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FILE: SPREP 2/22 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points

DATE: 11 March 2016

CIRCULAR: 16/11

SUBJECT: **Update of the next SPREP Strategic Plan**

Dear Members,

Further to Circular 16/02 on the Friends of the Chair for Development of the next SPREP Strategic Plan this seeks to update Members of progress to date.

In line with the decision of the 2015 SPREP Meeting, the development of the Strategic Plan is being led by the Secretariat. The Secretariat has established an internal Taskforce consisting of the Senior Management Team to help lead and coordinate the planning and development process. The Secretariat is being supported with intermittent inputs from the the Regional Advisory Services (RAS) and independent consultants Change Factory.

Week of March 7: Interdivisional Workshop for All Staff

- The Secretariat has contracted through open tender Australian based firm Change Factory. Mr. Kevin Dwyer and Mr. Mik Becker are the consultants, who will support the Secretariat with the development of the Strategic Plan. A two day workshop was held on 7 and 8 March with all staff to discuss key aspects of the Strategic Plan including regional and organisational priorities and objectives, as part of the development process. This built upon an earlier workshop held with staff in February.
- Also present was the Regional Advisory Services (RAS) consultant Ms. Annabel Brown, Advisor and Facilitator for Development Effectiveness. Ms. Brown is providing intermittent and independent advice on the options to consider in the preparation of the new Strategic Plan. The RAS assistance is funded by the Government of Australia through DFAT and is to support the lead development by the Secretariat of the new Strategic Plan.

Week of March 21: Members and Partners Survey

- A Members and Partners Survey will be disseminated by the Secretariat in the week of March 21, 2016 using an online survey through SurveyGizmo. The results of this survey will provide invaluable input into what will be included and or considered in the draft Strategic Plan. The draft plan will be presented for discussion to Members at the Regional Workshop in July. It is important, that we have your support with the completion of the survey to gain insight, into what Members view are important priorities to be reflected in the new Strategic Plan.

Week of April 11: Teleconference Meeting of the FoC with Troika on Strategic Plan

- There will be a meeting of the Friends of the Chair (Australia, Cook Islands, Kiribati) with the SPREP Troika (NZ, RMI, Niue) by teleconference. The date will be in the week of 11 April and will be confirmed shortly. A discussion paper will be disseminated before the meeting on options for Members to consider on the Strategic Plan including the preliminary summary of results of the Members and Partners Surveys. If other Members are interested in being part of the FoC please contact Ms. Audrey Brown-Pereira by email audreyp@sprep.org.

Week of July 18 (TBC): Regional Workshop on Development of the Strategic Plan

- The Regional Workshop is proposed for the third week of July and will be hosted in Samoa. Confirmation of the dates and venue, with more detailed information will be provided at a later date by the Secretariat. The Regional Workshop will be an important gathering to gain the views of Members on key priorities, challenges and opportunities for the Pacific region.

On behalf of the Secretariat, we look forward to working with Members towards the development and finalisation of our new Strategic Plan, which shall be presented to the 27th SPREP Meeting in Niue in September, 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat for any further information and/or assistance.

Kind regards,



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