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Maritime Focal Points for Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea

Phillipines Maritime Focal Point
Timor Leste Maritime Focal Point
Indonesia Maritime Focal Point

Subject: Melanesia Sub-Region Compensation and Liability Workshop 8-10 November 2011

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames:

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in collaboration with the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds (IOPC Funds) I herewith wish to inform and invite your government participation to a *"Melanesian Sub-Regional Workshop on Compensation and Liability Conventions"*.

The training will be held in Port Moresby PNG from the 8-10 November 2011. The training will be hosted by the PNG National Maritime Safety Authority (NMSA).

The Objectives for the training are:

- To train participants in Compensation & Liability (C&L) convention processes and application of the various instruments to Small Island Development States (SIDS), and the Melanesian Sub-region with emphasis on the Bunkers Convention;
- To assist countries ratification of C&L Conventions;
- To share experiences, case-studies and best practices of C&L process;
- To outline the ratification Cost Benefit Analysis of C&L Instruments;
- To outline the funding mechanisms available from the C&L Instruments and other avenues;

The projected Outcomes are:

- To have trained personnel on C&L instruments and processes;

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- To have participants increased knowledge of C&L best practices and instruments particularly on CLC and Bunkers Convention which are most relevant to SIDS, and the Melanesian Sub-region;
- To have countries ratify C&L conventions;
- To have guidelines for appropriate domestic and regional C&L legal instruments;
- To have a network of professional regional experts on C&L instruments;
- To understand the Ratification Cost Benefit Analysis of C&L Instruments;
- To understand the funding mechanisms available to SIDS from C&L instruments;

As such the participant in this training course should preferably be an experienced maritime administrator or finance person or those in position to oversea accident investigation activities.

It is envisaged that one (1) participant will be sponsored to attend this training from outside of PNG from *Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Philippines, Timor Leste and Indonesia.* It would be appreciated if you could have the attached registration form completed at your earliest convenience but no later than **Wednesday 19 October 2011**. Please note that the country participant will be requested to submit and present a country report on progress on compensation and liability conventions.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your consideration of this valuable training.

Yours Sincerely,

David Sheppard
Director

Attachments
(1) Nomination Form
(2) Draft Workshop Agenda

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