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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
(Marshall Is, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Commonwealth of the North Marianas, Palau)

cc: CROP Organisations
Collaborating Organisations

SUBJECT: Pacific Climate Change Portal Training Workshop, 19th -21st February, 2013.

Dear Focal Points and Partner Agencies,

We would like to invite representation from your government or organisation to participate in the Pacific Climate Change Portal Sub-regional Training Workshop which will be held from the 19th-21st February in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

Funding support for this workshop will be provided by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community through the European Union funded Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Islands States Project, with additional funding provided by SPREP.

The Pacific Climate Change Portal is designed as a hub for information about climate change in the region. To ensure that the portal is useful and properly represents the current state of climate information and activities in your country, we are offering a training opportunity on (1) how the portal works; (2) how to contribute to the portal resources and tools; and (3) developing national portals related to climate change.

This training is targeting those individuals in the Pacific Island Countries and partner organizations who are likely to have a practical role in supplying or updating the regional portal with climate change information for their country or agency. It is desirable that the nominated person have the following skills: content selection relating to climate change information, good computer skills, experience entering data into databases and updating website content. We would also hope to include a professional from each country who works within a national ministry that has a climate change role. We request that countries select the appropriate candidates based on the above.

The Secretariat is calling for nominations of **two participants from each country or partner organization, one preferably from a database /information management background, and one participant that has a climate change background.**

Please note participants will be requested to bring with them the following information to populate the portal:

- Planned climate change events (workshops or meetings) for 2013;
- Documents – national climate change policies or similar documents;
- List of experts (name, contact details, specialty) that they work with and would recommend for the portal;
- Useful links – website links that may be of relevance to climate change practitioners in the PICTs;
- Links to YouTube videos or other online multimedia content that they would like to upload to the portal;
- Committees – names and details of national committees including chairs and co-chairs relating to the area of climate change;
- List of national climate change projects that are "Completed", "Current" or "Planned" to enter into the Pacific Climate Change Projects Database;

- Contributions to the participant's Country Profile (see for example http://www.pacificclimatechange.net/index.php/country-profiles/change) in particular related to the themes of the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (http://www.sprep.org/att/publication/000809_PIFACC.pdf)

To ensure that we secure flight and accommodation to attend this 3 day workshop, we kindly ask you to send in your nominations to Victorina at victorinalj@spc.int no later than 25th January 2013.

Yours sincerely,

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