

EIGHTH MEETING OF THE PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL COUNCIL

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Eighth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-8)

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Agenda Item 24.1: Update on preparations for the Pacific Pre-COP31 and the UNFCCC COP31

Purpose:

1. To inform PMC Members of the current state of preparations being carried out by SPREP and the One CROP to support Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) Parties at the Thirty-first Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP31) in Antalya, Türkiye, from 9-20 November 2026.

Objectives:

2. PMC Members are informed of the progress and current status of preparations by SPREP and the One CROP to support the effective participation and engagement of PSIDS Parties at COP31 and the Pre-COP, including key priorities, arrangements and available technical support.

Background:

3. SPREP has progressed preparations for COP31, building on the coordination, arrangements and support provided to PSIDS Parties at COP30 and lessons identified from the previous Conference.
4. SPREP continues to work closely with the Government of Australia, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), the One CROP and Pacific Members in support of the implementation of the COP31 Pacific Partnership Policy Framework. The Policy Framework is structured around four pillars, with each pillar supported by a dedicated working group comprising of Pacific Members and co-facilitated by Australia (as the COP31 President of Negotiations) and One CROP organisations. The working groups provide a mechanism to advance key initiatives under each pillar, coordinate technical inputs and strengthen a collective Pacific approach to COP31. The four pillars are:
 - Pillar One- Keeping 1.5 Within Reach: co-facilitated by Australia and SPREP;
 - Pillar Two- Enhancing Access to Finance: co-facilitated by Australia and PIFS;
 - Pillar Three- Elevating the Ocean-Climate Nexus: co-facilitated by Australia and SPC; and
 - Pillar Four- Amplifying Pacific Leadership and Voices: co-facilitated by Australia and SPREP.
5. Throughout 2026, SPREP has provided technical support to meetings of the Pacific Senior Officials Taskforce (PSOT), and has led coordination and logistical arrangements, while also

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providing technical support, for the COP31 Pacific Climate Change Ministers' Talanoa meetings held in March and July 2026.

6. In partnership with the One CROP and Climate Analytics, SPREP convened a regional post-COP30 review and analysis meeting in March 2026, followed by a regional preparation meeting for the 2026 Bonn Climate Change Conference (SB64) in May 2026. SPREP also provided coordination and technical support to Pacific negotiators during SB64. Most recently, SPREP convened in-depth technical sessions on key priority areas for PSIDS engagement at COP31, including mitigation, energy transition, adaptation, finance and the COP31 action agenda. These engagements have provided opportunities for Pacific negotiators to review key outcomes, identify priority areas and strengthen coordination of regional positions in preparation for COP31.
7. SPREP with support of One CROP, will continue to provide comprehensive technical and coordination support to PSIDS in the lead-up to COP31, including regional preparatory meetings, thematic technical briefings, negotiation support, and targeted briefing materials for Ministers, Heads of Delegation, Pacific Political Champions, and negotiators.
8. SPREP partnered with the Climate Youth Negotiators Academy (YNA), with financial support from the Governments of Australia and the United Kingdom, to strengthen the negotiation capacity of Pacific youth in May 2026. The partnership will continue through tailored training and capacity-building support during COP31, including support for participating Pacific youth to attend COP31 and contribute to their respective country delegations.
9. The PSIDS Pre-COP31 is scheduled to be held from 30 September to 2 October 2026, followed by the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 from 5-8 October 2026. The PSIDS COP31 Preparatory Meeting has been scheduled immediately prior to the high-level UNFCCC Pre-COP31 to facilitate Pacific negotiators' participation in both meetings and provide an opportunity to further strengthen regional coordination, collaboration and preparedness ahead of COP31.
10. The Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion and Pacific Delegation Office have been confirmed for COP31. The side event programme will be released shortly, with all applicants having been advised of the status of their applications. A significant increase in the number of Pacific-led side events has been recorded for COP31, reflecting the growing Pacific presence and engagement in the climate negotiations and providing further opportunities to advance Pacific priorities and perspectives.
11. With the support of the Governments of Australia and New Zealand, SPREP will provide funding to support the participation of one lead negotiator from each PSIDS at COP31.
12. SPREP will continue to implement a comprehensive communications programme to amplify Pacific voices at COP31 through strategic media engagement, digital communications, and promotion of Pacific-led events and climate action.

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Recommendations:

The Meeting is invited to:

- I. **Note** the progress of preparations by SPREP and One CROP in the lead up to and at the UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye.
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