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FILE: AP 6/5/8/1 **TO:** SPREP Development Partners

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SUBJECT: **Cleaner Pacific 2025: Request for input from development partners**

1. Background

The Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2025 (Cleaner Pacific 2025) endorsed during the 26th SPREP Meeting in Apia, Samoa, is a regional strategy that addresses waste and pollution management. It's a first for the Pacific with one of its objectives to facilitate networking and dialogue among various sectors in the region on waste and pollution management. This inclusion of many players in these sectors was operationalised through the inaugural Clean Pacific Roundtable held in Suva July 2016.

Cleaner Pacific 2025 embraces the following approaches to implement the established strategic actions across all waste streams:

a. Regional data collection;
b. Development of policies and regulations;
c. Promotion of public private partnerships;
d. Implementation of best practices;
e. Improvement of human capacity; and
f. Promotion of best practices through regional exchange and community education.

2. Country consultation process

There are already many players working in the areas of waste and pollution management in the region and implementing activities that contribute to Cleaner Pacific 2025. These include the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), European Union (EU), Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Agence Francaise de Developpment (AFD), as well as many UN specialised agencies such as UN Environment, International Maritime Organization (IMO), World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

SPREP is currently in the process of holding country consultations with Pacific island countries, including face-to-face meetings, on the development of activities for the EU's 11th European Development Fund (EDF11) Pacific-EU Waste Management Programme.

The EU is one of the largest donors in the Pacific and contributes significantly towards the development of Pacific island countries. In June 2015, EU and the PACPS agreed to a Pacific Regional Indicative Programme (PRIP) for 2014-2020 with an allocation totaling € 166 million for a range of regional activities to be undertaken in agreed areas to be funded under EDF11. These country consultations, already underway, have included the request for PICs to complete a Country Prioritisation Matrix, and will assist in the preparation of the programme's detailed Action Document to meet the EU review in June 2017.

3. Development Partners consultation process

Similar to the country consultation process, we are kindly requesting development partner representatives to complete the attached *Development Partner Activity Matrix* to help inform discussions on the implementation of Cleaner Pacific 2025 through project development such as the Pacific-EU Waste Management Programme.

We request that you please return the completed *Development Partner Activity Matrix* to Ms Amber Carvan by **5pm** on **Wednesday, 26 April, 2017**.

4. Further information

For further information please contact Ms Amber Carvan, Waste Management and Pollution Control Division on amberc@sprep.org

Yours sincerely,



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