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

CC: Directors - National Meteorological Services;
Directors - National Hydrological Services

SUBJECT: **Invitation to the Media and Communication Mana Class Training, 3D-Printed Automatic Weather Station Training (3D-PAWS), Seventh Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-7) and the First Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) Steering Committee Meeting (11-20 September, Port Vila, Vanuatu).**

Dear Focal Points for Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

As a follow-up to [Circular 24/47](#), we cordially invite the Directors of the National Meteorological Services (NMSs) and the Directors of the National Hydrological Service (NHSs) to attend the:

- Media and Communication Mana Class Training,
- Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) Panel Meetings,
- 3D-Printed Automatic Weather Station (3D-PAWS) Training,
- The Seventh Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-7) *and*
- The First Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) Programme Steering Committee Meeting

The meetings are hosted by the Government of Vanuatu, in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and will be held in Port Vila, Vanuatu, 11-20 September 2024.

We are pleased to inform you that the participation (i.e. travel, accommodation and incidental allowance) of the NMSs & NHSs Directors (2) is funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

Therefore, we welcome the submission of their completed nomination forms at the following link → <https://www.pacificmet.net/form/pmc-7>. The deadline for registration of funded participants is **19 August 2024**.



The meetings planned in Port Vila are outlined below:

2024 Dates	Meeting	Who will attend	Location
11-12 September	Media and Communication Mana Class Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directors, NMSs • Directors, NHSs 	Warwick Le Lagon Vanuatu Resort
13-14 September	PMC Panels' Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directors, NMSs • Directors, NHSs • Directors, NDMOs • Technical Agencies • Partner Agencies 	TBC
16 September	3D-PAWS Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directors, NMSs • Directors, NHSs • Directors, NDMOs 	Warwick Le Lagon Vanuatu Resort
17-19 September	PMC-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directors, NMSs • Directors, NHSs • Directors, NDMOs • Meteorology Community • Hydrology Community • Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Community • NGOs/CSOs • Private Sector • Partners Agencies • Donors 	Warwick Le Lagon Vanuatu Resort
20 September	First WRP Steering Commit- tee Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directors, NMSs • 2 Directors, NDMOs • Selected Development Partners and technical agencies 	Ramada Resort by Wyndham

1. Media and Communication Mana Class Training

The Media and Communication Mana Class Training, started as one of the pre-PMC-5 meetings in 2019, aims to bring together the Pacific media, NMSs and NHSs to help bring visibility to critical issues in the Pacific. WMO and SPREP will undertake a two-day media and communication training to empower effective communication for a resilient Pacific from across our meteorology and hydrology communities.

2. PMC Panel Meetings

The PMC has established six multi-institutional expert working groups to provide technical advice to the PMC and coordinate their efforts to implement some of the fundamental priorities of meteorological and hydrological services in the region. The PMC Panels are; (i) Pacific Island Climate Services (PICS) Panel; (ii) Pacific Island Education, Training and Research (PIETR) Panel; (iii) Pacific Island Marine and Oceans Services (PIMOS) Panel; (iv) Pacific Island Communication and Infrastructure (PICl) Panel; (v) Pacific Island Aviation Weather Services (PIAWS) Panel and; (vi) Pacific Hydrology Services (PHS) Panel.

3. 3D-PAWS Training

The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and SPREP will be convening a 3D-PAWS Training. The main goal is to strengthen the capacity of NMSs and NHSs with the collection of hydrometeorological data to enhance related services such as flash food guidance products and supporting the region's operations in forecasting and issuing warnings for hydrometeorological hazards.

4. PMC-7

The PMC functions as a specialised subsidiary of the SPREP Council Meeting, tasked with coordinating the scientific and technical programs and activities of the Regional Meteorological Services.

The PMC-7 meeting will address strategic matters at both national and regional levels including providing updates on the Weather Ready Pacific Programme, review of strategic documents and updates from the 6 Panels of experts. PMC-7 will feature a side-event program and exhibitions by private manufacturing companies showcasing weather and climate-related equipment and technologies.

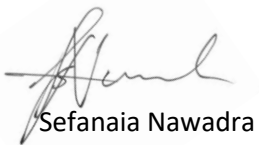
5. First Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) Steering Committee

The First Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) Steering Committee meeting will be hosted by SPREP to discuss and approve the WRP activities and the WRP Implementation Plan. A concept note and detailed agenda will be circulated prior to the meeting.

The agenda and related documents will be distributed in due course. For details on practical arrangements and the accommodation list, please refer to the following link: <https://www.pacificmet.net/pmc/meetings/pmc-7>.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Pacific Meteorological Desk Partnership (PMDP) at PacMetDesk@sprep.org with any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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