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CIRCULAR:	16/37		SPREP Partner Organisations

SUBJECT: **SPREP Regional Workshop of new SPREP Strategic Plan (18-19 July, Samoa)**

Dear SPREP Members and Partners,

This serves as an invitation to attend the SPREP Regional Workshop for the development of the new SPREP Strategic Plan to be held at the Tanoa Tusitala Hotel in Apia, Samoa from 18 to 19 July 2016. Following the completion of the online surveys for Members and Partners, this is another opportunity to provide direct and invaluable input into the development of the new SPREP Strategic Plan and Performance Implementation Plan.

Programme

The SPREP Regional Workshop will be facilitated by consultants Change Factory with the presence of the Senior Management Team and Taskforce of the Secretariat and the Regional Advisory Services (RAS) consultant Ms. Annabel Brown. A draft outline of the programme will be disseminated next week. The Regional Workshop is important to ensuring the views of Members and Partners, as well as the environmental and development priorities of the region, are reflected in the new plans.

Sponsorship

The Secretariat will sponsor one (1) official from each Pacific island country and territory member. This includes return airfares by the most direct route and a daily subsistence allowance (DSA). The DSA rate will be USD $134 per day in Apia. Sponsored participants will be responsible for their hotel accommodation and any additional bills at the end of the workshop. Nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than Friday 01 July 2016.

Registration

For all participants please register your participation to Ms. Audrey Brown-Pereira, Executive Officer via email to audreyp@sprep.org. This will assist the Secretariat with the logistical arrangements required for the workshop.

Appreciation

I would like to take this opportunity to thank New Caledonia for the assistance extended to the Secretariat with the provision of an interpreter for the workshop. This will greatly assist the important input of all Members and Partners, particularly our French speaking members.

We greatly value our Members and Partners, your participation and input into the new Strategic Plan will guide the future work of SPREP to address the many environmental and development challenges now and into the future for our Pacific region.

Kind regards,



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