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TO: SPREP National Focal Points (Pacific Island Countries)

Climate Change Focal Points

DATE: 11 September 2013

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SUBJECT: **High Level Support Mechanism for Least Developed Countries and Small Developing States on Climate Change, 14 – 18 October 2013, Apia, Samoa**

Dear Focal Points,

SPREP in collaboration with the High Level Funds for LDC and SIDS, Climate Analytics, GIZ, APAN and CDKN will host a one week Pacific Climate Change Pre-COP preparatory meeting from the 14th - 18th October 2013 and has secured funding for two participants (1 Cabinet Minister and 1 senior official) from each country. The first two days (14-15th) will be high level sessions for Cabinet Ministers and for the rest of the week sessions are aimed at officials.

The objective of the 2 days high level workshop is to increase the effectiveness of interventions by the high-level representatives and their advisors from Pacific Island countries in the high level segments of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the United National Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), other international climate change policy negotiations and other relevant climate meetings which require high-level engagement.

An exciting programme for this week is being prepared which will include climate change finance issues, loss and damage and the IPCC 5th report on climate change science and including the negotiations 'hot spots' to be expected at the Warsaw COP.

The dates involved are as follows:

1) 14-15 October - High level workshop (Cabinet Ministers and Officials)
2) 16-18 October - Officials COP preparation

SPREP is therefore pleased to issue this invitation for one Cabinet Minister that would attend the UNFCCC COP or who has been invited to attend the pre-COP meeting on climate change finance arranged by the Polish Government, and one official (who would also attend the COP). A more detailed programme will be circulated shortly.

To facilitate in the planning, arranging tickets and other logistics, kindly fill in the attached nomination form and urgently send to joycet@sprep.org and copy netatuap@sprep.org no later than the 25th September 2013.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment: Nomination form

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