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FILE: AP 4/7/1 **TO:** National Focal Points (PIC only)

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SUBJECT: GEF State of Environment Assessment and Reporting Capacity Building Proposal

As agreed at the 2012 SPREP Meeting, we have developed a regional project proposal (attachment 1) to build capacity in State of Environment assessment and reporting at both national and regional levels, including the setting up of national and regional environment databases, in cooperation with UNEP. This will be funded from the global capacity development set aside fund and is not being drawn from national GEF STAR allocations.

There is some urgency to submit this proposal as the global set aside funding works on a first come first serve basis, and we are targeting the GEF Council Meeting in November We have also requested a project preparation grant to assist further development of the modalities of the project through a regional consultation process that will involve all Pacific Countries. We have allocated some co-financing to national governments but this is all in-kind assistance such as staff time, use of office space and meeting venues, and transportation.

We are required to submit the proposal with Letters of Endorsement (LoE) from all GEF National Operational Focal Points. I seek your assistance in securing the necessary LoE. I have attached a template LoE (attachment 3) that you can use to draft your letter.

It would be appreciated if you can send your letter to Ms. Maryam Niamir-Fuller, Maryam.niamir-fuller@unep.org both by mail and electronic copy. The mailing address are in attached template letter. I also request if you can send the e-copy to us on sefanaian@sprep.org

Please note the urgent need for the LoE so we can capitalize on this opportunity while it remains.

Thank you for your assistance.

David Sheppard
Director General

Attach: