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Zero Waste in Big Ocean States

Addressing the Triple Planetary Crisis: Synergies for Climate, Ocean and Biodiversity

DATE	TIME (LOCAL)	VENUE	OPRI-SPF ROLE
Thursday 19 November	10:15–11:05	Ocean Pavilion, Blue Zone	Organizer

CO-ORGANIZERS	Governments of Palau, Fiji and Japan
COP31 LINKS	Zero Waste and Methane Reduction · Oceans and Seas · Rio Synergies · NDCs and NBSAPs
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OVERVIEW

Big Ocean States, island nations with vast ocean territories, are on the front line of the Triple Planetary Crisis of climate change, marine plastic pollution and biodiversity loss. Zero Waste, championed globally by Türkiye, starts with better waste management, from prevention and recycling to the safe handling of residual waste, and so tackles all three at once. The session draws on Japan's J-PRISM experience, OPRI-SPF's Nippon Foundation-supported work (Oceans X; oyster shells for CO_2 reduction), Palau's Koror State Recycling Center and Fiji's waste management to design next-generation resource circulation.

OBJECTIVES

- Show how Zero Waste and resource circulation address climate, ocean pollution and biodiversity together.
- Share best practice and policy options for hard-to-process residual plastics.
- Strengthen partnerships among Big Ocean States, donors and Türkiye's global Zero Waste movement.

SPEAKERS

ROLE	NAME	ORGANIZATION	MODE
Moderator	**Ms. Kelera Savu**	Senior Research Fellow, OPRI-SPF	In person
Welcome and framing	Dr. Atsushi Watanabe	Vice President & Director, OPRI-SPF	In person
Opening remarks	Hon. Lynda Tabuya & Hon. Steven Victor	Governments of Fiji & Government of Palau	In person
Keynote	**High-level representative (TBC)**	Government of Japan	In person
Panelist	**Mr. Anthony Talouli**	Director, Waste Management and Pollution Control, SPREP	In person
Panelist	**Dr. Tomo Shioiri**	Senior Research Fellow, OPRI-SPF	In person

AGENDA · 50 MINUTES

TIME	MIN	SEGMENT	LEAD
10:15	3	Welcome and framing	Dr. Watanabe
10:18	9	Opening remarks	Hon. Lynda Tabuya · Hon. Steven Victor
10:27	7	Keynote: the Triple Crisis, Big Ocean States and innovative resource circulation	Government of Japan (TBC)
10:34	16	Country panel (4 × 4 min): Palau, residual plastics · Fiji, J-PRISM · SPREP, scaling Zero Waste · OPRI-SPF, research into action	All panelists
10:50	10	Q&A and interactive discussion	All + audience
11:00	5	Closing: joint call to action	Ms. Kelera Savu (moderator)

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Big Ocean States, including Japan, Palau and Fiji, recognised as leaders in advanced resource circulation.
- Momentum to integrate circular economy principles into NDCs and NBSAPs.
- Joint call to action linked to COP31's Zero Waste Action Agenda and the Pre-COP (Fiji) outcomes.