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TO: SPC, IUCN-ORO, WWF, UNDP Pacific Centre, UNDP Samoa MCO, Conservation International (Pacific Office)

SUBJECT: Final Regional Workshop on CDM in the Pacific under the ACP MEA Project Apia, Samoa: 27th – 29th August 2012

Since 2009, the UNEP Risoe Centre (URC) has been implementing the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) of an umbrella EU- funded UNEP four-year project **on "Capacity Building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA) in African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Countries".** The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is the regional hub for the activities in Pacific under the ACP MEA project.

The purpose of the CDM Component of the ACP MEA project is to develop capacity for CDM project development in the ACP countries. In the Pacific, based on discussions at the inception workshop held in May 2009, the CDM component has been designed as a regional program with Fiji and Vanuatu as focal countries. It also includes some DNA capacity building support in Samoa and Tonga and Solomon Islands and PNG representatives are also invited to the regional workshops.

Under the project, a series of capacity building activities are being carried out to support participating countries establishing and operationalising their DNAs (Designated National Authority), creating business-friendly environment for the development of CDM projects, and developing a portfolio of CDM projects. As part of the project activities, four CDM capacity building workshops have been organized.

The last regional workshop has been scheduled to take place during 27 – 29 August 2012 in Apia, Samoa. The three-day workshop will have one day DNA legal issues, one and a half days presenting the portfolio of CDM projects and Programmes of Activities developed, and the results and findings under the various activities.

SPREP will help organise and host the workshop and the experts and country representatives will present their experiences and findings under the project. Regional organisations and external experts are also invited to attend and speak at the workshop.

SPREP and URC jointly invite your agency's participation in the final regional CDM workshop. Since there are limited budget for the workshop, only the PICs participants will be covered by the budget. As such, it is expected that the partner agencies and CROPS to meet their own travel and accommodation cost

Dues to the very limited time left, we expect the agencies to submit the names of their participant(s) via email to Silia (siliau@sprep.org), copying Nixon (nixonk@sprep.org), Joyce (joycet@sprep.org) and Xianli (xzhu@dtu.dk), by Monday 20th August 2012. The draft workshop programme is attached.

Selected participants are expected to make a 20 - 30 minutes presentation on the current situation of the country in terms of the CDM activities and the potential for the CDM.

Participants are responsible for obtaining the necessary visas for their travels to and from Apia, including transits on the way to and from Samoa. Participants are strongly advised to apply for their transit visas well in advance.

Neither SPREP nor the URC insure participants while attending the workshop or during travel to and from Suva and will not be responsible for expenses arising from sickness, injury or other disability or loss of life.

The workshop will be conducted in English.

Contact Information

The coordination of the workshop is led by the PIGGAREP Project Manager (Ms. Silia Ualesi Kilepoa - siliau@sprep.org) and assisted by Mr. Nixon Kua (nixonk@sprep.org) and Joyce Tulua (joycet@sprep.org).

Kindly direct communications about this workshop and accommodation reservations to these SPREP Officers.

Yours sincerely

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