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Subject: Preparation for COP 17 UNFCCC Meeting, Durban

As you will be aware, the 17th Conference of the Parties (COP 17) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be starting in less than a month!

To update you on SPREP's progress in preparing for the meeting, we wanted to let you know that in partnership with the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), SPREP has secured an office space directly opposite the official Convention Centre, where we will be working with colleagues from both the Caribbean and Indian Oceans to highlight issues of concern to small island developing states.

We would like to invite countries who are interested to hold displays or presentations on climate change issues to also use this space along side us, to highlight your concerns. Through this circular, we are inviting national delegations to bring with them to Durban display materials (photos, posters, presentations, DVD's, national crafts etc) so that we can make the most of this opportunity to highlight the Pacific in Durban.

The space that we have rented covers approximately 60 square feet, and will also be available to host presentations or events, should you be interested. We would invite countries to please email Nanette Woonton (nanettew@sprep.org) if they are interested in making a booking to host an event. Please let Nanette know before November 11th if you would like to be allocated a slot in the programme for this pavilion.

SPREP has also received a number of requests from civil society organisations and media groups, asking for assistance to be accredited on to national delegations. We would just like to remind countries of such requests, and ask that they consider any requests from media/civil society organisations when confirming their own national delegations.

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For further information with regards to the SPREP participation and events in Durban, please feel free to either contact myself, or Espen Ronneberg (espenr@sprep.org) or Diane McFadzien (dianem@sprep.org).

Yours sincerely,

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