

FOURTH PACIFIC MINISTERIAL MEETING ON METEOROLOGY

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The Fourth PACIFIC MINISTERIAL MEETING ON METEOROLOGY (PMMM-4)

INFORMATION NOTE

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Overview

The Government of the Kingdom of Tonga, in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will be hosting the Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4) from the 15-16 September 2026. This meeting will follow the Eighth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-8), whose technical recommendations and regional priorities will be presented to Ministers for consideration and direction.

Theme

The meetings will be held under the theme “***Weather Ready for a Secured and Sustainable Blue Pacific***”.

The theme reflects the collective ambition of Pacific Island Countries and Territories to strengthen and modernise meteorological services, so they are better able to protect lives, livelihoods, ecosystems, and economies.

Meeting Logistics

Meeting Schedule, Events and Locations

The scheduled series of meetings and their locations are provided in the table below.

Kindly note, Ministers will receive their registration packs and briefing files upon arrival.

Dates (2026)	Meeting	Attendance	Location	Google Map Link
15 Sept	Ministerial Briefing on PMMM-4	<i>By invitation only (Closed meeting)</i> - Ministers responsible for Meteorology - Directors, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services	Matatua Tonga Met Office	https://maps.app.goo.gl/e4bFECsSin1qCHfd9
15 Sept	Official opening reception of the Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4) <i>the official opening will take place following the minister's briefing</i>	<i>Pre-registered participants only</i> - Ministers responsible for Meteorology - Directors, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services - Government Officials- National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), Hydrology sectors, etc.	Anahulu Events	https://maps.app.goo.gl/e4bFECsSin1qCHfd9

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		• Private Sector • Technical and Development Partners Meteorology Community		
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16 Sept	Official closing reception of the Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4)	<i>Pre-registered participants only</i> • Ministers responsible for Meteorology • Directors, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services • Government Officials- National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), Hydrology sectors, etc. • Private Sector • Technical and Development Partners • Meteorology Community	Likualofa	https://maps.app.goo.gl/9ScPn6iQkFRFoxWW9

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Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda can be accessed and will be made available at the following link when ready:

<https://www.pacificmet.net/pmmm-4>

Any queries relating to the agenda, please email: PacMetDesk@sprep.org

Coordination

For any queries on the working arrangements and logistics, please email:

1. Ms. Florette Tuuau-Tiperia – florettet@sprep.org (Whatsapp: +685 7557252)
2. Ms. Sela Soakai-Simamao – selas@sprep.org (Whatsapp: +685 7638192)
3. And PacMetDesk@sprep.org

Alternatively, the team can also be contacted through Whatsapp (as per above).

Travel Arrangements (Honorable Ministers)

Honourable Ministers funded by SPREP will include the cost of travel (i.e., airfare) and per diem.

Travel

A return, economy ticket will be issued by SPREP, on the most economical route in accordance with the SPREP Travel Policy. As communicated, any required upgrades to Business Class for the Honourable Ministers are to be borne by the respective governments.

Once E-tickets are issued, any cost implications from changes, no show, or cancellation of travel, due to personal preference or negligence, will be the responsibility of the funded delegate.

Travel/health insurance is the responsibility of the funded delegate and their respective Government, and SPREP strongly recommends all delegates to have travel insurance to ensure appropriate coverage in the case of an unforeseen event.

Per Diem

Payment of per Diem or daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be disbursed in USD cash.

Arrangements have been made for accommodation of all Ministerial representatives, therefore per diems that will be issued is to cover transport and incidental expenses while in Nuku'alofa and applicable transit stops. Where a DSA has been transferred to your bank account, you are required to reimburse SPREP in full in the event of any subsequent changes, cancellations, or failure to attend the meeting.

For travel related queries of funded Ministers, please contact Ms. Pomate Skelton-Soloi (pomates@sprep.org) and cc: Florette Tuuau-Tiperia (florettet@sprep.org) and Ms. Sela Soakai-Simamao (selas@sprep.org)

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Administration

Dress Code

The official dress code for the relevant meetings and receptions are as follows:

Dates (2026)	Meeting/Reception	Dress Code
15 Sept	Ministerial Briefing on PMMM-4	Casual Formal - A uniform white-grey shirt to be worn on the day will be provided as part of their registration pack upon arrival
15 Sept	Official opening reception of the Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4) <i>the official opening will take place following the minister's briefing</i>	Casual Formal – The same attire for the above will be worn to the reception as the official opening will take place following the briefing
16 Sept	Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4)	Formal – A uniform red shirt to be worn on the day will be provided as part of their registration pack upon arrival
16 Sept	Official closing reception of the Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-4)	Island Formal

Entry Requirements for Tonga

Delegates are required to confirm your individual entry VISA requirements. Regardless of whether you need a VISA or not, please keep in mind you **MUST**:

- Hold a passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond intended departure date from Tonga
- Hold proof of onward travel/return ticket to a country which you are permitted to enter
- Valid visa (if required) for any countries you may be in transit through

Travellers who are citizens of the following countries may be issued a visa upon arrival into Tonga:

- Australia, Austria
- Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam
- Canada, Cook Islands, Cyprus
- Denmark, Dominica
- Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Finland, France, French Polynesia
- Germany, Greece
- Ireland, Italy
- Japan, Kiribati
- Luxembourg

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- Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco
- Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niue, Norway
- Palau, Papua New Guinea, Portugal
- Russia
- Samoa, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Spain, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Sweden, Switzerland
- The Bahamas, Turkey, Tuvalu
- Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America
- Vanuatu

If your country of citizenship is not listed above, please note that you will need to apply for a visa (prior to arrival). This entry permit will be issued by the Immigration Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs prior to arriving in Tonga. For further details and to apply for a visa upon arrival, you can access the application form and check-list [here](#) and email all required documents to: tongapermit@gmail.com

Additional information can also be found on [Immigration and General Services | Revenue](#)

Accommodation

The Honorable Minister's Accommodation has been reserved at one of the following locations:

1. Kongakava Hotel and
2. Tanoa International Dateline Hotel

The costs for accommodation have been deducted from the Honorable Minister's DSA. Any additional costs (such as room service etc.) will be at the Minister's expense.

Confirmation of where the Honorable Minister has been booked will be reconfirmed via email. Please do note, due to the high demand of accommodation in Tonga with competing meetings and limited options, only the Ministers accommodations have been reserved at the abovementioned locations.

Any additional delegates accompanying the Ministers will be responsible for booking their own accommodation. Should the accompanying delegates require support with accommodation, please do not hesitate to contact: Ms. Florette Tuuau-Tiperia (florettet@sprep.org) and Ms. Sela Soakai-Simamao (selas@sprep.org)

In addition, a detailed table of accommodation providers and their contact details is also attached. When booking, you may be asked for your credit card details for guarantee (Type, Number, Name and Expiry Date). Alternatively, accompanying delegates may also book through [Booking.com](#) or [Airbnb](#) if they would like to share accommodation with their peers/delegation.

Protocol

The necessary protocols will be accorded to the Honourable Ministers upon arrival. A dedicated shuttle for accompanying delegates will also be provided. The Honourable Ministers will be assigned a designated driver and a liaison officer for the duration of their stay.

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Communication

There are 2 main service providers in Tonga – Digicel Tonga and the Tonga Communications Corporations (UCall).

A Digicel sim card will be provided as part of the Minister's information package upon arrival. You will be required to purchase mobile top-up/credit for additional mobile and data services.

Banking and Foreign Exchange

The currency in Tonga is the Tongan Pa'anga (TOP) and foreign exchange is widely available at banks, authorized hotels, and money transfer operators such as Western Union, Money gram.

The main commercial banks in Tonga are Bank of South Pacific (BSP) and ANZ. ATMs and banks can be found mainly in the central area of Nuku'alofa.

Credit cards is an accepted form of payment in major tourist spots, but cash is essential, please always carry Tongan pa'anga for your needs. Please also do notify your banks for use of credit/debits cards overseas.

ATMs and money transfer operators are available in the arrival area of the Fua'amotu international airport. It is recommended to withdraw and/or exchange some cash to Tongan Pa'anga before leaving the airport for initial expenses.

Electricity and Plug Type

The electrical current in Tonga is 220-240 Volts and the type of plug normally used is shown below (type Australian AS-3112).



Please bring an adaptor if your power plugs are different for your own use during the meeting. Particularly if you are coming from the North Pacific and are using US power plugs.

Health & Safety

As a reminder, please:

- Do not leave valuables unattended
- Arrange appropriate travel and health insurance
- Carry a basic first aid kit

Kindly note that it is very important for you to purchase travel and health insurance as SPREP will not be liable for any accidents or health-related issues whilst attending these meetings.

In the unlikely event of an emergency in Tonga, please be aware of the following contact details:

- Fire/General Emergency: 999
- Police: 922
- Medical/Ambulance: 933

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What to expect in Tonga



Climate

Tonga has a warm tropical climate, with a cool dry season from May to October and a hot, wet season from November to April. Delegates arriving in September can expect daytime temperatures around 25–27 °C and cooler evenings of 15–20 °C, with a brisk southeasterly breeze. Light clothing is suitable for the day, but a jacket or light sweater is recommended for early mornings and evenings.



Religion

Religion is central to Tongan life and culture. Religion shapes daily life, specifically the **observance of Sunday as a day of rest** and worship. All businesses, shops, and services are closed on Sundays, except for a handful of restaurants that are open – please prepare accordingly if your itinerary has you spending Sunday in Tonga.



Tourism

Tonga is one of the few places in the world where you can still swim with whales, especially as they migrate through Tongan waters during July – October. If you're hoping to capitalise on this opportunity while in Tonga, please ensure to use only Licensed Whale Operators, as they have sustainable practices and are fully trained tour guides and have the correct equipment.

More info can be read on <https://www.tongatourism.travel/>

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