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SUBJECT: Invitation to Nominate Trainees for Solid Waste Management Training in Suva, Fiji, 2013

BACKGROUND

1. A training programme on environmentally sound and practical waste management techniques and landfill/dumpsite management will be held at the Fiji National University (FNU) as part of the Agence Française De Développement (AFD) Regional Solid Waste Management Initiative implemented by SPREP.

2. The training programme will consist of two (2) train-the-trainer Modules covering waste management topics shown in Annex 1, with each Module to be delivered over a 2-week period. The first training course (Module 1) will be held from 4th – 15th March 2013 inclusive, and the second course (Module 2) will be held from 15th – 26th April 2013 inclusive. Travel to and from Fiji would be required before and after these dates.

PURPOSE

3. The Secretariat invites eligible Member countries to submit the details of up to three (3) nominees for each training Module by completing the Application Package in Annex 2 by Friday 30th November 2012. It is not mandatory for the same nominee to attend both modules; ideally different nominees would attend each module.

4. Each eligible SPREP Member country's nominations will be evaluated against selection criteria by a five-member selection panel, and one (1) successful applicant for each training Module will be selected from each Member country. It is anticipated that successful applicants will be notified at the latest by 31st January 2013.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

5. Based on funding agency requirements, eligible Member countries are the Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

6. Applicants must:
   a. be a citizen of, and residing in a Pacific Island Country listed above;
   b. possess minimum qualifications of a Bachelor Degree in a relevant field;
   c. ideally be working in their country of citizenship and in areas of waste management preceding the date of the proposed commencement of the training;

d. have at least 5 years recently demonstrated experience in waste management including technical and financial reporting;
e. be a waste management professional, who in the short to medium term, will be in a position to act as trainer on returning to his/her own countries; and
f. have English as the working language of day-to-day business.

7. Applications are strongly encouraged from Environment Departments, Health Ministries, as well as NGOs, government corporations, and private companies. Private companies should be encouraged to participate in the training modules but they would be required to cover the cost of participation.

8. Applicants must be supported and certified by the applicant's organisation or institution through a "Letter of Support' signed at a senior level, confirming that the trainee will:
a. be released from work to travel between the home country and Fiji, and attend the full duration of the training that he/she is nominated to attend; and
b. be provided with both time and resources to deliver a training program within six (6) months of returning to their home country, thereby demonstrating their commitment to the delivery of the training program in their own country.

9. All selected trainees will need to satisfy the Government of Fiji's visa requirements for entry into Fiji.

SUPPORT PROVIDED

10. All selected applicants will be sponsored to participate in the training. For each applicant, this sponsorship will include the provision of a return economy class flight between the country of nomination and Fiji (Suva), provision of suitable accommodation at FNU for the duration of the training, and a contribution towards incidental costs.

11. Selected Trainees may be eligible to receive funding support to implement a waste management project on returning home. A Project Concept Application Form (Annex 2D) is to be submitted with the nomination, which will be further developed during the Training module delivery into a full project proposal with the assistance of the AFD Technical Assistant.

HOW TO APPLY

12. Applications must be endorsed by a SPREP Focal Point, and must include the following:

- A photocopy of each nominee's passport identification page;
- One (1) Training Program Nomination Form for each nominee, endorsed by the SPREP Focal Point (Annex 2A);
- One (1) Nominee Curriculum Vitae for each nominee (Annex 2B); and
- Project Concept Application Form (Annex 2D) – this can be one (1) form per nominee or one (1) form per country.
- A letter of support from the nominee's employer (see paragraph 7 above).

13. The completed Application Package must be submitted to stanleye@sprep.org by Friday 30th November 2012. For those with Internet difficulties, applications faxed to +685 20231 will also be accepted.

This is a unique opportunity for training in solid waste management that should not be missed. I therefore encourage eligible Member countries to participate by nominating candidates that meet the stipulated criteria. Please contact stanleye@sprep.org if you require any further clarifications.

Yours truly,

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