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To: SPREP PIC National Focal Points
cc: PIC national climate change focal points

SUBJECT: Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction: Pacific Events and Secretariat Support to Members participating.

Dear Members;

The Secretariat will be attending the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction hosted in Sendai, Japan from 14 – 18 March in support of Members who will be participating in the conference, as well as speaking at side events.

SPREP is also working in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS), the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) to coordinate Key Pacific Side Event called : *Building Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change for Sustainable Development in the Pacific".* This event will promote the Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP).

The World Conference handbook and information note can be found at: http://www.wcdrr.org/resources/announcements

The SPREP team will be led by Mr. Kosi Latu, Deputy Director General, and accompanied by Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti Director of Climate Change, Ms. Tagaloa Cooper Climate Change Coordination Adviser and Ms. Nanette Woonton Media and Public Relations Officer.

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Yours Faithfully,

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