

File: AP_6/15 **To:** SPREP Members and Partners
Date: 26 June 2024
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Subject: **Invitation to the Regional Workshop: A Circular Approach to Waste Management in the Pacific: Creating Resources from Waste and Pollution, Vanuatu**

Dear Members and Partners,

It is our pleasure to extend an invitation to the ***Regional Workshop: A Circular Approach to Waste Management in the Pacific: Creating Resources from Waste and Pollution*** in Port Vila, Vanuatu from the **30 September 2024 to 4 October 2024 in Port Vila, Vanuatu**. This workshop is being organised and delivered in collaboration with the Vanuatu Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC) in partnership with the following SPREP projects: ‘*Committing to Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific*’ (SWAP - AFD) Project, *PacWastePlus Programme* (EU), *PacPlan Resilience Project* (Australia), *GEF ISLANDS* (GEF) and *J-PRISM III* (JICA).

Circular Economy is a model of production and consumption, which involves sharing, leasing, reusing, repairing, refurbishing and recycling existing materials and products as long as possible. In this way, the life cycle of products is extended. In practice, it implies reducing waste to a minimum. When a product reaches the end of its life, its materials are kept within the economy wherever possible thanks to reuse and recycling. This is a departure from the traditional, linear economic model of production, consumption, and disposal and relies on large quantities of cheap, easily accessible materials and energy.

The main objective of the workshop is to discuss how PICTs can incorporate Circularity into Waste Management. As such, based on experiences sharing and lessons learned from on existing or pipeline activities from the Pacific island countries and French territories, this workshop will be an opportunity to discussing topics such as: creation of resources from waste; local remanufacturing/repurposing, tools to reach recycling markets, among others.

Event Details:

Event dates and duration	30 September – 4 October 2024 (5 days)
Event modality	The workshop will be delivered face-to-face only
Event language	The workshop will be delivered in English and French with simultaneous translation available.
Event Location	Iririki Island Resort Port Vila Vanuatu
Attendee support offered	Nominated attendees will have flights arranged, and received a daily substance allowance (DSA), in accordance with the SPREP Travel Policy. Consistent with the SPREP Travel Policy all other travel related costs, including but not limited to passports, travel/medical insurance, visas,

	clearances, etc. are the responsibility of the participants/nominating governments.
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Please find attached the draft concept note, draft programme, and event information note. The final concept and final programme will be shared with registered attendees in the week of 9 September 2024.

Please note, representatives from Pacific Island countries and territories will be sponsored by the *Committing to Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific (SWAP) Project*, the *PacWastePlus Programme* and a *Fonds Pacifique Grant*, as detailed below:

Country/Territory	SWAP Project	PacWaste Plus Programme	Fonds Pacifique
Cook Islands	-	1	1
Federated States of Micronesia	-	1	1
Fiji	1	1	-
French Polynesia	-	-	1 or 2 depending on budget
Kiribati	-	1	1
Nauru	-	1	1
Palau	-	1	1
Papua New Guinea	-	1	1
Republic of the Marshall Islands	-	1	1
Samoa	1	1	-
Solomon Islands	1	1	-
Tonga	1	1	-
Tuvalu	-	1	1
Timor-Leste	-	1	-
Vanuatu	N/A	N/A	N/A
New Caledonia	-	-	1 or 2 depending on budget
Niue	-	1	1
Wallis and Futuna	1	-	+1 if there is budget available

Each project or programme will cover costs of airfare and daily substance allowance (DSA) for the nominated representatives from Pacific Island countries and territories, in accordance with the SPREP Travel Policy. All other travel related costs which include but not limited to passports, travel/medical insurance, visas, clearances etc are the responsibility of the participants/nominating governments. It is important that your travel itineraries are properly checked. Travel Tickets once approved/ issued are non-transferrable and any changes will be borne by the nominating government.

If Countries and Territories nominate multiple representatives, to ensure the knowledge is shared widely, and peer-to-peer learning opportunities are increased, we request nominations be provided spanning different entities or organisations (public sector, private sector, NGOs/associations, etc).

All nominations are to be submitted using the Nomination Form annexed herewith by **Friday 2nd August 2024** to assist the projects in making the necessary arrangements. A scanned copy of nominated Representatives Bio-page of their passport must be attached to the completed Registration Form. Kindly send all nomination forms to Julie Pillet at (juliep@sprep.org), copying Ms. Crystal Schwenke (crystals@sprep.org) and Memoree Imo (memoreei@sprep.org).

Thank you and we look forward to your participation in the upcoming Regional Workshop to discuss the circular Approach to Waste Management in the Pacific.

Yours sincerely,



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Att: Nomination Form