**Programme**

**15.00-15.30**

**Welcoming words:** MEP Carlos Zorrinho, Co-chair ACP-EU Parliamentary Assembly

**Opening speeches:**

* MEP Othmar Karas, First Vice-President of the European Parliament
* H.E. Bendito Freitas, Foreign Minister of Timor Leste, Coordinator Pacific within the ACP

**Keynote speeches:**

* H.E. Sitiveni Rabuka, Prime Minister of Fiji
* Wopke Hoekstra, EU Commissioner for Climate Action

**15.30-16.20 High Level panel: Samoa Agreement - towards a Pacific-EU political partnership**

Panellists:

* H.E. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, OACPS Secretary General
* MEP David McAlister, Chair Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET) – European Parliament
* Hon. Matai Seremaiha, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vanuatu

Discussants:

* Peseta Noumea Simi, Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Samoa
* Niclas Kvarnstroem, European Union External Action Service, Managing Director ASIAPAC

Moderator: Steven Everts (Director EU Institute for Security Studies/ISS)

16.20 - 17.30: **High Level panel Pacific-EU Protocol**: **Fostering green transition, development and business opportunities**

 Panellists

* Gustav N. Aitaro, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Palau
* Director-General Koen Doens, European Commission, DG for International Partnerships (INTPA)
* Deputy Director-General Maria Martin-Pratt, European Commission, DG Trade (TRADE)
* Ambroise Fayolle, Vice-President European Investment Bank (EIB)

Discussants:

* Dr. Tauisi Taupo, Secretary of the Ministry of Justice, Communication and Foreign Affairs, Tuvalu
* Ambassador Ms Doreen Debrum, Permanent Representative of the Marshal Islands
* Ambassador Mere Falemaka, Permanent Representative and Ambassador of the Pacific Islands Forum to the World Trade Organization and the United Nations in Geneva

Moderator: Ignacio Ybáñez, EU Special Envoy on Small Island Developing States, EEAS

**17.30 Concluding words**

* H.E. Fekitamoeloa 'Utoikamanu, Foreign Minister of Tonga (incoming Pacific Island Forum Chair)
* Jutta Urpilainen, EU Commissioner for International Partnerships