



GEF National Dialogue for Samoa.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment as the Operational focal Point for the Global Environment Facility (GEF) is hosting the GEF National Dialogue for Samoa.

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2. How to mainstream environment in national decision-making; national positions in Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and coordination;
3. Incorporating the capital value of environment to national accounting and other issues of interest.

The logistics of this Dialogue is as follows:

Date: **5th and 6th of November, 2018**

Venue: **Taumeasina Resort.**

The team for the GEF Regional Office from Washington DC and the GEF division of MNRE will facilitate the sessions for the Dialogue.

On that regard, your presence and valuable insights are of high importance to guide Samoa's efforts in the international environment fora.

Kindly be informed attached to this letter of invitation is the background paper for National Dialogue.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Tamati Fau or Ephna Faafetai at emails; tamati.fau@mnre.gov.ws / ephna.faafetai@mnre.gov.ws or telephone: 67200/26932.

Sincerely,

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Acting Chief Executive Officer

Background Information on National Dialogue

The National Dialogue for Samoa is organised to provide a platform for a broad range of stakeholders within a country (*government ministries and agencies, non-governmental/civil society organizations, communities, academic and research institutions and the private sector, as well as partners and donors*) to come together learn, discuss and agree, or take steps toward agreement, on environmental issues across the board.

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GEF issues are normally a component of National Dialogues insofar as the GEF Partnership is one of the sources of financing and support available to the country as in the case of Samoa.

The Dialogue will also include presentations of current and existing programmes implemented in Samoa depicting the GEF main focal areas of environmental significance in the country.

We highly encourage participants attending the national dialogue (or just interested in the GEF!) to take the free eCourse : [Introduction to the GEF](#) in advance of the event as it will benefit your participation!

Please click on the link <https://www.thegef.org/events/samoa-national-dialogue> for further information about this event.