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To: Working Arm for Climate Change (WACC)Members,
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High Commission Offices in Fiji (Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu)
SPREP Focal Points (Samoa & Fiji)

Subject: Meeting for the Purpose of Establishing the Regional Steering Committee for the Pacific Climate Change Portal
Friday, 3 February 2012, Holiday Inn, Suva, Fiji

The last two (2009 & 2011) Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) and subsequent SPREP meetings approved the development of the Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP). The development of the PCCP is closely linked to the activities of the PCCR working groups which are coordinated by SPREP, SPC and PIFS and the CROP Working Arm on Climate Change (WACC) in collaborations with other partners.

The intention behind the development of the Portal is to provide a platform for institutions, partners and governments in the Pacific region to share climate change-related information and tools in a manner that can be readily accessed and that information gaps can be filled linked to the monitoring of the Pacific Framework for Adaptation on Climate Change (PIFACC) and to the wider climate change issues and activities in the region and lessons learned from other regions. It is anticipated that this effort will improve and strengthen understanding of the issues related to climate change by a greater number of people in the Pacific region. More so, it is anticipated that improved access to information will strengthen and enhance communication and collaboration to cope with climate change regionally and locally.

SPREP is leading this collaborative project and GIZ (German agency for international cooperation) is a development partner. Together we are planning a meeting to establish a regional steering committee for developing and maintaining the portal in line with the approved recommendations of the 2010 PCCR.

Initial drafts of the meeting agenda and ToR for the steering committee are attached for your reference.

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We kindly ask you to nominate one person to attend this meeting. This individual should be able to address issues of content in relation to climate change issues and development, as well as governance.

The meeting will be held 8.30 – 4pm on Friday 3rd of February, at the Holiday Inn in Suva, Fiji.

Confirmation, travel and other arrangements will be managed through SPREP. A final programme will follow.

We apologize for the short notice. It was, however, unavoidable. There will also be follow-up discussions with those who could not attend this meeting, and SPREP intends to consult widely on any draft recommendations emanating from the Suva meeting.

Please contact Dr Rachael Dempsey with any questions. Her contacts are rachaeld@sprep.org, +685 66224, or +685 7266046.

Sincerely,



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