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SUBJECT: COP 23 Preparatory Meeting, 12-14 October 2017 under the IMPACT project

Dear focal points,

The Secretariat in partnership with Climate Analytics, will be convening a COP 23 Preparatory Meeting under the IMPACT project, from **12- 14 October 2017**, at the Nadi Novotel Hotel, Nadi Fiji. The IMPACT project will build upon the support provided in the region under the High Level Support Mechanism (HLSM).

The objectives of this meeting are as follows:

- To provide negotiators and ministers with a forum to prepare for COP 23 to be held in Bonn, Germany from 6 - 17 November 2017 and to develop regional inputs on the agenda items of importance to the region;
- To provide the ministers with a briefing on the state of the negotiations and the proposed Pacific SIDS positions on those agenda items that are important for the region for their consideration, and prepare ministers to engage effectively in the High-Level segment of the COP; and
- To identify opportunities for SIDS arising from the fact that the COP23 Presidency will be held by Fiji.

SPREP Pacific Island member countries are invited to nominate the below to attend this meeting:

- 1 minister (responsible for climate change)
- 1 senior climate change negotiator

Return economy airfares for the two delegates per country as well as a daily subsistence allowance to cover accommodation and meal costs will be covered by SPREP. All funded participants from the selected countries will require to stay at the Novotel Hotel Nadi for the duration of the meeting.

Members are invited to send their nominations to Espen Ronneberg (espenr@sprep.org) and copy Sela Simamao on selas@sprep.org no later than Friday 29 September. An agenda and information pack will follow shortly. For additional information on this meeting, please email espenr@sprep.org. We very much look forward to greeting your nominees in Fiji.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachment: Att1_Nomination Form