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SUBJECT: Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion Call for Side Event Applications at the UNFCCC
COP27 in Sharm-el Sheik, Egypt 7 to 18 November 2022

Dear SPREP Members and Partners,

In the spirit of Pacific Partnership, Aotearoa, New Zealand with regional agencies is hosting a Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion for which a significant number of Pacific focused side events will be showcased. This will be similar to the “Pacific and Koronivia Pavilion” at COP24 in Katowice, Poland in 2018 and the “Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion” at COP25 in Madrid, Spain in 2019.

We are now calling for applications which will close by 5pm CEST 10 September 2022, through this link: [COP27 Pavilion Side Event Application](#)

The Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion will host various events, predominantly initiated by Pacific Island stakeholders including those from Pacific Island governments, private sector and CROP+ agencies as well as the Aotearoa, New Zealand government and other partners.

The following themes will be taken into consideration in the assessment of applications:

Building a resilient Pacific for a resilient world

- Adaptation
- Article 6 - markets and environmental integrity
- Capacity building
- Climate finance
- Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement
- Loss and damage

Pacific Climate Ambition

- Climate ambition
- Technology development and transfer
- Transparency in meeting the national climate targets and actions

The overarching priority areas that must be mainstreamed into the above are:

- Ambitious climate action and commitments for the 1.5-degree Celsius temperature goal
- Gender equity and social inclusion (youth, gender equality, people with disabilities)
- Protecting and sustaining our ocean
- Pacific islands voices, culture and traditions



What you need to know

- Side event slots are available from 7 – 18 November 2022.
- Event times will begin at 10am each day with the last event at 5pm
- Each event slot will be 50 minutes
- Each event will start on the hour

Our Blue Wave principles

- As stewards of the world's largest ocean, the Pacific Pavilion will be a single-use plastic free space that encourages and empowers as very little waste as possible. Approximately 80% of all ocean plastic comes from land-based sources. In the spirit of ocean conservation, the following will take place:
 - ✓ Very minimal paper distribution at the Pavilion – please use digital innovation.
 - ✓ No single-use plastics permitted for catering.
 - ✓ A waste audit will be conducted at the end of each day for the Pavilion. If waste is left behind after each side event the waste audit results will be linked to your event.
 - ✓ We will work to advise applicants by 5 October to enable participants to prepare ahead of COP 27.

Should you experience any challenges with using the online application form, please send an email to cop27@sprep.org with details of the issue and our team will guide you through alternative means of making an application.

This call for side event applications from Members and Partners, is to ensure the spirit of Pacific Partnership continues and the presence and voice of the Pacific is amplified in this important global platform.

Kind regards

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