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SPREP National Focal Points
Federated States of Micronesia,
Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands,
Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New
Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands,
Timor Leste, Tonga, Vanuatu

DATE: 22 July 2024

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SUBJECT: **New call for regional projects from Kiwa Initiative to strengthen climate resilience in the Pacific**

Dear Members,

The Kiwa Initiative – Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for climate resilience, has launched a new call for regional projects, which will be open from 15 July to 15 December 2024. Organisations, authorities, and institutions across the Pacific region are invited to submit project proposals that will contribute to the adaptation of ecosystems, communities and economies to climate changes.

Managed by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD), the Kiwa Initiative aims to build both local and national capacities, promote approaches sensitive to social vulnerability and gender inequality, and foster dialogue among donors, regional organisations, and countries/territories to enhance the coordination of Official Development Assistance.

The 2024 Call for regional projects

The 2024 call for regional projects aims to implement NbS projects for climate change adaptation in the Pacific, while mainstreaming gender equality and a human rights-based approach. **This call is open from 15 July to 15 December 2024.**

Regional projects must involve at least 2 of the 18 eligible countries and territories, with a budget ranging from EUR 1.5 million to EUR 5 million.

The selected regional projects will commence activities at the end of 2025/early 2026 and must be completed by mid-2029.

Eligibility criteria

National (and local) authorities, public bodies and institutions, regional organisations (Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific, CROP), International (and national) NGOs, from the following Pacific Island Countries and Territories:

Federated States of Micronesia – Fiji – French Polynesia – Kiribati – Nauru – New Caledonia – Niue – Marshall Islands – Palau – Papua New Guinea – Solomon Islands – Samoa – Timor-Leste – Tokelau – Tonga – Tuvalu – Vanuatu – Wallis-and-Futuna

How to apply

The Terms of reference of this 2024 Call for regional projects can be downloaded from (+ link).

The concept note template is also available online and must be submitted via email to kiwa_initiative@afd.fr no later than Sunday, 15 December 2024 (11:59 pm Noumea time, UTC+11).

Technical Assistance for Project Applicants

Support to regional project applicants is available from SPREP and the Pacific Community (SPC). Key information requests will be received until 25 November 2024, to:

- SPREP, Ms. Mathilde Kraft: mathildek@sprep.org
- SPC, Ms. Rebecca Stirnemann: rebeccas@spc.int

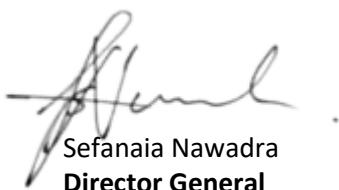
Two online information sessions are organised by SPC and SPREP in English, with simultaneous French translation:

- **Introduction talk on the Kiwa Initiative regional grants**
 - **24 July 2024 at 12:00 PM FJT**
 - https://spc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5j4wl5A7R92Tpc67dAEKA
- **Deep dive into Kiwa Initiative grant applications**
 - **21 August 2024 at 12:00 PM FJT**
 - https://spc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u2UNHSmhQz-jYObUPyOd3Q

All information regarding the 2024 Call for regional projects is available at <https://kiwainitiative.org/en/submit-your-project>

Please contact Ms. Mathilde Kraft, SPREP Kiwa Coordinator, at mathildek@sprep.org for any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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