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FILE: SPREP 2/22 **TO:** SPREP National Focal Points
DATE: 20 May 2016
CIRCULAR: 16/35
SUBJECT: Friends of the Chair on the SPREP Strategic Plan

Dear Members,

Please find attached the key points of discussion raised by the Friends and the Chair and the SPREP Troika in the meeting of 13 April, 2016. The Friends of the Chair include Australia, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Kiribati and New Caledonia; with the SPREP Troika of the Republic of Marshall Islands, New Zealand and Niue.

For the information of all Members, the following are the proposed dates of the forthcoming meetings of the Friends of the Chair, which have been linked to key milestones in the development of the SPREP Strategic Plan.

Future Meetings of the Friends of the Chair

June

- **FOC meeting proposed for Friday June 17** (9am to 12 pm Samoa date and time)
  - Key items for discussion include synopsis of survey findings from members, partners and staff, as well as update on progress to date.
- June 24 is the SPREP "Staff Challenge Workshop" to test the draft version of the strategic plan and implementation plan.

July

- **FOC meeting proposed for Friday July 8** (9am to 12 pm Samoa date and time)
  - Key items for discussion include follow-up from "Staff Challenge Workshop" and outputs of working groups.
  - Key items for discussion include expectations for the regional workshop and progress to date including the latest draft versions of the strategic plan and implementation plan.
- July 18 is the week of the Strategic Plan Regional Workshop. Details are currently being finalised.

August

- **FOC meeting proposed for Friday August 5** (9am to 12 pm Samoa date and time)
  - Key item to discuss is the latest version of strategic plan and implementation plan.

Should additional members seek to be part of future Friends of the Chair meetings, please let the Secretariat know through the Executive Officer Ms. Audrey Brown-Pereira audreyp@sprep.org.

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

Kind regards,

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