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Cleaner Pacific Roundtable

CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, RESILIENT OCEANS, HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES

An overview of the regional platform advancing cooperation
on circular economy and plastics governance in the Pacific
region

Background & Context

The Pacific Ocean faces unprecedented threats from climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. The Clean Pacific Roundtable, facilitated by SPREP, brings together Pacific island states, donors, partners, and stakeholders to tackle these issues through cooperation in waste management and pollution control.

Triple Planetary Crisis

Climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution threaten Pacific Ocean ecosystems and communities

Regional Cooperation

Advancing sustainable solutions through partnerships, knowledge sharing, and policy alignment

SPREP's Role

Facilitating the Clean Pacific Roundtable and implementing the Cleaner Pacific 2025 strategy



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Key Objectives & Goals

The Clean Pacific Roundtable serves as the primary platform for advancing regional cooperation to address waste management and pollution challenges across the Pacific islands.



Foster Regional Cooperation

Strengthen partnerships between Pacific islands, donors and development partners to enhance waste management and pollution control



Advance Circular Economy

Develop sustainable solutions that minimize waste, promote resource recovery, and support innovative approaches to plastic pollution



Support Capacity Building

Enhance data sharing, policy alignment, and technical assistance to strengthen national waste management capabilities



Implement Strategic Plans

Fulfill the Cleaner Pacific 2025 strategy while developing the forward-looking Cleaner Pacific 2035 framework



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Promote circular solutions for sustainable waste and product management:



Regulated Financing & EPR

Implement regulated financing, Extended Producer Responsibility schemes, and product stewardship to incentivize sustainable practices



Resource Recovery & Repair

Develop industries and infrastructure for resource recovery, repair services, and recycling to extend product lifecycles



Recyclers Associations

Support National Recyclers Associations and strengthen the Pacific Recyclers Alliance to harmonize waste management activities



Sustainable Alternatives

Encourage production and adoption of sustainable alternatives to single-use products through traditional materials and innovative approaches

Circular economy solutions are essential for the Pacific's sustainable future, minimizing waste while creating economic opportunities.



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Initiatives on Plastic Pollution

The Clean Pacific Roundtable is tackling the growing crisis of plastic pollution in the Pacific Ocean through coordinated regional action and global advocacy. These initiatives aim to protect marine ecosystems, food security, and the wellbeing of Pacific communities.

Pacific Marine Litter Action Plan (PMLAP)

Regional framework implementing coordinated actions to prevent and reduce marine plastic pollution with measurable targets and monitoring systems



Global Treaty Advocacy

Supporting an ambitious International Legally Binding Instrument to End Plastic Pollution with the High Ambition Coalition



Policy & Regulatory Framework

Developing laws, policies, and Extended Producer Responsibility schemes to restrict problematic and avoidable plastics



Innovation & Alternatives

Encouraging research and cultural knowledge sharing to develop sustainable local alternatives to single-use plastics



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Mechanisms for Regional Cooperation

The Clean Pacific Roundtable serves as the premier regional platform facilitating cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders to implement effective waste management and pollution control strategies across the Pacific region.

Knowledge Exchange

Biennial roundtables bringing together all Pacific nations for sharing best practices, case studies, and lessons learned

Partnerships

Public-private collaborations, regional technical working groups, and the Pacific Recyclers Alliance enhancing resource complementarity

Coordinated Action

Regional support systems for hazardous waste management, disaster response, marine pollution control, and landfill management

Moana Taka Partnership

Innovative shipping cooperation program enabling transport of recyclable waste materials from Pacific islands to recycling markets, reducing ocean pollution and supporting circular economy



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Recent Achievements & Outcomes

The Clean Pacific Roundtable has made significant progress in waste management and regional cooperation, adoption of enhanced regulations, establishment of important alliances, and demonstrated strong commitment to resilient oceans and healthy communities across the Pacific region.

Regional Cooperation

Enhanced partnerships among Pacific Islands, donors and development partners to implement waste management initiatives



Pacific Recyclers Alliance

Formation of the Pacific Recyclers Alliance with six National Recyclers Associations to harmonize waste management activities

Resilient Blue Pacific

Progress on implementing the Pacific Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter and advancing sustainable practices



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Future Outlook Towards Cleaner Pacific 2036

Looking ahead

CP2036 Strategy Development

Focus on developing and implementing the CP2035 strategy to succeed Cleaner Pacific 2025

Capacity Building

Emphasis on continuous capacity building, technical assistance, and resource mobilization

Stakeholder Engagement

Greater stakeholder engagement and adaptive approaches to emerging challenges

Pacific Unity

Reinforcing Pacific unity for a resilient Blue Pacific and global leadership in plastics governance

Regional Cooperation

Strengthened partnerships among Pacific Island Countries and Territories, donors, and development partners for effective implementation

Policy Integration

Harmonizing national policies with regional strategies to create cohesive approaches to waste management and circular economy

Innovation & Technology

Embracing sustainable technologies that are proven, practical, affordable, and applicable to the region's unique circumstances



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