Sixth Oceania Regional Meeting for Ramsar COP12 (ORM-6)
18-20 August 2014
Nadi, Fiji

The **Sixth Oceania Regional Meeting for Ramsar COP12 (ORM-6)** will be held Nadi, Fiji from 18-20 August 2014.

This meeting has been made possible through generous financial support from the Government of Australia and through voluntary donations to the Ramsar Secretariat. The meeting is co-organized by SPREP and the Ramsar Convention Secretariat.

Meeting Objectives:

The specific objectives of the meeting are:

- To discuss and share experiences on issues, priorities and challenges currently faced by the Ramsar Oceania Parties in the conservation of their wetlands.
- To gauge the progress of the national, regional and global implementation of the Ramsar Convention since the last COP (COP11) in 2012.
- To take stock of progress of implementation of the Regional Wetlands Action Plan for the Pacific Islands (2011-2013) and discuss next steps for action plan.
- To provide an update on COP12 preparations and issues that will constitute Draft Resolutions at the COP.
- To nominate the Oceania representatives to the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) and the Ramsar Standing Committee from COP12.

For this meeting, we have pleasure in inviting the National Focal Point, or a related and relevant officer, from the following Oceania Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (Australia, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea and Samoa).

The nominated representatives from Pacific island Contracting Parties will be financially supported to attend this meeting. This support covers return economy-air travel through the most direct and economical route, hotel accommodation and basic daily subsistence allowances to cover meals and incidentals.

In order to complete these arrangements, kindly forward the details of your nominated representatives using the attached nomination form. Please complete the form and forward via email to the SPREP Programme Assistant Makerita Atiga (makeritaa@sprep.org) as soon as possible but no later than **Monday July 14, 2014.**

Confirmed participants are kindly requested to make their own visa arrangements for stopovers/transits en route, if needed. The meeting agenda and associated documentation will be sent out once we receive confirmation of nominated participants. For further information please contact Vainuupo Jungblut (Ramsar Officer Oceania, email: vainuupoj@sprep.org, phone (685) 66282) or Lew Young (Senior Regional Advisor for Asia-Oceania, Ramsar Secretariat, email: young@ramsar.org).

We look forward to your participation at this important meeting to prepare our region for the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

Yours sincerely,



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