

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

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between

The Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO)

and

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

(together, "the Parties")

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The Pacific Tourism Organization (hereinafter referred to as SPTO) is a regional intergovernmental organization comprising 20 Pacific Islands Government members and also private sector members whose purpose is to market and develop Pacific Islands tourism in a sustainable manner.

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (hereinafter referred to as SPREP) is a regional, intergovernmental organization comprising 26 members consisting of 21 Pacific Island Countries and Territories and five developed countries with direct interests in the Pacific region. The purposes of SPREP are to promote co-operation in the Pacific region and to provide assistance in order to protect and improve its environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

Whereas SPREP and SPTO have common interests in relation to the protection of the environment and developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organizations and individuals concerned with environmental protection wish to collaborate and further this common interest within their organizational mandate in the region.

The Parties have reached the following understandings:

1. Objectives

1. The main objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a framework of co-operation between SPREP and SPTO.
2. Within this framework the Parties will consult in an effort to collaborate on the activities they identify as requiring implementation.

2. Collaborative Activities

The Parties agree, to the extent possible, but without limitation, to:

1. Consult each other on policy matters of mutual concern.
2. Exchange information on developments and current activities in relation to the environment.
3. Collaborate on improving environmental planning, development and monitoring practices that will uphold compliance with Multilateral Environmental Agreements within the tourism sector.
4. Develop and implement joint initiatives that will contribute to the reduction of the tourism sector's waste and pollution footprint including in the phasing out of single use plastics.
5. Collaborate and support capacity building initiatives for improving climate and disaster resilience, biodiversity conservation, waste management and pollution control through sustainable tourism planning and development.

6. Extend to each other standing invitations to be represented by observers at appropriate meetings, including the SPREP Meetings, SPTO Board of Directors and Council of Tourism Ministers Meetings, the Pacific Sustainable Tourism Summit and others as relevant.
7. Collaborate and support awareness raising in relation to environmental planning, management, and protection through the adoption of relevant standards, policies and impact management strategies.
8. Keep respective memberships informed of co-operative activities undertaken pursuant to this MOU.

3. Operational Provisions

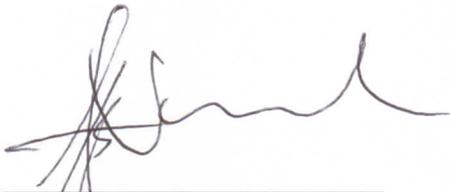
1. This MOU constitutes an expression of a shared intention of the Parties to endeavour to develop foundations for achieving their shared objectives relating to the protection of the environment and developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organisations, and individuals concerned with environmental protection in the Pacific region.
2. Each Party's actions under this MOU shall be considered to be that Party's sole and separate action for all purposes, including liability, and neither Party shall claim to be acting on behalf of, or as agent for, the other Party to this MOU.
3. Each Party will name and keep updated focal points to co-ordinate the cooperation called for in this MOU.
4. In executing this MOU, neither Party necessarily commits to any financial obligation in relation to activities to be carried out under this MOU.

4. Annexes

1. Specific work once agreed to may be attached as an Annex to this MOU.
2. Such Annex shall form an integral part of this MOU and, unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this MOU includes a reference to any such Annex.

5. Duration, entry into force, amendments and termination

1. The duration of this MOU shall be five years, renewable for such further period and as may be agreed between the Parties.
2. This MOU shall enter into force on the date the last Party signs.
3. This MOU may be amended by agreement in writing between the Parties.
4. Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving three months' written notice to the other.



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