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TO: SPREP National Focal Points of Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu Vanuatu

DATE: 20 June 2018
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SUBJECT: Invitation to the Joint Regional ACPMEA2 and Inform Project Meeting, 17th – 21st September, 2018, Apia, Samoa

Dear Focal Points,

The Environmental Monitoring and Governance (EMG) Programme of SPREP is currently executing the EU funded ACPMEA2 Programme and the GEF funded Inform Project which has supported and delivered a number of key targeted interventions to support environmental governance in the region. Both projects are implemented through UN Environment.

The Inform Project is in its second year of implementation and it builds on key outcomes and results of the ACPMEA2 programme. The latter is in its final year of implementation. To ensure there is closer integration of results and sharing of lessons between the two projects, SPREP is pleased to invite a representative from each of the Pacific island countries to attend and participate in the Joint Regional Meeting for the ACPMEA2 and Inform projects. The meeting will be held from the 17th to the 21st September, 2018 in Apia, Samoa.

The main objectives of the meeting are to:

- Consolidate results and achievements of the ACPMEA2 programme
- Develop a forward looking strategy and plans to replicate, expand and sustain APCMEA2 results including opportunities to integrate results into the Inform Project and other initiatives and programmes
- Review and assess progress of the Inform Project and conduct capacity building and training on environmental data management and reporting
- Share lessons, best practices, knowledge and experiences through south-south exchange
- Establish and strengthen partnerships and networking across and among key stakeholders and partners

It is envisaged that through this regional meeting, a number of key outcomes would be achieved which could include:

- Consolidation of results and achievements documented and shared

- Roadmap developed on strategies to replicate, expand and amplify results and lessons
- Partnership opportunities and new project ideas developed
- Awareness and understanding on environmental data management and reporting strengthened
- Capacity built to utilize online tools and issues to be addressed documented

The meeting specifically targets technical officers who are actively involved in the State of Environment Reporting and the National Environmental Management Strategy processes. It would also benefit those who are directly involved in environmental data management and reporting.

SPREP will cover costs of the meeting through funding support from the ACPMEA2 Programme and the Inform Project. For all sponsored participants, SPREP will cover costs for the most direct and economical return air ticket including Daily Subsistence Allowance in accordance with SPREP's approved travel policy and prevailing DSA rate.

To assist with logistics of the meeting, appreciate if the attached Nomination Form is completed and submitted to SPREP **no later than 20th July, 2018**. The timely receipt of nominations will assist the organisers in making advanced travel and logistical arrangements. Please email completed forms to paulinef@sprep.org and copy selas@sprep.org

A draft provisional agenda for the joint meeting is attached for information with a detailed annotated agenda to be circulated to meeting participants in due course and prior to the actual meeting.

Kindly note that the meeting organisers will liaise directly with the nominated participants on preparations for the meeting including materials and resources to prepare prior to attending the meeting. An Information Note detailing logistics of the meeting will also be circulated once nominations are confirmed.

For more information please contact Pauline Fruean paulinef@sprep.org and Sela Soakai-Simamao selas@sprep.org

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



Roger Cornforth,
Acting Director General

Attach: Nomination Form
Provisional Agenda