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Twenty Fifth SPREP Meeting of Officials

Majuro, Marshall Islands
30 September – 2 October 2014

Agenda Item 6.5: SIDS Conference 2014

Purpose

1. To update Members' on the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Conference 2014 and the S.A.M.O.A Pathway Outcomes.

Background

2. The Third International United Nations Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) was hosted by the Government of Samoa from 1 to 4 September 2014 in Apia. The theme of the Conference is *"The sustainable development of small island developing States through genuine and durable partnerships"*. The conference consisted of plenary sessions, negotiations on the Outcomes Document, side events and partnership dialogues. The Conference was preceded by a number of discussion forums from 28 to 30 August 2014 on Youth, Private Sector, Renewable Energy and Major Groups and other Stakeholders.

3. The Conference objectives were to:
 - a. assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation;
 - b. seek a renewed political commitment by focusing on practical and pragmatic actions for further implementation;
 - c. identify new and emerging challenges and opportunities for the sustainable development of SIDS and means of addressing them; and
 - d. identify priorities for the sustainable development of SIDS to be considered in the elaboration of the post-2015 UN development agenda.

4. The primary role of the Secretariat has been providing technical assistance to Member country delegations. The Secretariat is Co-Chair of the CROP Sustainable Development Working Group that coordinated technical support for the Pacific regional preparatory conference and the preparatory process with Pacific Missions to the UN in New York. At the request of the Government of Samoa, the Secretariat provided technical support and financial assistance for waste management, greening the conference, media and communications. The Conference was a unique opportunity to highlight SPREP's work to the global community. The SPREP Campus was an official parallel event site for the conference.

5. The draft Outcomes Document titled: S.A.M.O.A. Pathway (Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action) in English from <http://www.sids2014.org/content/documents/358N1447112.pdf> and in French from <http://www.sids2014.org/content/documents/358N1447113.pdf>.

6. An update on the SIDS Conference and its outcomes will be presented to the SPREP Meeting in Majuro by the Secretariat and by the Government of Samoa.

Recommendation

7. The Meeting is invited to:

- **note** the update on the SIDS Conference 2014;
 - **note** the Secretariats role and support to the Conference; and
 - **note** the S.A.M.O.A Pathway Outcomes.
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