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SUBJECT: 2nd Pacific High Level Support Mechanism (HLSM) preparatory meeting for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties

Dear focal points,

We are pleased to be able to invite you to attend the 2nd Pacific Preparatory Meeting for the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties. This 2nd meeting will focus on preparation for COP 20. The 2nd HLSM is being held in partnership with Climate Analytics and will be held from the 6th to 8th of October, at the Marshall Islands Resort, in Majuro, in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI).

The first two days (**Saturday 4th of October and Monday 6th October**) will be aimed at both Ministers who will be attending COP 20, and their lead climate change negotiator. These two days will be looking specially to prepare Ministers and their climate change officials for COP 20.

The second two days (**Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th October**) will be for climate change negotiator only, and will look at developing strategies for COP 20, as well as include a day of negotiations training.

This initiative is being sponsored through the High Level Support Mechanism (HLSM), a project run by Climate Analytics which aims to enhance the participation of Ministers from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDC"s) to engage in the United Nations and other international climate change processes.

SPREP will be paying for the participation of **Pacific Island Countries Environment Ministers**, and this is being done through sponsorship of Ministers to attend both the SPREP Ministerial Meeting (being held in RMI on Friday October 3rd) as well as sponsorship for their participation until the end of Monday 6th of October.

Additionally, SPREP would like to invite each Pacific Island Country who is a Party to the UNFCCC to also nominate their **lead climate change negotiator**, who will be attending COP 20. SPREP will be covering the cost of a return airfare and DSA for one negotiator per country to attend his event in RMI, from the 4th to 8th of October (a separate invitation has been issued directly to Environment Ministers for this event, as part of the SPREP Meeting communications).

Countries are invited to please send the name of one key negotiator to Diane McFadzien (dianem@sprep.org) or Joyce Tulua (joycet@sprep.org) no later than **Friday 5th of September, 2014.**

Additional information on the meeting, including logistical information and the agenda will be sent out in due course.

For any additional queries, please do not hesitate to write to Diane McFadzien, Climate Change Adaptation Advisor (dianem@sprep.org) or Joyce Tulua, Climate Change Programme Assistant (joycet@sprep.org).

Yours sincerely,



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