-sea ecosystems to improve understanding of energy and deep-sea activities. This programme, led by the French Research Institute for Sustainable Development has been launched with funding of 17.5 million Euros and could represent a valuable opportunity for the work of the Secretariat.

97. France further proposed the Pacific consider the Resolution on Environmental Crime submitted by Peru-Kenya noting this remains a high priority for France.

98. The Director General highlighted potential areas of growth for the Pacific in the UNEA process noting its Meeting of Officials and Ministerial Meetings could also be a preparatory mechanism for the Pacific and its engagement in the UNEA, this includes strengthening coordination amongst PSIDS Members and building support for key resolutions. Further noting applying UNEA as a platform to progress Pacific issues could be achieved, noting an example of the Coral Reef Resolution presented by Fiji which had already achieved Pacific consensus regionally.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** the outcomes of the UNEA7 and request the Secretariat to assist and support Members towards achieving the UNEA7 resolutions and proposed actions for UNEA8.

AGENDA ITEM 9.1: Overview of Regional Goal 1: Pacific people benefit from strengthened resilience to climate change

99. The Meeting was presented with an overview on the implementation of Regional Goal 1 and priorities for the biennial period 2026–2027.

100. Fiji, France and United Kingdom commended the Secretariat for its hard work and the activities presented.

101. In response to a query from Vanuatu on how the Secretariat will support the upscaling of interventions and how these will be tied to improving national economies, the Secretariat confirmed it works across programmes and the Project Coordination Unit internally to support countries in prioritising projects to be upscaled at pace encouraging support for flow of finances through the multi-lateral development processes such as the Green Climate Fund and Adaptation Fund further noting the GCF country programmes are developed which outline national priorities. The Secretariat further clarified in the case of the Climate Information Services for Resilient Development in Vanuatu (VanKIRAP), work will commence on development of the VanKIRAP2.

102. France underlined its support for the CREWS initiative launched with the Paris Accord in 2015 and encouraged the Secretariat and its members to note the potential activities to support this and the importance of coordination for which the Secretariat thanked France and CREWS for its support to Members funded through the World Meteorological Organization to help Pacific Islands.

103. Vanuatu requested clarification on the newly introduced forecasting system being prepared for Pacific Meteorological Services through the Weather Ready Pacific, and if this will be compatible with the forecasting system currently in use by Vanuatu for which the Secretariat confirmed said forecasting system being introduced in response to requests from those that currently have none in place. The Secretariat further advised Vanuatu raise the request to ensure this introduced system can be compatible with that now being used by Vanuatu to the Weather Ready Pacific Steering Committee so it can be included in the WRP activity planning stages.

104. The Secretariat noted the Climate Finance Access and Mobilisation Strategy (CFAMS) is just one aspect of the overall climate funded opportunities and work within the Secretariat and the Pacific citing the Weather Read Pacific as one example of others, stressing the importance of greater synergy in response to the United Kingdom's request for clarification as to where the CFAMS is placed in Regional Goal One of the Secretariat.

105. The Director General further noted the Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific will be reestablishing the Technical Assistance Group (TAG) to help ensure strengthened coordination.

106. Fiji stressed the importance of investing in capacity to ensure the Pacific is well-resourced when it comes to weather and data capability to ensure the best possible science content to support the UNFCCC negotiations and the Pacific asks.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** and **endorsed** in the implementation of activities under Regional Goal 1 for the biennial period of 2026-2027.

AGENDA ITEM 9.2: Overview of Regional Goal 2: Pacific people benefit from healthy and resilient island and ocean ecosystems

107. The Secretariat presented an overview of the progress of implementation of Regional Goal 2 as well as an update on the 11th Pacific Islands Conferences on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas.

108. Australia and France expressed its appreciation to the Secretariat for the work in organising the 11th Pacific Island Conference on Nature Conservation. France further highlighted New Caledonia's commitment in hosting a successful and important event stressing preparations are ongoing despite the introduction of a new Government.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** and **endorsed** the progress on the implementation of activities on Regional Goal 2 for the biennial period of 2026–2027; and
2. **Noted** the update on the 11th Pacific Islands Conferences on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas

AGENDA ITEM 9.3: Overview of Regional Goal 3: Pacific people benefit from improved waste management and pollution control

109. An overview of progress of implementation of Regional Goal 3 for the biennial period 2026-2027 was presented to the Meeting.

110. France commended the Secretariat on its hard work and achievements made inviting further information for the Clean Pacific Roundtable 2027 (CPRT2027).

111. The Secretariat clarified the CPRT2027 is hosted by Papua New Guinea in Port Moresby from 15 to 19 February with a tentative programme spanning five days structured around the theme "Innovate, Invest, Implement: Delivering a Cleaner Pacific 2050. Accelerating partnerships and action for a Cleaner Pacific" to celebrate achievements made through the concluding Cleaner Pacific 2025 Strategy. The week prior to the CPRT2027 will be dedicated to meetings pertaining to waste conventions and projects.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Endorsed** overview of key priorities to support the implementation and achievement of Regional Goal 3 for the biennial period 2026-2027.

AGENDA ITEM 9.4: Overview of Regional Goal 4: Pacific people and their environment benefit from commitment to best practice of environmental governance

112. The Secretariat presented an update of the implementation of Regional Goal 4 for the biennial period 2026–2027.

113. The Director General acknowledged Fiji for its work in addressing the proposed national waste facility issue over the past year for which Fiji stated it will relay these sentiments with its Permanent Secretary.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** and **endorsed** progress in the implementation of Regional Goal 4 activities for the biennial period 2026-2027.

AGENDA ITEM 10.1: 2026–2027 Biennial Work Programme and Budget

114. The Secretariat presented its Supplementary Work Programme and Budget for 2027 in the Biennial Budget for 2026-2027 to the Meeting.

115. The Secretariat noted the priority and delivery of activities for its Membership are considered when developing the PIP and the Annual Work Plan and Budget and further highlighting the Sustainable Resourcing and Financing Strategy and the SPREP Engagement and Resource Mobilisation Strategy provide guidance to the Secretariat's resource mobilisation efforts.

116. The Cook Islands emphasised the importance of the prioritisation of the Secretariat's work through the PIP process, and the importance of the Internal Audit function and Risk Management Officer for leading on institutional safeguards for the Secretariat and Members.

117. The Secretariat noted the priority and delivery of activities for its Membership are considered when developing the PIP and the Annual Work Plan and Budget and further highlighting the Sustainable Resourcing and Financing Strategy and the SPREP Engagement and Resource Mobilisation Strategy provide guidance to the Secretariat's resource mobilisation efforts.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Considered** and **approved** the proposed Supplementary Work Programme and Budget of USD$36,908,718 for 2027. The provisional budget for 2027 as **approved** last year at the 32SM was USD$ 31,428,882.
2. **Noted** that a funding gap of USD$6,590,730 provision for Core expenditure for the 2027 Supplementary Budget is not reflected in the proposed budget due to inadequate funding available at the time the budget was prepared. The Secretariat will continue to explore funding sources to address the gap as funding opportunities arise.

AGENDA ITEM 11.1: 2028–2029 Pacific Year of the Reef

118. A paper from the Pacific Year of the Reef in line with the Fourth International Year of the Reef was presented by Australia.

119. Cook Islands, Fiji and France supports and welcomes the proposal for this campaign noting the crucial role of the coral reef for Pacific resilience.

120. The Director General noted there have been two-yearly campaigns held in the past, further adding one year will focus on planning and preparation with the second year on the implementation and impact of the work in response to France seeking clarification as to why a two-year campaign.

121. Fiji further noted this is in alignment with a UNEA Resolution it submitted, and the opportunity for synergies requesting this campaign be aligned and amplified across the Rio Conventions.

122. Cook Islands requested the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner be involved applying a strategic approach noting the global engagements across the coming years.

123. The Director General confirmed this campaign will be undertaken across the wide range of work within the Secretariat as well as with partner mechanisms such as the Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation, and other Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** this proposal was prepared in cooperation with SPREP.
2. **Endorsed** the proposal to declare 2028 and 2029 as the Pacific Year of the Reef.
3. **Endorsed** SPREP to develop and coordinate activities associated with the Pacific Year of the Reef as outlined in this paper.
4. **Invited** Members to contribute towards the development of the program of work for the Pacific.

AGENDA ITEM 12: Other Business

124. France presented information on the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) noting it entered into force on 17 January 2026. The First Conference of the Parties is scheduled for 11–22 January 2027 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

125. France encouraged all SPREP Members that have ratified the BBNJ by then to attend the COP1 noting this will adopt aspects of the governance structure for the future Secretariat highlighting there are several candidacies in place from Chile, China and Belgium.

126. A special high-level side event will be held on day one of the 11th Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation in New Caledonia hosted by France and New Caledonia for which France encouraged all Members with a Minister to please join this event that will end with a scientific presentation on the Coral Reefs of New Caledonia.

127. The Director General commended France for its leadership in the ocean space, further noting the role of the Pacific in UNCLOS and the COP23 with the inclusion of the Ocean-Climate Nexus in the Talanoa process.

128. The Secretariat presented an overview of its support to Members on the BBNJ in partnership with other CROP agencies, ranging from coordination support to technical assistance in the negotiations further encouraging Members to attend the COP1. The Secretariat further requested support for it to attend and continue assistance on the ground at COP1.

129. The Chair commended the Secretariat for its work in supporting the Pacific in its BBNJ work.

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Noted** the information shared by France and the Secretariat on the status of BBNJ.

AGENDA ITEM 13: Dates of the 33rd SPREP Meeting

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Agreed** to tentatively convene the 33rd SPREP Meeting during the first week of September 2027 subject to CROP Governing Council arrangements.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Adoption of the Outcomes of the 5th Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board Meeting:

1. **Adopted** the agreed outcomes of the Fifth Executive Board Meeting by 24-hour silence procedure as at 2.30pm (Samoa time) on 20 August 2026.
2. **Noted** that the draft full record of the Fifth Executive Board Meeting will be circulated to Members for consideration no later than two weeks following the closing of the Meeting.

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ANNEX 2 Opening Remarks

Mr Sefanaia Nawadra, SPREP Director General

1. OVERVIEW

- SPREP exists today, given the foresight and vision of Pacific Leaders who recognised that the Pacific needed a dedicated regional agency to protect and conserve the environment to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations. Established by Treaty in 1993, SPREP serves the region to address the triple planetary crisis of biodiversity loss, climate change and pollution.
- The interlinked nature of the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution requires multi-dimensional and synergistic approaches and efforts to tackle the crisis at the global, regional, and national levels. For the Pacific, this is critical in ensuring a resilient Pacific environment sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures and is the premise which must inform the new SPREP Strategic Plan.
- There is much work to be done to address the crisis that requires significant financial investment and resources, improvements to governance and economic systems, and strengthened coordination, integration, and synergies across key sectors and stakeholders.
- The Pacific is doing its part as demonstrated in addressing the crisis where it can through commitment and actions at the regional and national levels but cannot be done alone as articulated in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent which serves as our North Star.

2. GOVERNANCE

- We wish to acknowledge and thank the United Kingdom on its contribution of 3 million GBP to the SPREP core budget. This provided great relief support to bridge the budget gap noted in the 20242025 Biennial budget periods for the Secretariat.
- We also wish to acknowledge and thank SPREP's key Core Funding partners over the past years of Australia and New Zealand for their multi-year funding support to the Secretariat's core operations. Their support and contribution are critical to enabling the Secretariat to do the work it does for our Pacific Members.
- Adequate core financing remains a critical challenge for the Secretariat especially for long term sustainability which has been evident in regard to unfunded budget allocations noted in efforts to achieve a balanced budget each year.

3. REGIONAL COMMITMENT

- We encourage Members and the Secretariat to continue to contribute to the 2050 Strategy implementation noting that SPREP's Strategic Plan priorities and programmes are closely aligned to the 2050 thematic areas on Climate Change and Disasters; and Ocean and Environment, which SPREP alongside its CROP peers of the Pacific Community and Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner play a pivotal leadership role in.
- The on-going work on the Review of the Regional Architecture and SPREP's continued engagement through the CROP process. SPREP remains committed to CROP collaboration and coordination and to enhancing the visibility of its partnership to serve Members through the implementation of the 2050 Strategy of the Blue Pacific Continent under the direction of Pacific Leaders.
- The importance of this process in strengthening regional coordination and collaboration in delivering the priorities of the 2050 Strategy, where our work is also underpinned by two important regional conventions of the Noumea Convention and the Waigani Convention.

4. CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE AND CLIMATE SCIENCE AND INFORMATION

- Climate change remains the greatest existential threat to humanity and is the leading priority for the region. SPREP remains committed to assisting the Pacific region through the provision of advice and technical assistance on adaptation, mitigation as well as loss and damage.
- 2026 is a pivotal year for demonstrating Pacific leadership with Australia holding the COP31 Presidency on Negotiations in partnership with the Pacific. The Pre-COP in Fiji and the Leaders Meeting in Tuvalu are opportunities we must utilize to amplify our Pacific Voice. SPREP alongside the Government of Australia and Pacific Islands Forum, collectively serve as the Secretariat for COP31 Pacific Senior Officials Taskforce to advance initiatives across the agreed COP31 Pacific Priority Pillars. SPREP also leads the One CROP coordination to support PSIDS in the negotiations.
- Wish to thank Australia and New Zealand for funding the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion and Pacific Delegation Office which has enabled Pacific voices to be amplified and Pacific stories and lived experiences at COP meetings to be shared on a global platform.
- Our Weather Ready Pacific remains a regional collective action that uses a programmatic approach to ensure that life changing decisions are informed by the best science, delivered in a timely manner that is easily understood, and enabled by maintained infrastructure, where no one is left behind.

5. BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION

- SPREP thanks its Members, donors and partners for the continued support to Pacific island countries for the upcoming Pacific Nature Conservation and Protected Areas Conference which will be hosted by the Government of New Caledonia in September. This will be crucial for the new Framework on Nature Conservation, which is informed by the State of Environment of our Blue Pacific and guided by the Global Biodiversity Framework.
- These serve as critical in the lead up to CBD COP later this year and wish to acknowledge the role of SPREP in coordinating the Pacific Islands Round Table partners and providing support to Pacific island delegates at CBD COP and the preparatory COP meetings.
- Wish to acknowledge efforts by SPREP and partners in tackling invasive species and the importance of bolstering biosecurity measures in the Pacific including in Samoa.

6. WASTE MANAGEMENT AND POLLUTION CONTROL

- The Pacific region strives forward with the on-going negotiations on a new international legally binding instrument to address the full life cycle of plastic pollution including from the marine environment that addresses the special circumstances of SIDS.
- With to acknowledge the role of SPREP in coordinating preparatory meetings as well as the advice and support to Pacific SIDS in the INC negotiations.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

- While progress has been made through initiatives like the Pacific Environment Portal and State of Environment reporting and development of National Environmental Management Strategies, our Pacific Members still struggle with data management, interpretation, and standardisation, hindering accurate and timely decision-making.
- Environmental data is critical to the SoE Report which requires continuous support and strengthening of national capacity and systems to ensure accurate, reliable and up-to-date environmental data are available to inform sound planning and decision making.
- The Pacific Environmental Data project aims to strengthen regional capacity for environmental data management, enabling our Pacific member states to improve their national data processes, enhance decision-making, and better report on international commitments and sustainable development goals.