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**SUBJECT:** Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion Call for Side Event Applications at the UNFCCC COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan from 11 November to 22 November 2024

Dear SPREP Members and Partners,

In the spirit of Pacific Partnership, the Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion with the generous funding support of New Zealand and Australia, will host a significant number of Pacific focussed side events that will be showcased.

**We are now calling for COP29 side event applications through this online application form, that will highlight our Pacific Islands and their climate change stories of innovation, leadership, solutions and challenges. **The applications will close on 6 September 2024 at 4.30pm (Samoa date and time).****

The Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion at COP29 will host various events, predominantly initiated by Pacific Island stakeholders including those from Pacific Island governments, private sector and the Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific as well as the New Zealand government and Australian Government 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 tradition
- Climate science and traditional knowledge
- Our recognition of our status as the Special Circumstances of the Least Developed Countries and Small Islands Developing States.

**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 once these are made public. 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 is still to be confirmed based upon further information from the Pavilion organisers.
- 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 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.
- We will not be distributing any paper content, what you bring in as part of your side event **MUST** be removed from the pavilion space.

**The Secretariat will work to advise applicants by 3 October 2024 the outcome to enable participants to prepare ahead of COP 29.** At this time a Moana Blue Pacific Side Events Guide will also be shared with you.

Should you experience any challenges with using the [online application form](#), please send an email to [cop29@sprep.org](mailto:cop29@sprep.org) with details of the issue and our team will guide you through alternative means of making an application. **The call for side events will close on 6 September 2024 at 4.30pm (Samoa date and time).**

The Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan from 11 November to 22 November 2024 and the call for side event applications from Members and Partners, is to ensure the spirit of Pacific Partnership continues and the presence and voice of the Pacific is amplified in this important global platform.

Kind regards



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