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SUBJECT: Update on SIDS Conference Arrangements

Dear SPREP Members and Partners,

We are in the final stretch of our preparations for the SIDS Conference as outlined in the SPREP SIDS Conference Action Plan – update of implementation in ***Attachment 1***.

Preparatory process -We have been coordinating with the Forum Secretariat CROP's support through the Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG). A Brief was provided and a team present to assist during the final Preparatory Committee held in New York from 23-37 June. The final draft Outcomes Document "SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (S.A.M.O.A) Pathway" was successfully negotiated. ***(Attachment 2)***

Assistance to Samoa - Focus has been in the area of waste management where we have assisted with waste audits and remedial actions of all accommodation providers, ports of entry and waste management facilities and contractors. We are currently doing the same for the conference facilities and parallel event sites. We are also implementing activities to highlight marine debris and oil spill preparedness.

Highlighting SPREP –An updated list of the side events and parallel events that SPREP is co-organising is in ***Attachment 3***. We have registered the SPREP Campus as a parallel event site and will also be mounting exhibits at the SPREP campus, conference site and Apia port.

Technical Support at the Conference – In our previous circular we had offered to provide technical support to country delegations. We have since allocated officers for each SPREP member ***(Attachment 4)***. If you wish to take up this offer please inform Kosi Latu kosil@sprep.org or Sefanaia Nawadra sefanaian@sprep.org. We can also answer other queries.

Kind regards,

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