



## Event Overview

EVENT NAME	<b>Pacific Day 2023</b>
DATE AND TIME	16th October 2023; 9:00 am - 4:35 pm
VENUE	<a href="#">STANTEC Office, Level 4/105 Carlton Gore Road, Newmarket, Auckland 1023, New Zealand</a>

## Event Description

### Brief Description

As the leading regional organization for environmental planning, management, and conservation in the Pacific, SPREP in partnership with the [Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand \(EIANZ\)](#), [New Zealand Association for Impact Assessment \(NZAI\)](#) and [STANTEC \(New Zealand\)](#), are supporting the participation of Pacific Island Countries and Territories in the EIANZ conference. The conference will feature a dedicated “**Pacific Day**” on the 16th of October where PICT perspectives, achievements and challenges in environmental assessment and management will be showcased in-line with the conference theme. This day will provide a unique opportunity for Pacific delegates to engage with peers, share case studies and lessons learned, and discuss sustainable practices and environmental challenges in their respective countries.

### Objectives

- Provide a platform for Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) to convene and engage in enriching dialogues on Impact Assessment and its relevance in the regional context.
- To inform SPREP’s future work program on environmental assessments, planning and management.
- Facilitate bilateral engagements with members and partners to not only sustain existing partnerships but also unearth new collaborative opportunities in areas such as

environmental risk assessment, EIA/SEA, and more.

- Enhance capacity building by prioritizing discussions around strengthening the skills and abilities of practitioners in the Pacific.

## Expected Outcomes

- A documented summary of experiences including issues and challenges on EIA implementation and administration, key gaps and needs from PICT perspectives.
- Clear directives for SPREP's impending initiatives, especially in capacity-building for EIA/SEA across PICTs, ensuring interventions are tailored to member needs.
- Enhanced engagement between SPREP, PICTs, and stakeholders like EIANZ and NZAIA, driving a shared vision for environmental management in the Pacific region.

## Program

Time	Activity	Description	Presenter	Moderator
9:00 AM	Attendees arrive	Attendees arrive, register and receive name tags	SPREP	
<b>Session 1: Opening Proceedings</b>				
9:30 AM	Prayer and Welcome	Prayer and welcome of participants to the Pacific Day	Jope Davetanivalu (SPREP)	Jope Davetanivalu
9:35 AM	Opening Ceremony	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commencement of the Pacific Day with a warm welcome and statement by Roger Vreugdenhil, Stantec New Zealand Country Manager</li> <li>2. Keynote address by Easter Chu-Shing, SPREP Deputy Director-General.</li> <li>3. Remarks from Felicity Bollen, Director for Pacific Connections, New Zealand MFAT.</li> <li>4. Celebration of SPREP's 30th</li> </ol>	Jope Davetanivalu (SPREP)	

		anniversary with a cake-cutting ceremony. (Photo session during cake cutting).		
<b>10:40 AM</b>	Group Photo Session	Photo with SPREP, Partners and Member countries and territories	Stantec	
<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>MORNING TEA BREAK</b>			
<b>Session 2: Technical Presentations</b>				
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Agenda and scene setting for the Pacific Day 2023	Background and context to set the scene for the Pacific Day	Jope Davetanivalu (SPREP)	Sione Tukia Lepa (Tonga)
<b>11:10 AM</b>	Introduction to EIANZ and NZAIA	Learn about Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ) and the New Zealand Association for Impact Assessment (NZAIA) opportunities for Pacific Island Countries.	Richard Morgan (NZAIA)	
<b>11:25 AM</b>	World Bank proposed Capacity Strengthening in the Pacific.	The World Bank presents the proposed project to strengthen environmental and social risk management in the Pacific and the benefits for the region.	Rachelle Marburg (World Bank)	
<b>11:40 AM</b>	Facilitating Sustainable Infrastructure Investments in the Pacific	This session will delve into the key considerations for sustainable infrastructure investments and development in the Pacific. Topics will include financing and safeguards requirements, risk assessment, and how to balance sustainable development with national infrastructure development priorities.	Kristy Harrison (Stantec)	
<b>Session 3: Pacific Presentations</b>				
<b>12:00PM</b>	<b>Presentation 1</b>	Remaining environmentally resilient through our	Victoria Hnanguie	Ivan Diarra

		vulnerabilities as small island developing states.	(Kiribati)	
<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>Presentation 2</b>	Tokelau in dire needs to complete Environment Impact Assessment Policy Framework.	Mile Fonua (Tokelau)	
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Presentation 3</b>	Transformative Environmental Leadership for Impact Assessment in the Pacific Region: A Samoan perspective	Iraine Galuvao (Samoa)	
<b>12:45 PM</b>	<b>Presentation 4</b>	Environmental Impacts of Limestone Aggregate Mining in Tonga and the Need for Updated Guidelines.	Sione Tukia Lepa (Tonga)	
<b>1:00 PM</b>		<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>		
<b>1:45 PM</b>	<b>Group Discussions</b>	The participants will be assigned to groups to deliberate on the key themes and issues presented in the abstract session. Deliberations can be on the importance, experiences, issues, challenges, gaps and needs.	SPREP	Putu Tofinga
<b>2:45 PM</b>	<b>Session 5:</b> Panel Discussion – Shaping Environmental Assessments and Planning in the Pacific.	An interactive panel discussion with SPREP and Pacific Island Members, that explores the evolving landscape of environmental assessments, planning and management in the Pacific. Panelists will discuss their national priorities and focus, integration of traditional knowledge, policy frameworks, and the role of partnerships and co-operation.  Session facilitated with mentimeter.	Joep Davetanivalu (SPREP)  Sione Tukia (Tonga)  Benjamin Maxwell (Cook Islands)  Poualaga Vavau (Tuvalu)  Kristy Harrison	Putu Tofinga

			(Stantec)	
<b>3:45 PM</b>	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>			
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Session 6:</b> Reflections and Outcomes	This session will summarize the key outcomes from the Pacific Day discussions, highlighting actionable insights and setting the stage for future collaborative efforts in the region.	Jope Davetanivalu	Ivan Diarra
<b>4:30 PM</b>	Closing and Prayer	Official close of the Pacific Day program.	Jope Davetanivalu	
<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Official EIANZ Welcome Function at the Fish Restaurant on Level 1 at the Hilton Hotel</b>			