



Sustainable, transformative and resilient for a Blue Pacific

**31st SPREP MEETING: ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS' HIGH-LEVEL TALANOA
'SPREP at 30: Sustainable, Transformative and Resilient for a Blue Pacific'
8th September 2023**

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Welcome

2. Opening Prayer

3. Keynote Address

4. Setting the Scene

5. Panel 1: Climate Change and Biodiversity conservation

▪ **Australia – “Pacific Engagement in Joint Bid for COP 31”**

Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP
Minister for the Environment and Water

Honourable Jenny McAllister, Senator
Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy

▪ **Nauru – “Higher Ground Initiative”**

Honourable Rennie Gadabu
Minister for Climate Change & National Resilience

▪ **Palau – “Leadership of PSIDS across the MEAs”**

Honourable Minister Gustav Aitaro
Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment

▪ **Vanuatu – “Loss and Damage”**

Honourable Ralph Regenvanu
Minister of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology and Geo-Hazards, Energy,
Environment and Disaster Management

▪ **New Zealand – “Invasive Species and the Global Biodiversity Framework”**

HE. Dr. Trevor Matheson
High Commissioner

6. Panel 2: Ocean governance and plastic pollution

- **France – “UNOC3 Pacific engagement opportunities”**
His Excellency Mr. Fournier Pierre
Special Envoy
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France

- **Niue – “Niue Ocean Wide (NOW) Initiative” (tbc)**

- **Cook Islands – “Plastics INC Higher Ambition Coalition”**
Ms. Tekura Moeka’a
Cook Islands Natural Environment Service

- **Marshall Islands – “Waste Management Issues for Atoll States” (tbc)**

- **Solomon Islands – “Greening the Pacific Games”**
Dr. Melchior Mataka
Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and
Meteorology

7. Environment Ministers’ High-Level Talanoa Summary

8. Adoption of the Environment Ministers’ High-Level Talanoa Communique

9. Adoption by acclamation of the 31st SPREP Meeting Outcomes

10. Official close of the Environment Ministers High level Talanoa and 31st SPREP Meeting