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On behalf of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), I write to announce the Pacific Environment Forum 2014, and invite your attendance. The Pacific Environment Forum (PEF) is an initiative by the Secretariat to meet long-standing Member requests for a more informal setting to facilitate discussion amongst officials and other stakeholders on key environmental, technical and institutional issues. The PEF is held prior to the SPREP Meeting on the 29th September, in Majuro, RMI, allowing for the outcomes to be tabled at the SPREP Meeting.

The 2014 PEF will focus on waste and pollution management issues that underpin the development of Pacific island societies. The aim is to inform and assist participants so that their own planning and actions take advantage of the most up-to-date information available for the region. The 2011-2015 SPREP Strategic Plan commits the Secretariat to improve Member's technical capacity to manage pollution, solid waste and hazardous chemicals through training, technical advice and support.

The theme of the 2014 Pacific Environment Forum is *"Waste and Pollution Management in the Pacific: Status and Solutions"*. The meeting objectives are to:

- Provide participants with an overview of current regional waste and pollution management initiatives;
- Provide participants with an overview of current national solid and hazardous waste management initiatives;
- Identify priority areas for future targeted waste management intervention at the regional and national levels; and
- Identify regional and national recycling priorities for the next 5 years.

We look forward to your active contribution at the Forum in September, and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the speakers who are presenting an update on a range of topical waste and pollution issues for the region.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. David Sheppard
Director General

PEF 2014 Agenda: **"Waste and Pollution Management in the Pacific: Status and Solutions"**

Date: **29th September, 2014**

Location: **Majuro, Marshall Islands**

Time	Topic	Invited Presenter
0830-0900	Registration	
0900-0915	Opening Address: *"Waste and Pollution Management in the Pacific: Status and Solutions"*	David Sheppard (SPREP)
Regional Waste Management Initiatives (Chair Jesus Lavina)		
0915-0930	The regional status of asbestos management	Stewart Williams (SPREP)
0930-0945	The regional status of E-waste management	Stewart Williams (SPREP)
0945-1000	The regional status of health care waste management	David Haynes (SPREP)
1000-1015	**Regional Waste Management Discussion**	**Jesus Lavina (EU)**
1015-1045	Morning Tea	
National Solid Waste Management Initiatives (Chair Vaitoti Tupa)		
1045-1100	Fiji: Labasa landfill remediation	Faafetai Sagapolutele (JICA)
1100-1115	French Polynesia: Waste management and invasive species	Bran Quinquis
1115-1130	RMI: Integrated atoll waste management	Bruce Kijiner (OEPPC)
1130-1145	Samoa: Waste management audits for SIDS	Tony Talouli (SPREP)
1145-1200	Tonga: Recycling education programme	Mafile'o Masi (MLECCNR)
1200-1230	**National Solid Waste Management Discussion**	**Vaitoti Tupa (NES)**
1230-1330	Lunch	
National Hazardous Waste Management Initiatives (Chair Bruce Kijiner)		
1330-1345	FSM: World War II Wrecks	Andrew Yatilman (OEEM)
1345-1400	Kiribati: E-waste management	Turang Teuea (ECD)
1400-1415	Wallis and Futuna: Integrated waste management	Atoloto Malau (ES)
1415-1430	Samoa: Used oil management	Suluimalo Amataga Penaia (MNRE)
1430-1445	**National Hazardous Waste Management Discussion**	**Bruce Kijiner (OEPCC)**
1445-1515	Afternoon Tea	
Regional recycling (Chair Eleni Tokaduadua)		
1515-1545	Status of the 3Rs and integrated waste management	Shiro Amano (JICA)
1545-1615	**Pacific 3Rs plus Return: Discussion and Prioritisation**	**Eleni Tokaduadua (FED)**
1615-1630	Closing Remarks	David Sheppard (SPREP)
1630	Finish	