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FILE: AP 3/4/1 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points

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SUBJECT: **Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change Meeting, 11 – 13 April, Nairobi, Kenya**

Dear Focal Points,

We are drawing your attention to the meeting of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in Nairobi, Kenya from 11 to 13 April, 2016.

As an integral part of the Paris Agreement a call was made for the IPCC to develop a special report in 2018 on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways. Because of the numerous additional requests being made to the IPCC for special reports, there is a danger that the focus of the special report requested on 1.5 degrees may be diluted.

The Secretariat is therefore bringing this to your attention so that any delegations you may have at the Nairobi meeting can be briefed on the issue. We are attaching for your information a paper developed by our partner organisation Climate Analytics that provides more details.

It should also be pointed out that while all 14 Pacific Island Countries are Members of the IPCC, not all countries have designated focal points for IPCC – see http://ipcc.ch/apps/contact/interface/focalpoints.php) and some focal points are no longer in that position. It is recommended that Members update the IPCC Secretariat on their focal points. Also attached is the outcome statement from the recent High Level Support Mechanism meeting in Samoa, that clearly supports a stand-alone special report on 1.5 degrees.

It should also be noted that the region has also expressed great support for a special report on oceans as well. It should be noted that technical and scientific support will be available at the IPCC meeting from Climate Analytics, and in this regard would request that the names of delegates to the IPCC be communicated to the Secretariat for transmission to Climate Analytics.

Yours sincerely,

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