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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
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SUBJECT: **Pacific Climate Change Roundtable Announcement**

Dear SPREP Members and Partners,

The 2015 Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) meeting will be hosted in Apia, Samoa from 11 to 13 May. We are pleased to acknowledge the support of our inter-governmental regional organisation and development partners, and the generous financial support of Switzerland. A closed preparatory meeting for the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations in June will also be held for the Pacific Island Countries from 14 to 15 May, 2015.

The PCCR is a bi-annual meeting of regional and national governments, organisations and donors involved in climate change activities in the Pacific region. It is the premier forum in our region to share ideas on climate change and to ensure coordination in support of Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) efforts in dealing with climate change.

The main objectives of the 2015 PCCR will be to:

a) update the region on the latest climate change science and climate change finance issues and their implications for the region and the FCCC negotiations;
b) review the implementation of the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC) against agreed indicators provided in its M&E framework;
c) facilitate and develop mechanisms to strengthen networking, partnerships and collaboration among PICTs and their partners in the area of climate change as a cross cutting issue impacting on sustainable development in the region; and
d) convene a session on the new Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development Plan (SRDP)

The 2015 PCCR is a crucial platform as it will assess overall progress in the region, and consider how the new Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development Plan (SRDP), which combines PIFACC and the Regional Disaster Risk Management Framework for Action (RDRM), will be implemented by the climate change community. This single regional strategy will encompass all climate change and natural disaster issues from 2015 onwards when both PIFACC and RDRM expire.

The PCCR will also provide Pacific Island Country delegations to the Paris Conference of the Parties with further relevant information to guide their decision making. It will also guide requests to development partners, including the financial mechanism of the UNFCCC in terms of emerging issues or trends. The PCCR will identify emerging gaps requiring priority action and make adjustments to existing activities to accommodate priorities in future. Regional organisations will, where necessary, provide support and a coordinating role for regional and international reporting.

All information relating to the PCCR as it becomes available, will be posted on the Pacific Climate Change Portal website at www.pacificclimatechange.net/index.php/pccr . The venue in Samoa will be communicated once confirmed.

Please note that limited side event slots will be made available at the PCCR, which will provide opportunities for showcasing relevant climate change programmes. Organisations wishing to host a side event should register their interest no later than Friday 20 March to Ms. Joyce Tulua joycet@sprep.org.

We welcome all of our focal points and partners to this key regional climate change meeting. The SPREP focal points for the PCCR are the Director of Climate Change, Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti netatuap@sprep.org and the Climate Change Adviser, Mr. Espen Ronneberg espenr@sprep.org . Please contact them directly for further information and/or assistance.

We welcome you to Samoa and look forward to your participation in the 2015 Pacific Climate Roundtable.

Kind regards,

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