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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
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SUBJECT: **Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eleventh Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), 10 – 13 August 2012, Rotorua, New Zealand**

Dear Focal Points,

This is to inform you that SPREP, with funding from the EU-ACP MEA Capacity Building Project and in collaboration with the Secretariat of the CBD (SCBD) will convene a Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eleventh Conference of the Parties (Pre-COP11) to the CBD from the ***10th – 13th August 2012 in Rotorua, New Zealand***. The Pacific Regional Pre-COP11 Meeting will be held straight after the SCBD *Regional Workshop for the Pacific Region on Updating NBSAPs* which is from the 6th – 9th August 2012 in Rotorua, New Zealand.

The main objective of the Pacific Regional Pre-COP11 meeting is to provide a forum for the Pacific Island Countries that are party to the CBD to identify and discuss key priority issues and prepare regional positions for the Pacific in preparations for the Eleventh Conference of the Parties to the CBD in Hyderabad, India from the 8th – 19th October 2012. The *"Pacific Voyage – One Pacific"* which was effectively and successfully delivered at COP10 will continue to be the mechanism to coordinate and enhance Pacific engagement and participation at COP11.

Since the Pre COP11 Meeting will be held straight after the SCBD NBSAP Workshop, I am pleased to invite the same nominees to the NBSAP Workshop to attend the Pre COP11 meeting. Please find attached, SCBD Notification on the NBSAP workshop which you may have already received from the SCBD. To assist the SCBD and SPREP with the arrangements for the two meetings, I seek your usual cooperation to ensure your nominations are **submitted to the SCBD by the 22nd June, 2012**.

A Draft Provisional Agenda for the Pre-COP11 Meeting is attached for your information with more detailed information to be circulated in advance of the meeting.

Please note that the SCBD will cover costs for the NBSAP workshop and SPREP will pick up costs for the Pre-COP11 meeting. For logistics on the SCBD NBSAP Workshop, please email secretariat@cbd.int and copy Ms Gisela Talamas Gisela.talamas@cbd.int For information on the SPREP Pre-COP11 meeting, please contact: Ms Easter Galuvao easterg@sprep.org and Ms Makerita Atiga makeritaa@sprep.org

I look forward to your kind cooperation and continuous support to ensure the Pacific Voyage to COP11 is successfully achieved.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment: