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## Twenty Seventh SPREP Meeting of Officials

Alofi, Niue

19 – 21 September 2016

### Agenda Item 9.3.5: Update on the formulation of J-PRISM Phase II

#### Purpose

1. To update the Meeting with information regarding the formulation of Japanese Technical Cooperation Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries Phase II (J-PRISM II).

#### Background

2. The Japanese Government through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been assisting solid waste management in the Pacific since 2000, both bi-laterally and regionally in collaboration with SPREP and other donor agencies.
3. Between February 2011 and February 2016, JICA conducted the Japanese Technical Cooperation Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management (J-PRISM) in accordance with the Pacific Regional Strategy 2010-2015. The project was run in partnership with the responsible waste management agencies of each recipient country for the purpose of strengthening human and institutional capacity such as establishing proper waste management institutions, sharing technical expertise and lessons learned and improving the entire waste management system of the Pacific region.
4. In 2015, JICA also supported the Pacific island countries and territories through SPREP in collaboration with European Union to develop the Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2015, known as Cleaner Pacific 2025.
5. Since the year 2000, JICA's successive technical cooperation programs including J-PRISM contributed significantly to raising the capacity of local counterparts. As a result, these local counterparts have become essential resource people, as experts or trainers, not just in their home nations but also for the Pacific region.
6. To promote regional Pacific-to-Pacific cooperation in a sustainable manner, JICA believes that such human resource exchange programmes in the Pacific region should be formally entrenched.

7. Under such background and circumstances, nine (9) Pacific island countries, comprising the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Fiji, Republic of Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, Independent State of Papua New Guinea, Independent State of Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kingdom of Tonga, and Republic of Vanuatu submitted a formal request for technical cooperation to the Japanese Government in 2014.
8. In May 2016, JICA commenced the Basic Design Survey to formulate the second phase of J-PRISM. Nine separate requests have been integrated into one regional project as the Phase II of J-PRISM (J-PRISM II) and will officially be endorsed after the series of consultation meetings with the stakeholders. J-PRISM II is expected to be initiated in late 2016 or early 2017.
9. Through J-PRISM II, JICA will continue supporting Pacific island countries in a sustainable manner to further increase their capacity to respond to challenging issues on solid waste management (including disaster waste management) thorough implementation of the Cleaner Pacific 2025 and promoting Pacific-to-Pacific cooperation in close collaboration with SPREP, European Union and other donor agencies.

## Recommendations

10. The Meeting is invited to:

- **note** the outline and objectives of J-PRISM II both regionally and in individual Pacific island countries;
- **acknowledge** the opportunities presented by J-PRISM II to develop individual and institutional capacity for the improvement of solid waste management in the Pacific region; and
- **encourage** other development partners to collaborate with J-PRISM II through SPREP.

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