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SUBJECT: First Steering Committee Meeting: PacWaste EDF10 Programme

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), and in collaboration with the European Union (EU), I write to invite you, or your nominee to represent your country at the first **PACWASTE Steering Committee Meeting** to be held on the 18th September, 2013.

The Steering Committee Meeting will be held as a side-event to the 24th SPREP Meeting, in Apia, Samoa. A draft programme for the workshop is attached at Annex 1.

The objectives for the Steering Committee Meeting are to:

- Introduce the PACWASTE Programme
- Table national Pacwaste priorities submitted by countries
- Present the first years work programme
- Describe future operation arrangements for programme oversight

The PacWaste project will support Pacific ACP countries' efforts to adopt cost-effective and self-sustaining priority waste management systems by focusing on three hazardous waste streams (asbestos, e-waste and medical waste) that are considered priority regional waste streams and are not currently adequately funded through other management programmes.

It is a €7,850,000, four year project (2013-2017) generously funded by the European Union through the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). Priority hazardous waste interventions will be completed in the Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, PNG, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

I look forward to your kind consideration for participation in this important Steering Committee Meeting.

Yours Sincerely,

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Acting Director General