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TO: SPREP National Focal Points
CROP Organisations
SPREP Partner Organisations

SUBJECT: GEF-UNEP Building National and Regional Capacity to implement Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) by strengthening planning and State of Environment Assessment and Reporting in the Pacific Project (referred to as the Inform Project)

Dear Focal Points,

The Secretariat wishes to invite two representatives from each of the Pacific island countries who are part of the above mentioned project to attend a project inception workshop to be held from the **20 – 24 November, 2017** at the SPREP Headquarter at Vailima, Samoa.

The Inform project has been developed with input and endorsement from participating countries. All 14 Pacific Island Countries which are taking part in Inform have also provided co-financing to support project implementation.

The main objectives of the inception workshop is to establish a clear understanding of the objectives and expected outcomes of the Inform project; discuss and confirm implementation arrangements; and identify opportunities for building partnerships and synergies with existing projects and initiatives in the region.

The inception workshop will bring together key technical officials who are involved in MEA implementation at the national level to engage in a meaningful and practical ways to implement activities of the project. It is also an opportunity for key partners supporting MEA implementation including those who are working on environmental data management to participate and discuss opportunities for collaboration.

SPREP will cover travel and related costs in accordance with the SPREP approved travel policies for a representative from each of the Inform Project participating countries. We kindly request key partner organizations who are interested to attend the workshop to self-fund your attendance.

For attendance at the workshop, please nominate two officers, preferably one who is involved directly on MEA implementation particularly with regards to monitoring and reporting of MEAs and the second nominee to be someone who works directly on environmental data management within the Ministry/Department of Environment or with the Bureau of Statistics. This will facilitate a productive and meaningful discussion and contribution to a successful outcome of the workshop. It is expected that those nominated

will assist in providing key information required for the inception workshop and lead the coordination and implementation of project activities at the national level.

To assist with the workshop logistical arrangements including travel for SPREP sponsored participants, please complete the attached Nomination Form with details of your nominees and email it to the Secretariat on email paulinef@sprep.org and copy registry@sprep.org no later than 6th October, 2017.

Detailed information on the inception workshop agenda and related documentations will be circulated in due course. For any specific queries regarding the workshop, please contact Clark Peteru clarkp@sprep.org and Paul Anderson paula@sprep.org

Yours sincerely,



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