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SUBJECT: Launch of the Pacific Network for Environmental Assessment

Dear SPREP Focal Points,

SPREP has launched the **Pacific Network for Environmental Assessment (PNEA)**, a web-based tool for government officials in SPREP member countries that is focused on environmental impact assessment (EIA) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA). This initiative meets SPREP Strategic Plan 2011-2015 target Environmental Monitoring and Governance 3.1: *to establish a network for environmental assessment and planning professionals in the Pacific*.

Government officials who work in the area of environmental planning and assessment can use the PNEA site to request assistance with:

- development or review of EIA or SEA legislation;
- preparation of terms of reference for EIA or SEA reports;
- review of EIA or SEA reports;
- writing approval conditions for new developments;
- EIA or SEA training and capacity-building;
- strengthening EIA or SEA for specific development sectors; and
- finding consultants to assist with EIA or SEA.

PNEA provides access to publicly-available EIA and SEA reports from Pacific island countries and it highlights EIA/SEA news and events relevant to the Pacific region. The new site complements SPREP's EIA and SEA capacity-building programme, including SPREP's recently launched Regional EIA Guidelines: http://www.sprep.org/attachments/Publications/EMG/regional-eia-guidelines.pdf.

Government officials are encouraged to register and join PNEA at: http://pnea.sprep.org.

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