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**4<sup>th</sup> Oceania Regional Meeting of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands  
(ORM-4)**

**Oceania Regional Preparatory Meeting  
for the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Contracting Parties  
to the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran 1971)**

**Apia, Samoa  
10-11 April 2008**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Day 1: Thursday 10 April</b>	<b>Notes</b>
8.00- 8.45am	<b>Registration</b>	SPREP
8.45 – 9.15am	<b>Official Opening</b> Opening Prayer  Welcoming Address  Opening Remarks  Official Opening Address	TBA  SPREP Director, Mr. Asterio Takesy  Ramsar Secretariat  Samoan Government
9.15 – 9.45am	<b>MORNING TEA &amp; GROUP PHOTO</b>	All
9.45- 10.15am	Participant introductions, Election of Chairman & adoption of the agenda	All
	<b>Session 1: Overview of Meeting Objectives &amp; Statements</b>	
10.15- 10.25am	Overview of Objectives of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Oceania Regional Meeting for Ramsar COP10	Chairman
10.25- 11.25am	<i>Introductory Statements:</i>  Ramsar Secretariat  Oceania Standing Committee Representative	Secretariat representative  Mr Nanai Tony Leutele Oceania regional representative on the

	<p>Contracting Parties (As appropriate)</p> <p>Ramsar International Organization Partners</p> <p>Others</p>	<p>Ramsar Standing Committee.</p> <p>Country representatives</p> <p>Birdlife International, WWF SPP, Wetlands International Oceania, IUCN Oceania</p> <p>If needed</p>
	<b>Session 2: Regional policy context &amp; reporting</b>	
11.25-11.40am	Implementation of the Ramsar Convention in the Oceania region: Update & Progress since COP9	SPREP
11.40-11.55am	Report on relevant outcomes of the 36 <sup>th</sup> Standing Committee meeting (February 2008, Gland, Switzerland)	Mr. Nanai Tony Leutele,
11.55am-12.10pm	Report on relevant outcomes of the 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Ramsar Scientific & Technical Review Panel (STRP), 28 January- 1 February 2008.	Mr. Philippe Gerbeaux, Oceania regional STRP representative
12.10-1.10pm	Country Reports – COP10 national reports, where countries are at, issues & challenges faced?	Country representatives
1.10-1.55pm	<p><b>LUNCH BREAK</b></p> <p><b>(Lunch hour event: Presentation "Wetlands: critical link between land, ocean culture and sustainable island life")</b></p>	Prof. Randy Thaman, USP
	<b>Session 3: Progress on Ramsar-related Activities in the region</b>	
1.55-2.10pm	Pacific Islands Mangrove Initiative proposal	IUCN Oceania
2.10-2.15pm	Discussion	All
2.15-2.30pm	IUCN Water and Nature Initiative (WANI) Project	IUCN Oceania
2.30-2.35pm	Discussion	All
2.35-	Activities under The Pacific Islands Wetland	SPREP

2.50pm	Initiative - <i>Update of part of the Oceania Wetlands Directory 1993</i>	
2.50-2.55pm	Discussion	All
2.55-3.10pm	Project to streamline reporting by Pacific Island Countries (PICs) to Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs)	Australian representative
3.10-3.15pm	Discussion	All
3.15-3.30pm	<i>Healthy Wetlands, Healthy People</i> – Case study - contribution of the LMMA Programme in the region to the COP10 theme. (GEF-PAS presentation?)	(Presenter TBC)
3.30-3.35pm	Discussion	All
3.35-3.50pm	Update on Pacific Year of the Reef 2008 Campaign	SPREP PYOR 2008 Coordinator
3.50-3.55pm	Discussion	All
3.55-4.10pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>	
	<b>Session 4: COP10 Agenda, Ramsar Strategic Plan and Issues arising</b>	
4.10-4.25pm	COP9 Oceania Resolutions	Ramsar Secretariat
4.25 - 5.00pm	Presentation of COP10 agenda, key issues & discussions	Ramsar Secretariat, All
5.00-5.20pm	Report on the development of the new Ramsar Strategic Plan (2009-2014) – Key issues for the region.	Deb Callister, regional representative on the strategic plan sub-group
5.20-5.30pm	Discussions	All
5.30pm	<b>END OF DAY 1</b>	
6.30pm	Cocktail Reception (SPREP Fale)	
	<b>Day 2 – Friday 11 April</b>	
	<b>Session 4: continued from day 1</b>	

9.00-10.00am	Continuation of discussion on COP10 draft resolutions <sup>1</sup> , strategic plan and agenda items	All
10.00-10.30am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	
	<b>Session 5: Regional Priorities for the next Triennium (2009-2011)</b>	
10.30-10.50am	Improving networking between Ramsar National Focal Points in the region	Mr. Philippe Gerbeaux, Oceania regional STRP representative
10.50am-12.00pm	Open Discussion – potential regional collaboration on wetland issues	Facilitated breakout groups (2)
12.00-12.45pm	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
	<b>Session 6: COP Participation</b>	
12.45-1.05pm	Participation in COPs	Clark Peteru, Legal adviser (SPREP)  Note – This session is intended for PIC participants only
1.05-1.10pm	Questions & Discussions	All
	<b>Session 7: Next Steps</b>	
1.10-2.00pm	Follow up actions –ORM-4 report, regional brief for COP10, SC-37 issues and approval of COP documents  Logistical arrangements for COP10: arrangements for regional meetings, functions, side events.	Ramsar Secretariat, SPREP  Ramsar Secretariat
2.00-2.15pm	Arrangements for preparation & circulation of the meeting report (to be sent to participants once finalized)  Recap of Day 2	Chairman  Chairman
	<b>Session 8: Oceania reps for next triennium</b>	
2.15-2.45pm	Election of new Oceania representatives to the Ramsar STRP, Standing Committee and CEPA Panel	Ramsar Secretariat, Samoa
	<b>Session 9: Meeting Closure</b>	
2.45-	Closing Statements	All

<sup>1</sup> To be confirmed

3.30pm		
3.30-3.35pm	Closing Prayer	TBA
3.35pm	<b>MEETING CLOSURE &amp; AFTERNOON TEA</b>	