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**SUBJECT:** Invitation to further review the Cleaner Pacific 2025 (Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016 to 2025

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Dear SPREP Community,

As you may be aware, the Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy or Cleaner Pacific 2025 is being developed through a collaboration between SPREP and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The document is now in its final stage of revision after being subjected to two levels of consultation: a) at the sub-Regional level, and b) at the regional level.

Three sub-Regional consultations were held in Nadi (Melanesia Region), Apia (Polynesia Region) and Guam (Micronesia Region & Atoll countries) from June to July 2015. The regional consultation was held in Suva on the 15th to the 16th July 2015. The overwhelming interest and cooperation by Member countries, donors and partners to these consultations enabled the progressive refinement of the strategic actions and associated Implementation Activities contained in the Strategy.

This consultative process allowed Member countries, donors and partners to provide inputs into the document and ensure that the future directions in the waste and pollution management sector will address regional and national priorities.

At this juncture, we would like to give Member countries, and CROP and partner organisations a final opportunity to review the documents which are available on our website www.sprep.org/attachments/draft/Cleaner_Pacific_2025_RegionalWastePollutionStrategy_Draft.pdf and www.sprep.org/attachments/draft/Cleaner_Pacific_2025_ImplementationPlan_Draft.pdf.
Please provide written submissions and comments in the attached forms to the Secretariat through our Solid Waste Management Adviser, Ms Ma Bella Guinto, via email bellag@sprep.org **by the 14th September 2015 at the latest**. This will allow consolidation of comments for consideration for endorsement at the SPREP meeting in September 2015.

With sincere thanks,

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