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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
(PacWastePlus participating countries – Cook Islands, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu)

PWP Programme Focal Points

SUBJECT: Waste Education Curriculum Toolkit developed for Primary and Secondary Schools

I am excited to inform you that the SPREP - European Union, Pacific Waste Management (PacWastePlus) Programme has produced a "*Pacific Waste Curriculum Toolkit*" for Primary and Secondary Schools for each of the 15 participating PacWastePlus Countries.

The Pacific Curriculum Toolkit has been developed by the University of Newcastle in conjunction with the NSW Education Department, along with inputs from USP and previous SPREP created curriculum resources. The Toolkit assists teachers to emphasise the crucial role of schools as educational agents in sensitising future generations to waste management.

The curriculum toolkit is a resource which empowers teachers by providing knowledge on waste management and supporting the inclusion of toolkit exercises into their class work. The toolkit is not designed to replace current curriculum, but instead offers a series of class exercises, tailored to different ages and skill sets, enabling waste messages to be incorporated into all STEM classes. Teachers and Ministries can easily incorporate the curriculum into standard school subjects based on their ability and intention to do so.

Specific curriculum packages for each PacWastePlus participating countries can be accessed from the PacWastePlus website (<https://pacwasteplus.org/resources/pacific-waste-curriculum-toolkit/>).

Should you require any further clarity or information, please contact Mr. Bradley Nolan (bradley@sprep.org).

I encourage focal points to consider the use of this valuable resource and to assist SPREP, through the PacWastePlus programme, to further socialise this with your respective national Ministry or Department of Education focal points.

Yours Sincerely,



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