



CLEAN PACIFIC ROUNDTABLE OUTCOMES STATEMENT

The Clean Pacific Roundtable:

Aware of the challenges that Pacific island national and local governments are facing with regard to the handling, treatment and disposal of all categories of waste;

Mindful that aspects of waste minimisation and pollution prevention are embedded in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 3, 6, 11 and 12 as well as the UN SIDS blueprint for development, the SAMOA Pathway;

Further mindful of the strategic framework for the implementation of Cleaner Pacific 2025 and its associated Implementation Plan, adopted by the Twenty-sixth SPREP Meeting of Officials;

Agrees that:

Under the issue of **Improvement of Human Capacity**, we:

1. *Enhance, recognise and utilise* training initiatives available at national, regional and international institutions for ongoing professional development related to improved waste and pollution management;
2. *Adopt* the diverse modes of technical capacity available at the national and regional levels, in the area of waste and pollution management;
3. *Recognise* the need to develop standardized and coordinated training opportunities for all levels of involvement in waste minimization and management;
4. *Support* the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation mechanism for all trainings on waste minimization and management;
5. *Recognise* the need for the establishment of institutional mechanisms to facilitate the “Pacific People to Pacific People” cooperation for waste and pollution management;
6. *Recognise* and further develop the Regional Waste Management Skills Register, that is, the “Pacific Island Database of Capacity Development (PIDOC)”, to include NGOs and faith-based organisations;
7. *Support* the Regional Solid and Hazardous Waste Management, Chemical Management and Pollution Prevention trainings available at national level;
8. *Emphasise* the need for recognition of national and regional waste experts, as key facilitators, for improved waste and pollution management; and
9. *Consider* the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in maximizing the promotion of waste management;

That under the issue of **Development of Policies and Regulations**, we aim to:

10. *Encourage* Pacific island countries and territories to adopt and enforce a robust legislative framework dealing with waste and pollution issues;
11. *Promote* legal frameworks that use economic tools to minimise waste generation;
12. *Encourage* Pacific island countries and territories to establish and maintain a dedicated office and budget allocation for waste management and pollution control activities;
13. *Generate, manage and disseminate* reliable qualitative and quantifiable data based on agreed definitions to ensure achievement of targets and provide solid information for developing plans and actions; and
14. *Develop* a regional research agenda that supports the effective implementation of waste management and pollution control initiatives in the Pacific.

That under the issue of **Implementation of Best Practice**, we aim to:

15. *Identify* the key elements to Pacific best practice to guide Pacific island countries and territories, CROP agencies and donors in their policy, programme and project development;
16. *Recognise* the need to share lessons learned, information and data among the region in collaboration with all stakeholders, including donor agencies; and
17. *Recognise* the need to enhance Pacific People –Pacific People cooperation to strengthen regional capacity for waste management and pollution prevention and control.

That under the issue of **Promoting Private Sector Involvement**, we aim to:

18. *Appreciate and understand* how Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) work, and how they can be used to contribute to the achievement of national strategic goals of Cleaner Pacific 2025;
19. *Learn* about existing PPP and other private sector involvement examples in the waste sector and identify their advantages and challenges;
20. *Prepare* a regional guidance document focused on developing waste sector PPP, in collaboration with relevant agencies;
21. *Identify and/or develop* a set of standardised, appropriate transaction templates for waste sector PPPs; and
22. *Recognise* the uniqueness of Pacific cultures and heritage and promote the involvement of community groups, faith based organisations, NGOs, CSOs and citizens including women and youth in waste minimization and pollution prevention.

That under the issue of **Promotion of Best Practices through Regional Exchange and Community Education**, we aim to:

Under **Disaster Waste Management**:

23. *Develop* the regional framework on disaster waste management in line with the regional strategy on climate change and disaster resilient development in the Pacific and other relevant documents;

24. *Develop* the standardised estimation tool for the amount of disaster waste and related cost to be incorporated into PDNA processes; and
25. *Develop* the database of experts, community groups, faith based organisations, NGOs, CSOs and citizens including women and youth on disaster waste management and provide working and training opportunities for them.

Under **Green Waste Recovery:**

26. *Promote* the recovery of resources from green waste to avoid disposing of it to landfill or by burning which is harmful to the human health and the environment; and
27. *Develop* a policy paper to promote green waste resource recovery and utilisation in Pacific island countries and territories.

Under **Regional Recycling Network:**

28. *Conduct* a feasibility study of recycling hubs in the Pacific to collect recyclable materials including waste papers and plastics;
29. *Develop* the policy paper to promote recycling in PICs; and
30. *Develop* the recycling information hub and explore the possibility of establishing the “Pacific Regional Recycling Association.”

Under **Resource Mobilisation and Coordination:**

31. *Develop* a matrix and identify and address gaps not currently covered by development partner funded activities and projects among waste management and pollution control activities;
32. *Strengthen* national and development partner cooperation and collaboration through the Clean Pacific Roundtable, SPREP platform and PRIF; and
33. *Support* the establishment of Regional Technical Working Groups under the Clean Pacific Roundtable as required.

That on **Other Relevant Issues**, we aim to:

34. *Emphasise* that measures should be undertaken to achieve the prevention and minimisation of all wastes, to enable the de-coupling of economic growth and the environmental impacts associated with waste generation and to improve the collection, separation, recycling, return, recovery and final disposal of such wastes;
35. *Direct* the Secretariat over the coming biennial period to report 6 monthly on progress on the implementation of this plan.
36. *Recognise* the need to review waste management performance indicators to ensure alignment with existing frameworks, facilitating benchmarking against global standards.