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# Promoting policy coherence for environmental governance in the Climate and Nature Nexus
# Pacific Subregional Workshop

26 – 28 May 2025
Apia, Samoa

## Draft Agenda

**DAY 1**

**OBJECTIVES OF THE DAY:** To highlight the role of science-policy interfaces and policy coherence in advancing integrated action on biodiversity and climate change, while showcasing regional approaches, whole-of-society practices, and country experiences to identify common gaps, challenges, and opportunities for further discussion on Day 2 and 3.

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | **Registration** |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | **Session 1: Opening Segment**<br><br>Facilitator: Jope Davetanivalu, SPREP<br><br>○ Prayer<br>○ Keynote address<br>○ *Lealaisalanoa Frances Brown Reupena, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment*<br>○ Official Address<br>○ *Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General, Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)*<br>○ *Patricia Kameri-Mbote, Director, Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (video message)*<br>○ *Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (video message)* |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | **Group Photo & Break** |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | **Session 2: Introduction & Workshop Objectives**<br><br>○ *Kazuhiko Seriu, Programme Management Officer, Law Division, UNEP* |
| 10:20 – 12:00 | **Session 3: Science-Policy Interface (SPI) & Policy coherence**<br><br>○ Global Scientific Assessments for Integrated Action |

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| | ○ *Mark Howden, IPCC Bureau member / Vice Chair of Working Group II, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (virtual participation)*<br>○ *Dr. David Obura, Chair, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) (recorded presentation)*<br>○ *Presentation by UNFCCC (confirmed, speaker TBC)*<br>○ Presentation by SCBD on policy coherence for climate change and biodiversity-effectively linking NBSAPs and NDCs<br>○ *Lijie Cai, IMS Division, CBD Secretariat*<br>○ Policy coherence and Cooperation/synergies between MEAs<br>○ *Kazuhiko Seriu, Programme Management Officer, Law Division, UNEP* |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Lunch** |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | **Session 4: Panel Discussion on integrated action on biodiversity and climate change including whole-of-society practice**<br><br>Facilitator: Jope Davetanivalu, SPREP<br><br>○ *Eva Gurria, NBSAP Accelerator Partnership*<br>○ *Leilani Duffy-Iosefa/Danita Strickland, Conservation International*<br>○ Country experience (Vanuatu)<br>○ *Dean Launder Wotlolan, Senior Officer, Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation*<br>○ *Leana William, MEA Officer, Ministry of Climate Change* |
| 14:30 – 14:45 | **Break** |
| 14:45 – 15:30 | **Session 5: Regional Nexus Overview**<br><br>• A Regional Nexus Approach<br>○ *Makiko Yashiro, Programme Management Officer, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific*<br>• Regional cooperation for the Climate-Biodiversity Nexus in the Pacific Islands<br>○ *SPREP (TBC)* |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | **Session 6: Country Experiences on national coordination and cooperation across biodiversity and climate change clusters**<br><br>• Policy Alignment Through National Planning Cycles<br>○ *Niko Urho, Independent Consultant*<br>• One country case study on national coordination mechanisms and whole of government approach on biodiversity and climate nexus |
| 16:30 - 17:15 | **Session 7: Group Work**<br><br>○ Short group discussion on opportunities and challenges on working across institutions and focal points at national level |
| 17:15 – 17:45 | **Session 8: Feedback from groups** |
| 17:45 | **End of Day 1** |

**Day 2**

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**OBJECTIVES OF THE DAY:** To discuss nexus and trends by using the workshop's background paper and introduce tools and guidelines that support Member States in strengthening policy coherence for the integrated implementation of climate and biodiversity nexus, and to apply the checklist as a self-assessment exercise during group work, contributing to the identification of key regional takeaways.

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| 8:30 – 8:45 | **Session 9: Recap of Day 1** |
| 8:45 – 10:15 | **Session 10: Presentation on integrated actions to address the climate-biodiversity nexus taken by PSIDS countries**<br>• Presentation of the key findings of the background paper *"Advancing the biodiversity-climate nexus through MEAs - National implementation plans as catalysts for integrated action"*<br>• Trends based on Key Words Analysis/Playbook for strengthening climate-biodiversity policy coherence<br>○ *Niko Urho, Independent Consultant*<br>• Country experience (Tonga) |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | **Break** |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | **Session 11: Group Work**<br>○ Self-assessment using Biodiversity/Climate Nexus checklist |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | **Session 12: Report back** |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **Lunch** |
| 13:00 – 14:30 | **Session 13: Tools and/or guidelines for Policy Coherence**<br><br>InforMEA platform/knowledge management tools<br><br>GEF Early Action tools and guidelines<br>○ *Antony Kamau, Programme Management Officer, Ecosystems Division, UNEP*<br>Regional Indicators<br>○ *SPREP* |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | **Session 14: Group Work on tools and guidelines**<br>TBC |
| 15:30 – 15:45 | **Break** |
| 15:45 – 16:30 | **Session 15: Report back to Plenary** |
| 16:30 | **End of Day 2** |

**Day 3**

**OBJECTIVES OF THE DAY:** To define regional priorities, strengthen collaborative actions, and discuss next steps for advancing policy coherence for climate change and biodiversity through regional engagement.

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| 8:30 – 9:30 | **Session 16: Presentation: Key Outcomes on Day 1 and 2** |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | **Session 17: Discussion on regional mechanisms for coordinated climate and nature action**<br><br>Insights by:<br>• One Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific (CROP) mechanism |

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| | • Climate Change Roundtable<br>• Cleaner Pacific Roundtable<br>• The Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT) |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | **Break** |
| 10:45 – 11:45 | **Session 18: Group Work**<br>○ Regional Context and Takeaways – Strengthening Regional Collaboration for Policy Coherence for Climate Change/Biodiversity<br>○ Regional and Global Engagement<br>○ Scaling Regional Action Through South–South and Triangular Cooperation |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | **Session 19: Feedback from Groups** |
| 12:15 – 13:30 | **Lunch** |
| 13:30 – 15:00 | **Session 20: Discussion on Key Takeaways in Plenary** |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | **Session 21: Closing**<br>• Workshop Evaluations<br>• Recap of workshop outcomes<br>• Next steps<br>Closing remarks |

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