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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
Climate Change Focal Point

SUBJECT: Invitation to the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) 01-03 October 2017 Holiday Inn, Suva Fiji as part of the "Resilience Week"

Dear Focal Points

The Pacific Region remains one of the most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and disasters and thus has a direct impact on Pacific people's livelihoods. The *Pacific Resilience Week* is an opportunity to bring representatives from the Humanitarian, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction communities together, to discuss opportunities under the endorsed Framework for Resilient Development (FRDP) which integrates Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management efforts in the Pacific Region and culminate in a series of meetings for the two communities of practice under the auspices of Pacific Resilience.

The Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) meeting will be held in Suva Fiji from the 1st to 3rd of October 2017, thanks to the generous contribution by the government of Germany. PCCR is one of a series of meetings planned for the Pacific Resilience Week and will highlight and profile Pacific resilience and efforts being made in the region.

The PCCR has been held on a bi-annual basis attended by regional and national governments organisations and donors involved in climate change activities in the Pacific region. It has been the premier forum in our region to share ideas on climate change and to ensure coordination in support of Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) efforts to adapt to climate change.

The 2017 PCCR has the following objectives:

(1) to share lessons learnt in the context of climate change implementation in the region since 2015 PCCR, and to facilitate discussions on replicating such actions in the Pacific Region;
(2) Raise awareness of climate change officials and partners on the approved Framework for Resilience Development in the Pacific (FRDP) and its Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP);
(3) To facilitate discussions on the PCCR arrangements could transition to the FRDP and PRP;
(4) Collate baseline information on climate change and disaster risk management activities at the national level and capture best practices approach for replication;
(5) Provide a platform for information exchange on key regional and international outcomes on climate and disaster related initiatives.

The Joint Platform between the Disaster and Climate Change will then follow on the 4-5 of October.

Date	Session	Venue
October 01st	Welcome and Resilience Week Opening	Holiday Inn Suva
October 02nd - 03rd	Pacific Climate Change Round Table (PCCR)	Holiday Inn Suva
October 04th - 05th	Joint Pacific Climate Change Round Table and Pacific Platform for DRR	Holiday Inn Suva

SPREP will be able to finance participation of two (2) delegates from the SPREP Pacific island countries and we look forward to receiving your nominations who are involved in Climate Change planning, finance, implementation or the like, in your country. To that end, please send your two nominations to attend the PCCR on the 02-03 October to Ms. Azarel Maiai azarelm@sprep.org. This will include cost of return air fare for the most economical route including accommodation and per diems during the duration of the joint events. An administrative note concerning arrangements will be provided once confirmation of attendance is received. To confirm your participation please complete the attached Nomination form and return with a copy of your passport. Please note that the deadline for the receipt of nominations is to be received no later than **15 September 2017.**

Please note that the participants will also be funded to attend the Joint Pacific Climate Change Roundtable and Pacific Platform for DRR which will follow on the 04-05 October.

For more information please contact the Acting Director for the Climate Change Division - Mr. Espen Ronneberg espenr@spre.org and copy: Azarel Maiai azarelm@sprep.org and Tagaloa Cooper – tagaloac@sprep.org.

We look forward to your participation.

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