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SUBJECT: **Invitation for Nominations - Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ) Annual Conference, 6-8 November 2024, Sydney, Australia**

Dear Members,

The Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ), a partner of SPREP, is hosting its 2024 Annual Conference themed "Moving beyond transition", scheduled to take place in Sydney, Australia, from 6th to 8th November 2024.

The EIANZ Annual Conference stands as a premier forum for environmental practitioners and experts across Oceania. It provides an unparalleled opportunity for knowledge exchange, experience sharing, and discourse on critical environmental challenges and their potential solutions. This year's conference will focus on charting the course for our rapidly evolving profession, with particular emphasis on developing multidisciplinary approaches to complex environmental issues.

SPREP acknowledges the critical importance of incorporating Pacific voices, priorities, and perspectives in the formulation of environmental policies and decisions that directly impact our region's unique challenges. Through the support of the "Capacity Building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries III" programme, also known as the ACP MEAs3 Programme, SPREP is facilitating the participation of Pacific Island Countries in this significant event.

The conference agenda encompasses several crucial topics, including:

1. Evolution of the environmental profession
2. Emerging technical challenges
3. Innovations in sustainability
4. Advancements in social and environmental impact assessment and post-approval management
5. Strategies to achieve and surpass nature positive outcomes

The SPREP Secretariat hereby extends an invitation for the nomination of one (1) participant from each of its Pacific Island Member Countries and Territories. The ideal nominee should possess substantial experience in areas such as environmental impact assessments, strategic environmental assessments, environmental compliance, planning, policy formulation, and/or management. As a prerequisite for participation, nominated individuals are required to prepare and submit abstracts for the conference sessions.

SPREP will provide financial support for one (1) participant per country, covering travel costs and a daily subsistence allowance (DSA). All travel arrangements will adhere to the SPREP Travel Policy.

Please be advised that visa arrangements, accommodation bookings, and travel insurance procurement remain the responsibility of the traveller. Upon request, SPREP can furnish a letter from the conference organizers to facilitate visa applications.


We kindly request that all nominations be submitted using the attached nomination form. Please forward all completed nomination forms to Ivan Diarra (ivand@sprep.org) and Puta Tofinga (putat@sprep.org) at your earliest convenience, but no later than **30th September 2024**, to facilitate timely travel arrangements.

For comprehensive information regarding the conference, please refer to the official website: <https://www.eianz.org/conference-information/conference>

Should you require any clarification or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Director Jope Davetanivalu (joped@sprep.org)

We appreciate your continued support and cooperation in this endeavour.

Yours sincerely,



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