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Dear Members

On behalf the CROP Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) we are pleased to advise our Members that a series of briefs has been developed for Pacific Island Countries and other relevant stakeholders. The briefs focus on thematic areas in the Rio+20 Outcomes Document. They are taken from a regional perspective and provide an update of current activities as well as identifying priorities that countries and the region could highlight at the SIDS 2014 Meeting and other global fora.

The UN Secretariat for the 2014 SIDS Meeting, the SIDS Unit of UNDESA has recently put out a template for the preparation of national reports (attached). It is hoped that these briefs will help support the preparation of national reports that are being facilitated through the UNDP country offices. The UNDP has some resources to assist countries with the preparation of regional reports and it is recommended that you liaise with them in this regard.

ESCAP in consultation with other UN and CROP agencies is preparing a regional report guided by the attached template also provided by DESA. The briefs are also aimed at assisting this process as well as the wider regional engagement and preparations in the lead up to the 2014 SIDS Conference, and during ongoing consultation around the broader post-2015 development agenda.

The 28 briefs developed to date represent the collaborative efforts of the CROP SDWG which includes representatives from CROP agencies, the UN System in the Pacific and several Civil Society Organisations. Lead contributors to the drafting process included; FFA, PASO, PIFS, SPC, SPREP, SPTO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCAP, UNESCO, USP, and UNWHO.

The briefs are essentially working papers and any errors in interpretation or analysis are unintentional and remain the responsibility of the primary contributing author(s).

The SDWG briefs are attached and can also be found at the SPREP website www.sprep.org.

Yours faithfully

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