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FILE:	CONV 2/4/10, AP 2/17/2, CONV 2/9/1, AP 4/2/13/1	**TO:**	SPREP PICT Focal Points
DATE:	9 May 2014		
CIRCULAR:	14/43		

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, *11-15 August, 2014, Nadi Fiji***

Dear Focal Points,

Further to the SPREP Circular 14/27 on the above subject matter and in conjunction with the SPREP Circular 14/42, please note key information which is provided below:

1) Official representations and nominations
   - ✓ In close collaborations with the ABS Capacity Development Initiative please note that the official representatives from the 14 PICs to the ABS Training Workshop as per SPREP Circular 14/42 would be the same official representatives to the joint preparatory meeting for the CBD COP12, CMS and Ramsar;
   - ✓ Participants from Territories attending the ABS Training are not expected to stay on for the preparatory meeting;
   - ✓ SPREP will cover the most direct and economical return airfare including daily subsistence allowance at the SPREP rate;
   - ✓ For countries that are parties to the CMS, funding support will be provided for an additional participant only for PICs that are parties to CMS and only where the national focal point is different to the CBD focal points;
   - ✓ Please complete the attached nomination form and return to SPREP by the 27th May, 2014 at the latest; and
   - ✓ As soon as nominations are finalized and confirmed, SPREP will liaise directly with each individual participants on logistics and preparations for the ABS Training, the joint pre-COP meeting and the CMS follow up meeting.
   - ✓ Please note that in the event that the official nominee withdraws after confirmation, please email immediately or at least 24 hours before the scheduled departure so that tickets can be cancelled in time in order to reduce cancellation fees.

2) Meeting dates, venue and arrangements
   - ✓ ABS Training is from the 5 - 8 August, 2014
   - ✓ Confirmed dates of the joint preparatory meeting are from the 11th - 15th August, 2014;
   - ✓ A follow up meeting for CMS only will take place from the 18th - 20th August, 2014
   - ✓ All three meetings will be held at the Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi

3) Draft meeting agendas
   - ✓ A separate agenda for the ABS Training will be circulated in due course
   - ✓ A draft annotated agenda for the joint preparatory meeting is attached
   - ✓ A separate agenda for the CMS follow up meeting will be circulated in due course

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Yours sincerely,



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