



Towards a more resilient Pacific.

The role of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

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Speaker

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Frank Fenner Seminar Room

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This presentation will introduce the environmental challenges facing the Pacific region and the work of SPREP in addressing them. The Pacific is a vast region, covering 34% of the earth's surface, and faces serious threats from: environmental degradation; climate change, identified by Pacific Island leaders as an issue of national security; and challenges such as solid and hazardous waste. These are compounded by realities of limited capacity and vast distances.

This presentation will outline SPREP's responses, including through the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) Programme and increasing efforts to apply ecosystem based approaches, including more effective conservation of nature, as a front line response to environmental change.

The presentation will also outline SPREP's aim of increasing partnerships and cooperation with Australian research institutions to better support programme delivery in Pacific countries.

About the Speaker

David Sheppard is the Director General (CEO) of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), the lead inter-governmental agency for the environment in the Pacific. Under David's leadership, SPREP is recognized as one of the leading regional environment organisations in the world, and has close working relations with many international and regional organisations. SPREP's 85 person secretariat is based in Apia, Samoa and works on behalf of its 26 member countries and territories in the Pacific to protect and improve the environment, and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

David's professional experience ranges from executive and CEO level to practical "on ground" field management. He has worked for more than 35 years, largely in the fields of environmental and natural resource management, at international, regional (Pacific) and national (Australia) levels. David has worked in more than 60 countries on a range of aspects relating to organisational change, climate change, environmental and natural resource management, and World Heritage.

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