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PROTECT PACIFIC WHALES – OCEAN VOYAGERS

*The Pacific environment, sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures.*

**SPREP Calendar of Events for 2017**

(21 December 2016)

| **JANUARY** | | | | | |
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| **Date** | **Event** | **Venue, City, Country** | **Organiser** | **Key Staff Involved** | **Donor** |
| 1-2 | New Year's Day | | | | |
| 3 | Public Holiday observed | | | | |
| 4 | SPREP Office re-opens | | | | |
| 13-17 | Intra-ACP workshop on climate change programming | Brussels, Belgium | ACP | Netatua Pelesikoti | ACP/EU |
| 16-20 (TBC) | BIOPAMA national stakeholder consultation | Apia, Samoa | Vainuupo Jungblut | Vainuupo Jungblut, Easter Galuvao | EU |
| 20 | Friends of the Chair: Sustainable Financing | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Petra Chan Tung | |
| 23 – 27 | Samoa shark sanctuary joint meeting | Apia, Samoa | Juney Ward | Juney Ward, Michael Donoghue | Pew |
| 27 | Friends of the Chair: Executive Board Terms of Reference | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth | |
| 30 | Meeting with Island Conservation | SPREP, Samoa | Dave Moverley | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Stuart Chape and Dave Moverley | |
| 30 Jan – 3 Feb | BIOPAMA Country technical visit and stakeholder consultation | Port Vila, Vanuatu | Vainuupo Jungblut | Vainuupo Jungblut, Easter Galuvao | EU |
| **FEBRUARY** | | | | | |
| **Date** | **Event** | **Venue, City, Country** | **Organiser** | **Key Staff Involved** | **Donor** |
| 1-3 | University of Newcastle visit to SPREP of Deputy Vice Chancellor | SPREP Samoa | University of Newcastle, Waste Management | Senior Management Team | |

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| | Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources Head | | and Pollution Control, Stewart Williams | | |
| 2 | World Wetlands Day | | | | |
| 3 | Friends of the Chair: Harmonisation for Remuneration | SPREP, Samoa | Simeamativa Vaai | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Simeamativa Vaai | |
| 6-7 | Pacific Resilience Partnership Working Group meeting | Suva, Fiji | PIFS | Netatua Pelesikoti, Espen Ronneberg | |
| 6-8 | Green Growth Workshop | Koror, Palau | SPREP | Jope Davetanivalu | UNEP |
| 7-9 | 1st Meeting of the intersessional process for considering SAICM and the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 | Brasilia, Brazil | UNEP | Frank Griffin | UNEP |
| 10-12 | South Pacific Whale Research Consortium | Auckland University, NZ | Michael Donoghue and Consortium Executive | Michael Donoghue | Consortium (airfare) NZ (accommodation) |
| 12-13 | CROP Heads Meeting and Retreat | Honiara, Solomon Islands | Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth | |
| 15-16 | Preparatory Meeting for the UN Oceans Summit | New York | | Blue Team | |
| 17 | Steering Committee: Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Netatua Pelesikoti, Espen Ronneberg | |
| 20-21 | 6th Meeting of the Waigani Convention Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC-6) meeting | Nuku'alofa, Tonga | Frank Griffin | Frank Griffin, Clark Peteru, Stewart Williams | SPREP, Waigani Convention |
| 22 | 5th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the PRC (SCPRC-5) | Nuku'alofa, Tonga | Frank Griffin | Frank Griffin, Clark Peteru | SPREP, Waigani Convention |
| 23 | 4th GEF-PAS uPOPs Project Steering Committee meetings | Nuku'alofa, Tonga | Frank Griffin | Frank Griffin | GEF-PAS uPOPs project funds |
| 24 | Friends of the Chair: | SPREP, | Audrey | Kosi Latu, Roger | |

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| | Performance Implementation Plan and Results Framework | Samoa | Brown-Pereira | Cornforth, Stuart Chape | |
| Mid Feb (TBC) | GEFPAS Integrated Islands Biodiversity (IIB) Handover | Cook Islands, Nauru, Tonga and Tuvalu | Easter Galuvao | Vainuupo Jungblut | UNEP, GEF |
| (TBC) | Environmental Impact Assessment Training | Tokelau | SPREP | Jope Davetanivalu Melanie Bradley | |
| **MARCH** | | | | | |
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| 2 | Opening of Year of the Whale art exhibition, *"Des baleines et des hommes"* | Tjibaou Cultural Centre, Noumea, New Caledonia | Tjibaou Cultural Centre | Michael Donoghue | Fonds Pacifique |
| 3 | World Wildlife Day | | | | |
| 6 | Papua New Guinea Protected Areas Assessment project final report presented | PNG | Amanda Wheatley | Easter Galuvao, Stuart Chape | UNDP with CEPA (Papua New Guinea Government) |
| 6 – 8 | Asia-Pacific Regional preparatory meeting for the 2017 Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) Conventions Conference of the Parties | Bangkok, Thailand | UNEP, BRS Secretariat | Frank Griffin | UNEP, SPREP |
| 8 | International Women's Day | | | | |
| 9-10 (TBC) | SPREP Staff Advance | (TBC) | Simeamativa Vaai | SPREP Staff | |
| 13-14 | Pacific Resilience Partnership Working Group meeting | Suva, Fiji | PIFS | Netatua Pelesikoti, Espen Ronneberg | |
| 20-23 (TBC) | Pacific Ocean Alliance Multi-Stakeholder Meeting | Nadi, Fiji | Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC) | | |
| 21 – 25 | Launch of the Pacific regional mercury project and inventory | (TBC) | SPREP | Frank Griffin | UNEP |

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| | development training | | | | |
| 21 | International Day of Forests | | | | |
| 22 | World Water Day | | | | |
| 22-24 | Regional SDGS for the Regional Taskforce | Nadi, Fiji | Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat | | |
| 27 – 31 | Oceania Ecosystem Services Forum | Brisbane, Australia | ACES | Herman Timmermans, Fred Patison, David Loubser, Jilda Shem | BMUB, German Government |
| | Important Marine Mammal Areas in the South West Pacific | SPREP, Samoa | IMMA Task Force (IUCN) | Michael Donoghue, Juney Ward | German Government (OBIS) |
| March or April (TBC) | Trilateral Meetings with New Zealand and Australia; Troika; and Audit Committee | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira, Selesitina Reti | Senior Management Team | |
| End of March or Early April (TBC) | Global Environment Facility ABS Inception meeting | SPREP, Samoa | Easter Galuvao | Clark Peteru | UNEP, GEF |
| (TBC) | Enforcement & compliance training workshop for shark sanctuary | Apia, Samoa | Juney Ward | Juney Ward | Pew |
| (TBC) | Pacific Islands Round Table Heads of Organisation Planning Retreat | (TBC) | Easter Galuvao | Kosi Latu, Stuart Chape, Working Group Chairs and coordinators (Amanda Wheatley, David Moverley and Michael Donoghue) | |
| (TBC) | MSP Nataj Consultations | Apia, Samoa | SPREP | Meapelo Maiai | |
| (TBC) | National Environment Management Strategy Draft Consultations | Niue | SPREP | Jope Davetanivalu Melanie Bradley | |
| (TBC) | State of the Environment Training | Niue | SPREP | Paul Anderson | |
| **APRIL** | | | | | |

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| 3-7 (TBC) | Forum Economic Ministers Meeting (FEMM) and Related Meetings | Suva, Fiji | Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat | | |
| 4-5 (TBC) | PIDF Blue Economy Meeting | Suva, Fiji | Pacific Islands Development Forum | | |
| 4-6 | Whales in a Changing Ocean Conference | Conference Centre, Nuku'alofa, | Tonga | Michael Donoghue, Kosi Latu | Okeanos Foundation, RESCCUE |
| 4-6 | 16th Green Climate Fund Board meeting | Songdo, Korea | GCF | Simon Wilson, Espen Ronneberg | |
| 6-7 (TBC) | Senior Officials Preparatory Meeting | Suva, Fiji | | | |
| 7 | Friends of the Chair: Sustainable Financing | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Petra Chan Tung | |
| 8 (TBC) | High Level Meeting For Green Climate Fund and Oceans | Fiji | Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat | | |
| 10 (TBC) | Green Climate Fund Workshop | Fiji | Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat | | |
| 10 – 14 | Mercury inventory training | PNG | PNG | Frank Griffin | PNG |
| 14-17 | Easter Holidays | | | | |
| 21 | Friends of the Chair: Executive Board Terms of Reference | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth | |
| 24 April – 5 May | Basel Convention COP-13 *(Held back-to-back with Rotterdam Convention COP-8 and Stockholm Convention COP-8)* | Geneva, Switzerland | UNEP/ Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariat | Frank Griffin | UNEP/SPREP |
| March or April (TBC) | Trilateral Meetings with New Zealand and Australia;<br>Troika;<br>Audit Committee | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira, Selesitina Reti | Senior Management Team | |
| (TBC) | Marine Transport Ministers Meeting | (TBC) | | Anthony Talouli | |
| (TBC) | Pacific Resilience Partnership Working Group meeting | Suva, Fiji | PIFS | Netatua Pelesikoti, Espen Ronneberg | TBC |

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| (TBC) | State of the Environment & Global Information System Training | Vanuatu | SPREP | Paul Anderson, Ryan Wright | |
| **MAY** | | | | | |
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| 5 | Friends of the Chair: Harmonisation for Remuneration | SPREP, Samoa | Simeamativa Vaai | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Simeamativa Vaai | |
| 4-7 (TBC) | Pre-Meetings United Nations Framework for the Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Subsidiary Bodies meeting | Bonn, Germany | UNFCCC | Espen Ronneberg | |
| 8-18 | UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies meeting | Bonn, Germany | UNFCCC | Espen Ronneberg | |
| 12 | Steering Committee: Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Netatua Pelesikoti, Espen Ronneberg | |
| 15 | Mother's Day | | | | |
| 22 | International Day for Biological Diversity | | | | |
| 22-25 | 52nd Global Environment Facility (GEF) Council meeting | Washington DC, USA | GEF | Meapelo Maiai | |
| 26 | Friends of the Chair: Performance Implementation Plan and Results Framework | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Stuart Chape | |
| (TBC) | MARPOL Port Waste Reception Training | Majuro, RMI | | Anthony Talouli | |
| (TBC) | National Environment Management Strategy Training (Introduction) | FSM | SPREP | Jope Davetanivalu Melanie Bradley | |
| (TBC) | Development of Tuvalu's hazardous waste management strategy as part of the conventions | Tuvalu | SPREP, Tuvalu | Frank Griffin | SPREP Waigani Convention |
| (TBC) | Development of the DDT inventory in Vanuatu | Vanuatu | SPREP | Frank Griffin | SPREP |

| JUNE | | | | | |
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| 1 | Samoa Independence Day | | | | |
| 5 | World Environment Day | | | | |
| 5-9 | UN Ocean Summit | New York | | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Blue Team | |
| 5-9 (TBC) | Pacific Invasive Partnership Meeting | Hawaii (TBC) | SPREP | David Moverley | NZ |
| 8 | World Oceans Day | | | | |
| (TBC) | Finalise National Environment Management Strategy Capacity Building | RMI | SPREP | Jope Davetanivalu Melanie Bradley | |
| (TBC) | Finalise State of the Environment Capacity Building | RMI | SPREP | Paul Anderson | |
| (TBC) | PacWaste Project Final Meeting | Solomon Islands, Honiara | WMPC EU | WMPC PacWaste Team | EU |
| (TBC) | JPRISM II Initial Meeting | Solomon Islands, Honiara | WMPC, Ma Bella Guinto, JPRISM II Team | WMPC, Ma Bella Guinto JPRISM II Team | JICA |
| (TBC) | Regional Consultation for the Scrap Metal Strategy | Solomon Islands Honiara | WMPC Ma Bella Guinto | Ma Bella Guinto | |
| **JULY** | | | | | |
| **Date** | **Event** | **Venue, City, Country** | **Organiser** | **Key Staff Involved** | **Donor** |
| 4-6 | 17th Green Climate Fund Board meeting | Songdo, Korea | Green Climate Fund | Simon Wilson, Espen Ronneberg | |
| 10-14 | Island Invasives Conference | University of Dundee, Dundee, Scotland | University of Dundee, South Georgia Heritage Trust | David Moverley | NZ |
| 14 | Friends of the Chair: Sustainable Financing | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Petra Chan Tung | |
| 20 | Audit Committee | SPREP, Samoa | Selesitina Reti | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, | |

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| 21 | Friends of the Chair: Performance Implementation Plan and Results Framework | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Stuart Chape | |
| 28 | Troika | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth | |
| 28 | Friends of the Chair: Executive Board Terms of Reference | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth | |
| (TBC) | Regional Seminar on Cape Town Agreement (Torremolinos Convention) | (TBC) | | Anthony Talouli | |
| (TBC) | Protected Areas Working Group Annual Meeting | (TBC) | SPREP | Amanda Wheatley | |
| (TBC) | Pacific Islands Round Table Annual Meeting | (TBC) | SPREP | Easter Galuvao | |
| **AUGUST** | | | | | |
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| 11 | Friends of the Chair: Harmonisation for Remuneration | SPREP, Samoa | Simeamativa Vaai | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Simeamativa Vaai | |
| 14 | Father's Day | | | | |
| 14-18 | 4th Pacific Meteorological Council meeting | Honiara, Solomon Islands | SPREP | Netatua Pelesikoti, Sunny Seuseu, Tommy Moore, PacMetDesk | |
| 18 | Troika | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth | |
| 18 | Steering Committee: Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Netatua Pelesikoti, Espen Ronneberg | |
| (TBC) | EIA Training Multi Sectors | Cook Islands | SPREP | Jope Davetanivalu Melanie Bradley | |
| (TBC) | State of the | Cook Islands | SPREP | Paul Anderson | |

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| | Environment Capacity Building | | | | |
| **SEPTEMBER** | | | | | |
| **Date** | **Event** | **Venue, City, Country** | **Organiser** | **Key Staff Involved** | **Donor** |
| 4-8 (TBC) | 48th Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings | Apia, Samoa | Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth | |
| 14 | Conference of the Parties to the Noumea Convention | Apia, Samoa | SPREP | SPREP | |
| 15 | Conference of the Parties to the Waigani Convention | Apia, Samoa | SPREP | SPREP | |
| 18 | Pacific Environment Forum | Apia, Samoa | SPREP | SPREP | |
| 19-21 | 28th SPREP Meeting | Apia, Samoa | SPREP | SPREP | |
| (TBC) | Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Regional Alliances | (TBC) | | Tommy Moore | |
| **OCTOBER** | | | | | |
| **Date** | **Event** | **Venue, City, Country** | **Organiser** | **Key Staff Involved** | **Donor** |
| 3-5 | 18th Green Climate Fund Board meeting | Songdo, Rep of Korea | Green Climate Fund | Simon Wilson, Espen Ronneberg | |
| 9 | White Sunday (Lotu-a-Taimaiti) | | | | |
| (TBC) | State of the Environment Training Final Stage | Niue | SPREP | Paul Anderson | |
| **NOVEMBER** | | | | | |
| **Date** | **Event** | **Venue, City, Country** | **Organiser** | **Key Staff Involved** | **Donor** |
| 2-5 (TBC) | Pre-Meetings for the 23rd United Nations Framework for the Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties | Bonn, Germany | UNFCCC | Kosi Latu, Netatua Pelesikoti, Espen Ronneberg, Nanette Woonton | |

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| 6-17 | 23rd UNFCCC Conference of the Parties | Bonn, Germany | UNFCCC | Kosi Latu, Netatua Pelesikoti, Espen Ronneberg, Nanette Woonton | |
| 23 | Audit Committee | SPREP, Samoa | Selesitina Reti | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth, Clark Peteru, Simeamativa Vaai, Petra Chan Tung Selesitina Reti | |
| 24 | Troika | SPREP, Samoa | Audrey Brown-Pereira | Kosi Latu, Roger Cornforth | |
| (TBC) | 8th Asia-Pacific Regional 3R Forum | New Delhi, India | United Nations Centre for Regional Development, Ministry of Environment Japan, Government of India | Ma Bella Guinto | United Nations Centre for Regional Development, Ministry of Environment Japan |
| **DECEMBER** | | | | | |
| **Date** | **Event** | **Venue, City, Country** | **Organiser** | **Key Staff Involved** | **Donor** |
| 5-7 | 53rd Global Environment Facility Council meeting | Washington DC, USA | GEF | Meapelo Maiai | |
| 25 | Christmas Day | | | | |
| 26 | Boxing Day | | | | |

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LEGEND

International day
Troika, Friends of the Chair Meeting or Steering Committee
Public Holiday in Samoa