

Pacific Environment Forum 2011

Rio +20 and Beyond: Building resilience for a sustainable future

12 September 2011 Tanoa Tusitala Hotel

Apia Samoa

8:30am – 9:00am Registration

9:00am - 10:00am Opening (Master of Ceremony - Kosi Latu)

- i. Prayer
- ii. Welcome Remarks by Mr David Sheppard, Director of SPREP
- iii. Keynote Address by Mr Bakary Kante, Director of the Division for Environmental Law and Conventions, UNEP
- iv. Opening Remarks Hon. Fa' amoetauloa Dr. Fa'ale Tumaalii, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

[Group Photo before morning tea]

10:00am -10:30am MORNING TEA

10:30am - 11:40am Panel I:

Green Economy in the context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication (70 mins)

The objective of the session is to gain an understanding of the green economy concept and implications on greening Pacific economies. It will take into account the developments at the international level and recent regional Rio+20 preparations as well as exploring key issues such as oceans management and conservation, renewable energy and sustainable management of resources.

Chair: Mr. David Sheppard – Director of SPREP (5 mins opening 5 mins closing) Speakers:

- Mr. Bakary Kante UNEP Green economy global perspective (10 mins)
- Mr. Stephen Powell Greening the economy: Australia's experience (10 mins)
- Mr. Vaitoti Tupa Implications of the green/blue economy on Small Island Developing States - Cook Islands' experience (10 mins)
- Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra Outcomes of the Pacific Rio+20 Preparatory Meeting (10 mins)

Questions and Answers (20 mins)

11:40am -12:40pm Panel II:

Environmental Governance in the Pacific

The panel discussion will highlight key aspects of environmental governance in the Pacific. The speakers will share their experiences and perspectives on the topic including forward looking recommendations on areas to strengthen environmental governance including institutional frameworks in the context of sustainable development in the Pacific.

Chair: Mr. Jope Davetanivalu – Director of Environment, Fiji (5 mins opening and 5 mins closing)

Speakers:

• Mr. James Sabi - Translating national environmental management policies and strategies into action: key lessons learnt from Palau's experience (10 mins)

• Mr. Jovilisi Suveinakama - The role of local village governance systems in environmental management: Tokelau's experience (10 mins)

• Ms. Brianna Fruean - Empowering young people to be leaders in environmental management: youth perspective (10 mins)

Questions and Answers (20 mins)





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Annotated Agenda

12:40pm – 1:40pm Panel III: Adapting to climate change

The main objective of this panel discussion is to highlight climate change adaptation results, discuss key adaptation challenges in the Pacific region and identify opportunities to upscale adaptation initiatives at all levels in society including key development sectors. The speakers will share their experiences and perspectives based on key adaptation actions that are being implemented in the context of small island developing states in the Pacific.

Chair: Mr. Taulealeausumai L. Malua – Chief Executive Office, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa (5 mins opening 5 mins closing) **Speakers:**

- Mr. Farran Redfern Building community resilience to the impacts of climate change: Kiribati's experience (10 mins)
- Mr. Mike Donoghue The role of ecosystems in adaptation (10 mins)
- Mr. Casper Supa Adaptation to Climate Change: Solomon Islands PACC Project results, challenges and opportunities (10 mins)

Questions and Answers (20 mins)

1:40pm – 2:40pm LUNCH [available at Side Events]

2:40pm – 3:40pm Break Out groups (Facilitated by Dr. Jill Key - SPREP) There will be three breakout groups. The breakout groups will review key outcomes statements from the Rio+20 preparatory meeting including key issues raised from the Forum panel discussions. The main task of the breakout groups is to review and articulate further on the Rio+20 outcomes and prepare 3 key messages which will form part of the outcomes of the Forum.

3:40pm – 4:40pm Drafting of the Forum Outcome Statement

Chair: Ms. Yumiko Crisostomo – Director, Office of Environmental Planning and Policy Coordination, Marshall Islands

• All forum participants are invited to be part of the drafting session

4:40pm - 5:30pm Closing (Master of Ceremony - Kosi Latu)

- Presentation of the Forum Outcome Statement Ms. Yumiko Crisostomo (40 mins)
- Closing Remarks by the Director of SPREP David Sheppard (10 mins)