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**TO:** SPREP National Focal Points
Maritime Focal Points

**SUBJECT: Invitation to attend the Regional Workshop to review and update the current Pacific Ocean Pollution Prevention Programme, 2010-2014**

Dear Focal Points,

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), I write to invite your government's participation in a "Regional Workshop to review the current Pacific Ocean Pollution Prevention Programme, 2010-2014 (PACPOL), to be held in Brisbane, Australia, 20-24 October 2014. At this stage a venue has not been established and will not be until confirmed numbers are known. A draft programme for the workshop is attached at, Annex 1.

The objectives for the Workshop are to:

→ Review the 2010-2014 PACPOL strategy for Pacific Island Countries,

→ Draft a revised PACPOL Strategy for Pacific Island Countries, and

→ Develop draft work plan items that will address the implementation of the revised strategy.

The Workshop is aimed at government administrators, preferable at a senior level with responsibility for technical and policy-making decisions relating to the prevention and control of pollution arising from shipping, with their respective country Exclusive Economic Zone.

It is envisaged that two (2) participant's will be sponsored to attend this workshop from the following countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

In accordance with IMO document Programme No: TC/1442, Australia, France, United Kingdom, United States of America and New Zealand are to be self funded for this activity.

Unfortunately the IMO funding does not extend to the territories of *American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, Tokelau and Wallis and Futuna* as well as non-IMO member countries, therefore participation in this training will be at your own cost for these nationals.

It would be appreciated if you could complete the attached registration form (Annex 2) at your earliest convenience but no later than **30th June 2014**.

I look forward to receiving your early response, once participants have been identified all finer details will be managed directly with the nominated participant. In closing, thank you for your consideration of this valuable Workshop.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti
**Officer-In-Charge**

Annexes: (1) Draft Workshop Programme; and (2) Nomination Form