

**MEETING WITH Dr. JOHN SCANLON, D-G CITES**  
**SPREP CAMPUS, VAILIMA**  
**7 APRIL 2016**  
**9.30a.m -12.30 p.m.**  
**PROVISIONAL OUTLINE**

**Introduction (9.30am)**

- Kosi Latu (Director-General SPREP)
- John Scanlon (Secretary-General CITES)

**SPREP and CITES**

- Stuart Chape (Director, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management Division):

**Samoa and CITES**

- Samoa's experiences with CITES: Suluimalo Amataga Penaia (CEO, Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment)

**Remarks from invited guests**

Comments will be invited from:

- Australian High Commissioner
- New Zealand High Commissioner
- UNEP Director
- UNDP Deputy Resident Representative
- UNESCO
- Ambassador of the Republic of Marshall Islands

**Morning Tea (10.30am)**

**CITES COP 17**

Presentation on the Pacific's Preparation for CITES CoP17: Juney Ward (Shark & Ray Conservation Officer)

Discussion

**CITES in the Pacific islands**

Discussion, moderated by Kosi and John, focused on the following topics:

- CITES has near universal membership with 182 Parties. Why is the Pacific islands the most under-represented region for CITES membership?
- What are the benefits of joining CITES and how can CITES contribute to sustainable development for Pacific island communities?
- What is needed to further encourage and support States in Oceania join and implement CITES?
- What can SPREP do to promote CITES in the region?
- How would any support from SPREP be sustainably funded?
- How can SPREP and/or other governments support capacity-building and efficient administration to meet CITES reporting requirements?

**Actions arising**

**Lunch (12.30pm)**