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The Protection of
the Underwater Cultural
Heritage



Sustainable
Development
Goals



From Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
to Big Ocean Sustainable States (BOSS)

SAFEGUARDING

UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE

FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A side-event during the

**Inter-regional Preparatory Meeting for the
Mid-term Review of the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway**

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, 1st November 2018

13:00-14:00 hours

TATTE Convention Center

Apia, Samoa

UNESCO Side Event on Safeguarding Under Cultural Heritage (UCH) for Sustainable Development aims to provide updates on the UCH safeguarding for Sustainable Development and the promotion of the UCH Convention in SIDS.

The Event will feature presentations from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) that became the first state party from the Pacific to the UCH Convention in 2018, a renowned maritime archaeologist Dr William Jeffery, the Pacific Community (SPC), and the South Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO).



Government of Samoa



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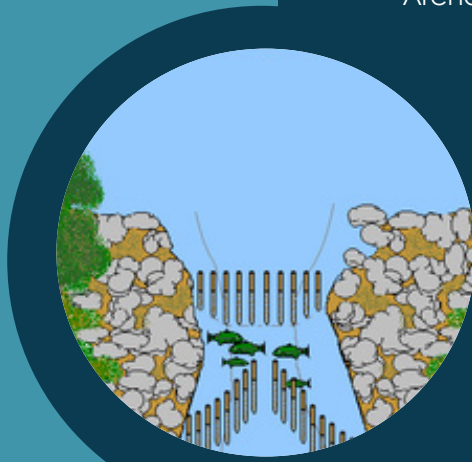


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The audience will obtain up-to-date information on how the diverse UCH in the Pacific are contributing to scientific research and education, environmental protection, youth employment, and the Blue Economy through sustainable tourism.



The findings of the ongoing research on the stone fish traps in Yap will also be presented to showcase the Pacific peoples' unique living heritage, while new initiatives on the Marine Eco-Tourism will be introduced.

sustainable tourism

Blue economy

SAMOA Pathway

Paragraph 54:
We also support their efforts to conserve their valuable **underwater cultural heritage**.

Paragraph 58 (j):
For States that have not done so, to consider becoming parties to the 2001 **UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage**

What is the UCH Convention?

The UCH Convention was adopted in 2001 by UNESCO to fight against the extensive pillage, commercial exploitation and illicit traffic or unethical recovery of UCH. **14** SIDS member states have ratified the Convention.

What is under water cultural heritage?

Under Water Cultural Heritage (UCH) is **much beyond shipwrecks**.

