SPREP
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

PO Box 240, Apia, Samoa
E: sprep@sprep.org
T: +685 21929
F: +685 20231
W: www.sprep.org

CLEAN PACIFIC

The Pacific environment, sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures.

CIRCULAR

FILE: SPREP
DATE: 21 May 2014
CIRCULAR: 14/45

TO: SPREP National Focal Points
CROP Organisations
SPREP Partner Organisations

SUBJECT: **Update on SIDS Conference Arrangements**

Dear SPREP Members and Partners,

Our preparations for the SIDS Conference are well underway with our efforts being directed towards providing technical input to assist members during the preparatory process and also to assist the Samoa Government to successfully host the conference.

To further consolidate SPREP's inputs we have put in place an internal SIDS Conference Committee and formulated a SPREP SIDS Conference Action Plan (Attachment 1) to guide our activities. These activities include support to Samoa in the key areas of waste management, media support and IT, technical support to member governments and also activities to raise the profile of SPREP and our work. In addition to activities at the Conference venue, SPREP will also be hosting activities at the SPREP Campus and at other venues in Apia.

The conference action plan is an evolving document and will be updated for Members, before and up to the SIDS Conference. The Secretariat is able to offer back-stopping or technical support to all member delegations. If you require this assistance please inform Kosi Latu kosil@sprep.org or Sefanaia Nawadra sefanaian@sprep.org and in consultation with you they will assign an officer to be your technical support. Please note that this is strictly for technical support as all administrative and logistical support is being provided by the Government of Samoa and the United Nations.

Attachment 2 is the latest briefing note from the Government of Samoa that provides valuable essential information on the conference.

Kind regards,

David Sheppard
Director General

DS/AP