



Government of Samoa

## **Samoa National Statement**

### **The Sixth Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly – UNEA-6**

#### **Theme:**

"Effective, Inclusive, and Sustainable Multilateral Actions to Tackle Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss, and Pollution"

#### **High Level Segment**

**Nairobi, Kenya, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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**Madam President,  
Honourable Delegates,  
Distinguished Guests.**

Talofa and warm greetings from the beautiful islands of Samoa

Samoa expresses gratitude to the President of UNEA and the Secretariat for organizing the 6th United Nations Environment Assembly under the theme of "Effective, Inclusive, and Sustainable Multilateral Actions to Tackle Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss, and Pollution." Samoa aligns itself with the collective commitment to combating the triple planetary crisis that threatens the well-being of our people and the prosperity of our islands.

As a part of the Blue Pacific's large ocean states , Samoa recognizes the urgent need for collaborative and multilateral efforts to address the interconnected challenges of the triple planetary crisis. We acknowledge the disproportionate impact these issues have on small island developing states (SIDS), and we are committed to playing our part to build resilience, mitigate environmental threats, and ensure sustainable development.

To this end:

- Samoa submitted its 2<sup>nd</sup> national determined contribution in 2021 and completed its Low Emission Development Strategy and Implementation Plan, to reduce overall greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 26 percent by 2030, including 100% renewable energy conversion.
- Samoa's is implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework through its NBSAP, Samoa Ocean Strategy and Marine Spatial Planning, Protecting its Key Terrestrial Biodiversity Areas, National Invasive Species Strategy and Action Plan, Watershed Management Plan and wetlands strategy,
- Samoa endorsed its Waste Management Circular Policy supporting the elimination of single use plastics and instituting waste levy to support the circular economy.

### **Climate Change:**

Samoa supports the SIDS vision of ensuring that the 1.5 Celsius temperature goal in the Paris Agreement remains within reach by peaking GHG emissions by 2025 and halved by 2030.

As a country, we actively advocate for the phasing out of fossil fuels and their associated subsidies. Technological 'fixes' like carbon capture and storage and solar radiation management are not only unproven but may have detrimental consequences to humans and the environment.

### **Pollution control:**

Samoa's engagement in the ongoing plastics negotiation process demonstrates our commitment to high-ambition outcomes, particularly in safeguarding our marine environment from plastics pollution.

We call on all member states to collectively work together to fulfill resolution 5/14 with an ambitious legally binding instrument that addresses the full life cycle approach to end plastic pollution. We further call for an effective means of implementation that facilitates a level playing field with nationally determine actions, especially for small island developing states with very little plastic production but are disproportionately affected

In conclusion, Samoa reaffirms its commitment to the principles of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We stand ready to contribute meaningfully to the collective efforts required to overcome the challenges posed by climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.

I thank You