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To: PACC Focal Points and Implementing Agencies (Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Tonga, and Tuvalu)

Subject: Request for nominations to the economics of PACC training program

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At the 2nd Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) Multi-Partite Review meeting held during August 2011, Pacific Island Countries acknowledged the need to strengthen economic elements of the PACC. This includes cost-benefit analyses of pilot demonstration projects as well as broader sector level and national level economic analyses of adaptation to climate change. One of the key reasons why this economics work is needed is to ensure that PICs can develop evidence-based policy and project proposals needed to access 'donor' climate-change financing.

PIC's agreed that a working group comprising of SPREP, UNDP and other CROP agencies would develop a detailed work program for this economics work during September 2011. PIC's also agreed that a series of sub-regional workshops on cost-benefit analysis of pilot demonstration projects would start off this work program beginning in November 2011.

This circular is to request countries to nominate individual(s) to participate in the economics of PACC program. More details will be forthcoming after the work program is finalized in September, though it is known at this stage that nominated individuals will be required to attend the sub-regional cost-benefit training workshop in November and undertake on-the-ground work to complete cost-benefit analyses of their country's PACC demonstration project by April 2012 (with support from SPREP, UNDP, and possibly other partners). For the water sub-regional cost-benefit workshop, this will be held in Nauru between the 2nd to the 6th of November, 2011.

Nominees should be the PACC Coordinator as well as a national Government employee with (ideally) some background in economics. It is estimated nominees will initially need to allocate around one quarter of a full-time position to do cost-benefit analyses of demonstration projects, increasing to at least half-time after May 2012 when the sector (comprising each of water, agriculture, and coastal) and national level economic analyses is scheduled to begin. Please note, no additional donor funding is available at this stage to support this position(s).

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Please provide country nominations to the Director SPREP through Joyce Tulua **(joycet@sprep.org) by end of September 2011**. If you have any questions or queries regarding this request, please contact Aaron Buncle on aaronb@sprep.org or +685 21929.

Sincerely,



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