



FRLD in Samoa: Pacific Loss and Damage Dialogue

The FRLD Secretariat had the privilege of participating in and contributing to the Pacific Regional Loss and Damage Dialogue 2025 held in Apia, Samoa (11–12 August).



Our programming lead Jihyea Kim presented on the progress of the setting up and operationalizing the Fund and engaged with a wide range of participants from the Pacific SIDS.



The two-day dialogue reaffirmed the urgency of the addressing climate-induced loss and damage as a critical priority for SIDS in the Pacific. From rising sea levels swallowing ancestral lands and devastating lives to the erosion of livelihoods, culture, and traditional knowledge, the stories and experiences of communities in the Pacific underscore why loss and damage is not a theory — it is immediate and personal.



We thank Daniel Lund, Board Member of the FRLD Board, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) for inviting the FRLD Secretariat to this important dialogue; and we express our deep appreciation to the leaders, experts, youth and organizations in the Pacific leading the charge for climate resilience.



As a SPREP representative reminded us: “When you walk alone, you walk fast; when we walk together, we walk far.”



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