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TO: SPREP National Focal Points:
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SUBJECT: **Pacific Regional Joint Preparatory Meeting for the Twelfth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Eleventh Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the Twelfth Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, *11-19 August, 2014, Nadi - Fiji***

Dear Focal Points,

This is to inform you that SPREP, in close collaborations with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Secretariat of the CBD, Secretariat of CMS and the Secretariat of Ramsar, will convene a Pacific Regional Joint Preparatory Meeting from the ***11th to the 19th August, 2014 in Nadi, Fiji***.

The main objective of the Pacific Regional Joint Preparatory meeting is to provide a forum for Pacific Island Countries that are parties to these three biodiversity conventions to identify and discuss key priority issues and prepare regional positions for the Pacific in an integrated, holistic and synergistic manner to strengthen preparations and engagement at COP meetings and more importantly, to continue to have a solid and united One Pacific Voice at international fora. The meeting also provides an opportunity for countries that are not parties to CMS and Ramsar to learn more about these two conventions and possibly consider joining in the future.

A Provisional Agenda is attached for your information with more detailed information on the programme and financial support to be circulated in due course.

Appreciate if you could lock in the dates of this joint meeting in your calendars and please do not hesitate to contact Easter Galuvao easterg@sprep.org Penina Solomona peninas@sprep.org and Vainuupo Jungblut vainuupoj@sprep.org for additional information or clarifications.

Yours sincerely,

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