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Circular No. 14/38

SUBJECT: Update about the regional Medium Sized GEF Project (NPIF-Pacific) to assist PICs ratify and implement the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising out of their Utilization.

Dear Focal Points,

Further to Circular 13/32 of 20 May 2013, regarding the GEF, UNEP and SPREP regional Medium Sized Project titled "Ratification and Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in the countries of the Pacific" (hereafter referred to as NPIF-Pacific), I am delighted to provide you with the following update:

i) The NPIF-Pacific Project Identification Form (PIF) and Project Preparation Grant (PPG) was approved on the 11th of December 2013 by the GEF Secretariat.
ii) The Small-Scale Fund Agreement (SSFA) between SPREP and UNEP was signed on the 2nd of April 2014 which now enables SPREP to proceed with the implementation of PPG activities.

In relation to (ii), please note the following planned activities under the NPIF-Pacific in 2014:

i) SPREP is now in the process of recruiting a consultant to write the Project Document (ProDoc) for the NPIF-Pacific which is planned to be finalized at the end of October 2014.
ii) An initial draft of the Project Document particularly, the Results Framework will be discussed during the GIZ ABS Contract Negotiation Workshop which is planned for August 2014.

SPREP as the Executing Agency of the NPIF-Pacific regional project, will be responsible for managing the implementation of PPG activities and deliverables.

Please find attached, the PIF and PPG approval letter from the GEF Secretariat for your information. For further questions or additional information, please contact Easter Galuvao – Biodiversity Adviser on easterg@sprep.org and Clark Peteru – Legal Adviser on clarkp@sprep.org and copy Anna Bertram annab@sprep.org.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment: PIF and PPG Approval

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