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TO: SPREP National Focal Points:

Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

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SUBJECT: **GEF Medium Sized "Ratification and Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in the Countries of the Pacific Regional Project" - Inception Workshop Saturday 9th, August, 2014, Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji.**

Dear SPREP PIC Focal Points,

Further to the SPREP Circular 14/38, on the GEF, UNEP and SPREP regional Medium Sized Project titled "Ratification and Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in the countries of the Pacific" (NPIF-Pacific), I wish to inform you that we have recruited Geoff Burten and Kirsty Galloway McLean as consultants to assist with the project formulation and development process specifically to prepare the Project Document and GEF CEO Endorsement Form for the above named Project.

The half day Inception Workshop will expand on outcomes of the ABS meeting held in November 2013 in Suva. It will provide an opportunity for participants to verify and provide additional information to complete the project logical framework and other key elements of the project document. The workshop will be facilitated by SPREP and the project consultants and will be held on Saturday 9th August, 2014 targeting all country participants attending the ABS Training.

The Secretariat will liaise directly with your delegate to the ABS Training on the agenda and logistics of the Project Inception workshop.

For further questions or additional information, please contact Easter Galuvao – Biodiversity Adviser (easterg@sprep.org) and Clark Peteru – Legal Adviser (clarkp@sprep.org) and copied to Anna Bertram (annab@sprep.org).

Yours sincerely,

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