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PROTECT PACIFIC WHALES – OCEAN VOYAGERS

The Pacific environment, sustaining our livelihoods and natural heritage in harmony with our cultures.

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CC: CROP Organisations
SPREP Partner Organisations

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SUBJECT: **SPREP at the UN Ocean Conferences 5-9 June 2017**

Dear SPREP Members,

The Secretariat is pleased to provide you with information about SPREP at the UN Ocean Conference in New York from June 5-9, 2017. An e-flyer has been prepared as a separate attachment which outlines what SPREP will be doing at the conference including the:

1. **SPREP Side Event: The Pacific Voyage – Our Ocean, Our People, Our Pacific**
   Ocean Pollution ● Ocean Conservation ● Ocean and Climate Change
   8 June, 3. – 4.30pm, Conference Room 12, UN Headquarters

2. **SPREP and Partnership Dialogues**
   SPREP will be a panellist for the Partnership Dialogue 1 on the theme "Addressing Marine Pollution", Monday, 5 June 2017, 3.00 - 6.00pm in Conference Room 4, UN Headquarters.

3. **SPREP and Voluntary Commitments now in the Ocean Conference Registry of Voluntary Commitments**

   - Cleaner Seas for a Cleaner Pacific #15962
   - Pacific Ocean Research Alliance #OceanAction15810
   - Pacific Partnership on Ocean Acidification #OceanAction15798
   - Protecting, conserving and restoring whale populations in the Pacific islands #OceanAction16006

4. **Photo Exhibition: Our Pacific islands, Our Ocean, Our Home**
   5 – 9 June, 2017. Express Bar – Level 3 General Assembly Hall Building
   A joint partnership between the Government of Fiji and SPREP, exhibiting images from the Pacific islands taken by photographer Mr. Stuart Chape.

5. **SPREP Booth: Pacific Actions, Pacific Ocean, Pacific People Showcased**
   5 – 9 June, 2017. 1B Neck Area, first basement area of the UN Secretariat, between the Vienne Café and conference elevators.

6. **To enhance the media profile of the Pacific SPREP is working in partnership with:**

   - Ms. Makereta Komai, Senior Editor and Manager of PINA/PACNEWS Agency; and
   - Mr. Samisoni Pareti, Managing Editor of Islands Business International.
   - The experienced media team will be working alongside Ms. Nanette Woonton, Media and Public Relations Officer nanettew@sprep.org at the UN Ocean Conference.

7. Please refer to the e-flyer for the full list of SPREP supported Partner Side Events and more detailed information and links.

SPREP has also prepared as a separate attachment the 'Survival Tips' to support Pacific delegations at the UN Ocean Conference. SPREP will also be bringing to New York for each Pacific delegation five (5) copies of the 'Compass' a SPREP publication format used in previous COPs, which will further assist delegations in their deliberations.

The SPREP team to New York including arrival dates and place of accommodation are listed as follows:

Accommodated at the ONE UN New York Hotel

1. Mr. Kosi Latu, Director General (kosil@sprep.org) arrival on June 3.
2. Mr. Anthony Talouli, Pollution Adviser (anthonyt@sprep.org) arrival on June 2.
3. Ms. Nanette Woonton, Media and Public Relations Officer (nanettew@sprep.org) and
4. Ms. Audrey Brown-Pereira, Executive Officer (audreyp@sprep.org) both arrive on May 30.

Accommodated at The Court – A St Giles Hotel

5. Mr. Stuart Chape, Director of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management (stuartc@sprep.org) arrival on June 2.
6. Mr. Michael Donoghue, Marine and Threatened Species Adviser (michaeld@sprep.org) arrival on 29 May.

Accommodated at Air BnB (E. 38th and 2nd)

7. Dr. Tommy Moore, PI-GOOS Officer (tommym@sprep.org) arrival on June 1.
8. Dr. Tiffany Straza, Consultant Oceanographer and Communications (tstraza@gmail.com) arrival on June 1.

Please let our SPREP team know of your delegation (including email addresses) travelling to the UN Ocean Conference by contacting audreyp@sprep.org. Our team of experts listed above will be available to provide technical advice to support your respective delegations alongside our peer CROP Agencies travelling to New York.

For more information on the UN Ocean Conference please refer to our SPREP website https://www.sprep.org/pacific-voyage-un-ocean-conference-2017/home including links to our Pacific Fact Sheets https://www.sprep.org/pacific-voyage-un-ocean-conference-2017/our-journey-pacbriefs

Kind regards,



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