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# 6<sup>th</sup> Pacific Soil Partnership Meeting

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## Pacific Soil Partnership governance

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Positions of Chair, vice-Chair, and Secretariat of the Regional Soil Partnerships (RSPs)

#### CHAIR

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- Facilitate the functioning of the RSP.
- Maintain the communication with the member of the RSP and the GSP Secretariat.
- Encourage the execution of the Regional Implementation Plan (RIP).
- Participate in the GSP Plenary Assembly and present the report of their RSP.
- Represent the Regional Soil Partnership in official meetings, conferences and other national, regional and global events as requested by the GSP Secretariat.

The mandate for this position is two to three years depending on the decision of member countries in the RSP.

#### VICE-CHAIR

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# Transfer of duties from CSIRO to SPC

## SECRETARIAT

*Note: the Secretariat of the Pacific Soil Partnership (PSP) should be a governmental entity or institution – either national or international with the task of providing a modicum of secretariat support services to the regional soil partnership. Partners participating in the PSP may agree on an eventual rotation formula for such functions, with well-defined timeframes. The chosen partner would need to designate an official who could devote sufficient time to deal with PSP matters in coordination with the GSP Secretariat.*

The Secretariat of the Pacific Soil Partnership has the following tasks:

- Support and coordinate with the GSP Secretariat on keeping the national focal point list updated.
- Coordinate the resourcing and implementation of activities in the region, monitoring outcomes and impacts.
- Support GSP Secretariat in organizing the Pacific Soil Partnership Plenary Meetings.
- Maintain the communication with partners and national focal points to the GSP.
- Broaden the participation of potential GSP Partners in the Pacific Soil Partnership.
- Prepare progress reports and presentations to the Plenary Assembly of the GSP.
- Engage with the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS) on knowledge management, as appropriate.
- Facilitate regional participation in global activities.
- **Coordinate closely with the GSP Secretariat.**

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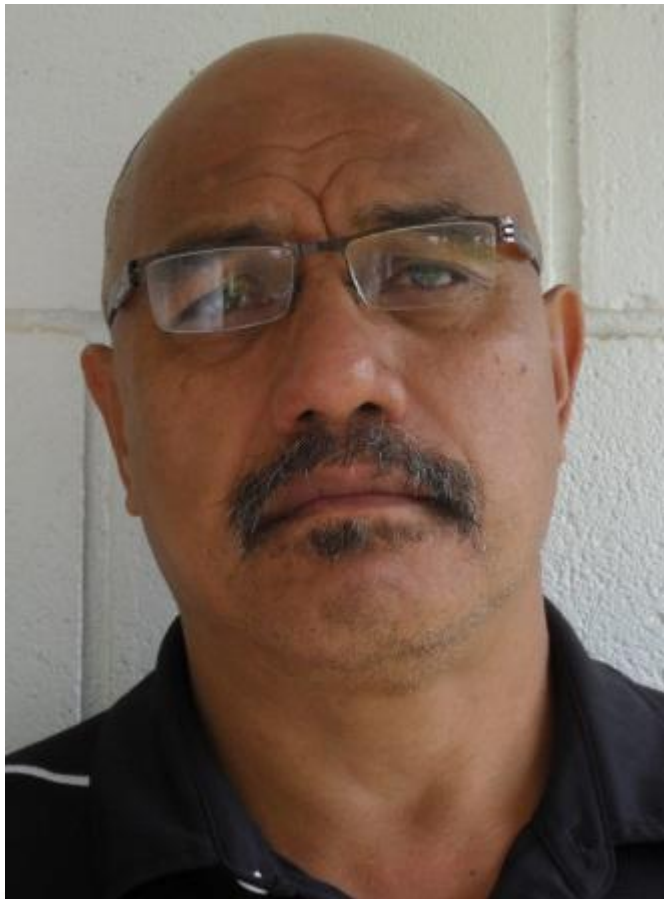
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## Candidates to the position of PSP Chair and vice-Chair



**Siosiua Halavatau - Tonga**



**Nell Peisley - Australia**

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## Way forward

1. Need to confirm the political support and affiliation of eligible candidates to the role. Meanwhile, we maintain the current PSP governance.
2. Elections to be conducted through an online survey as soon as possible.





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# Thank you

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