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TO: SPREP National Focal Points

(Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu)

CC: CROP Agencies (SPC, PIFS, USP, PPA, IUCN-ORO, UNDP MCO Samoa, UNDP Pacific Center

SUBJECT: PIGGAREP Regional Workshops on Gender Mainstreaming in the PIGGAREP RESCO Manager Help File and User Manual and Logical Framework Analysis Refresher Training

Dear Focal Points,

Background

1. PIGGAREP at its 5th Multipartite Review Meeting in Savaii in 2012, emphasized the need to include gender analysis on the impacts of the PIGGAREP project including gender indicators and progress in the output and indicators report. Increased participation of women to ensure that women and girls benefit from RE was also recommended and building capacity of project coordinators in gender analysis. Beyond participation, gender is about acknowledging the different ways men and women are impacted by CC and use of RE technology and capturing those differences in the project design and reporting. The lack of focus on women continued to remain a significant lacuna in the project that needed to be addressed immediately, going beyond training to ensure that the disaggregated responses were put into design, implementation and M&E process.

2. In addition, it was also recommended that PIGGAREP National Coordinators are to increase their involvement and participation in project development within national policy frameworks to ensure RE initiatives are incorporated and to leverage additional resources as well as avenues to consider for larger co-funding opportunities.

3. The development of the RESCO Manager software has been supported by PIGGAREP to support the countries in regard to rural electrification through renewable energy. However, it was noted that a help file and a user manual is not available but is required by the countries so that the software is effectively used and more user friendly.

4. The SIDS DOCK Secretariat, IUCN and SPREP have pulled resources together to host three events back to back from 6th to 21st May as follows:

a. SIDS DOCK Pacific Regional Meeting 6th – 9th May
b. PIGGAREP Regional Training workshop 10th – 17th May
c. IUCN GPAS (Low Carbon Islands) Inception meeting 20th – 21st May. (Niue, Nauru & Tuvalu only)

Each organisation above will send a separate invitation for each event however we appreciate your consideration on the back to back events. Please note that some of the PIGGAREP Coordinators are also SIDS DOCK coordinators and will also participate in the IUCN GPAS Inception meeting. Therefore, one participant can attend the three events and SIDS DOCK, IUCN and SPREP have made flexible arrangements in terms of tickets and DSA to accommodate this.

Objective

5. The objective of the workshop is to build from an understanding of Gender Concepts and Approaches and link these commitments to the Gender and Energy country commitments. Whilst making the linkages to the specific projects, trying to identify gender goals, stock-take on how the projects currently impacts men and women, boys and girls differently and then bringing in the M&E and looking at the gendered impacts of the projects and then identifying indicators.

Venue and Date

6. The workshop is planned to be held at the Trans International Hotel in Nadi, Fiji from the 10th – 17th May 2013.

Working Hours

7. The proposed working hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Participants

8. The workshop is specifically for PIGGAREP National Coordinators (list is attached for ease of reference) or a representative from the Energy Office coordinating PIGGAREP activities.

9. The Secretariat will only fund one participants per PIC participating in the PIGGAREP (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Is, Samoa, Tonga Tuvalu and Vanuatu) while participants funded from other sources are most welcome to attend. Interested participants are to complete the attached nomination form and submit to the Secretariat as soon as possible and no later than 29th April 2013.

Travel, Accommodation and Working Arrangements

10. Upon confirmation of PIGGAREP-funded participants, the Secretariat will make all necessary travel and accommodation arrangements. A draft workshop programme is attached.

11. CROP Agencies and Partners are welcome to send participants at their own costs

Visa Requirements

12. Participants are responsible for obtaining the necessary visas for their travels to and from Fiji. Participants are strongly advised to apply for their transit visas, if necessary, well in advance. Kindly note that the earlier we receive and confirm participants, the earlier we can provide a travel itinerary with indications of the needed visas.

Insurance

13. SPREP **does not** insure participants while attending the workshop or during travel to and from Fiji and will not be responsible for expenses arising from sickness, injury or other disability or loss of life.

Language

14. The workshop will be conducted in English only.

DSA and Workshop

15. As there is a lot of effort and resources put into bringing people to workshops, the Secretariat is expecting full commitments by participants in all the workshop programme activities.

16. The workshop is training for trainers and participants are expected to share the knowledge that they will gain at the workshop with their fellow colleagues.

17. The Secretariat will pay Daily Subsistence Allowance in Nadi based on the itinerary provided.

Contact Information

18. The coordination of the workshop is led by the PIGGAREP Project Manager (Ms. Silia Kilepoa Ualesi - siliau@sprep.org) and assisted by Mr. Nixon Kua (nixonk@sprep.org). Kindly direct communications about this workshop to Silia and Nixon and copied to Ms. Joyce Tulua (joycet@sprep.org)

Yours sincerely



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Attachment: Draft Programme
Nomination Form

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